

HE HAS RISEN!

MESSAGE: "DO YOU BELIEVE IN EASTER?"

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

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Do you have the living resurrected Lord Jesus Christ living within you this morning? Has the message of a living risen Savior changed your life?

Let's look at the true meaning of Easter found in the words of the Apostle Paul as he writes to the Corinthian church. I want you to understand and apply three truths this morning.

Easter is a message to be ...

I. **BELIEVED** (3c-4)

What is the message I am to believe concerning Easter? (3 things in our text)

I must believe...

1. His death was a **reality** ... "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died..."

In order to de-mystify the resurrection some have suggested that Jesus really didn't die on the cross, He merely fainted (Swoon Theory).

There are at least 3 big problems with that theory!

1) The physical **punishment** he received

2) The physical **evidence** of His death

(John 19:32-34)

3) The physical **impossibility** of His escape from the tomb

2. His death had a **reason** ... "Christ died for our sins..."

3. His death gave way to **resurrection** ... "He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."

(Psalm 22:15; 16:9-11; 68:18; 110:1)

II. IT IS A MESSAGE TO BE **RECEIVED** (3b)
... "that which I also received" ...

The word "received" means to "openly **welcome**"

How do I do that?

Admit - you are a sinner and cannot save yourself (Rom. 3:23) - "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

Believe - in Jesus Christ as your Savior; He died for you; He rose again from the grave! (Acts 16:31).
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved..."

Confess and **commit** (Rom. 10:9) "... if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

III. EASTER IS A MESSAGE TO BE **PROCLAIMED**
(3a) "...I'm delivering to you...what I have received..."

The resurrection can **change** your life today!