



FROM THE PASTOR

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Our Resurrection Obligation

“FOR I DELIVERED UNTO YOU FIRST OF ALL THAT WHICH I ALSO RECEIVED, HOW THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES; AND THAT HE WAS BURIED, AND THAT HE ROSE AGAIN THE THIRD DAY ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES” (1 COR.15:3-4).

Every year a special day is set aside to honor and recognize our Lord's Resurrection. For the secular world, it's just another holiday. But for the Christian world, it's a day of celebration. And we have every reason to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ since it is the very foundation of our Christian faith

The Resurrection of Jesus means that salvation is available to men everywhere (Romans 1:16). It guarantees our future Resurrection (1Cor.15). It demonstrates that our Savior has conquered the grave - and by His grace we share in His victory (Rev.1:18; John 11:25-26).

We will never exhaust the personal benefits we have because Jesus was raised from the grave. And we should never minimize those benefits or take them for granted.

But we must also recognize the obligation we have to tell others that Jesus Christ is alive and willing to save all who call upon Him (Matthew 28:18-20).

In Mark's account of our Lord's Resurrection, it is recorded that a young man (no doubt an angel) obligate the women who had gone to the empty tomb, “But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth be-

fore you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you” (Mark 16:7).

Matthew records that the women were told to “go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead” (Matt.28:7).

Luke confirms the fulfillment of their obligation “And they remembered his words, And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest” (Luke 24:8-9).

With imperatives like “Go your way” and “Go quickly” being used in these accounts, there is a sense of urgency attached to the obligation given to these women.

This obligation to tell others “how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” is now our obligation. And the imperatives attached to our obligation are just as urgent.

May the Lord's churches be bold in her preaching of the Resurrected Christ, and passionate in her worship of the Resurrected Christ – EVERY Lord's Day.