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Celebrate Easter with someone you love.

Praise Our Lord This Day For He Paid The Price Of Our Sins
With His Death On A Cross and Arose From The Dead Three Days Later!
He Still Lives!

The Easter season started on February twenty-fifth this year, on Ash Wednesday. Forty-six days from then the Lent season ends with Easter Sunday on April 12, 2009. The Lenten season itself comprises of forty days, as the six Sundays in Lent are not actually a part of it. Sundays are considered a commemoration of Easter Sunday and have always been excluded from the Lenten fast. The Lenten season is a period of penitence in preparation for the highest festival of the church year, Easter.

The last week of Lent, called Holy Week, begins with the observance of Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday takes its name from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem where the crowds laid palms at his feet. Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, which was held the evening before the Crucifixion. Good Friday in Holy Week is the anniversary of the Crucifixion, the day that Christ was crucified and died on the cross. Holy week and the Lenten season ends with Easter Sunday, the day of resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Because God loved you and me, He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins so that we might have eternal life. Death could not hold him, He was raised from the grave on the third day (Easter). Because He lives, we are promised that we will also live again. Our faith will be rewarded. Read for yourself how you may receive salvation. John 3:16 - John 17:3 - Romans 3:23 - Romans 6:23 - Romans 5:8 - I Corinthians 15:3-6 - John 14:6 - John 1:12 - Ephesians 2:8-9 and John 3:1-8.

Easter makes life worth living because we have confidence and hope for the future. Put your faith in the living Christ, to be your personal Savior and your Leader from this day on, for Jesus still lives!

DO YOU BELIEVE IN EASTER?

Edith Burns was a wonderful Christian who lived in San Antonio, Texas. She was the patient of a doctor by the name of Will Phillips. Dr. Phillips was a gentle doctor who saw patients as people. His favorite patient was Edith Burns. One morning he went to his office with a heavy heart and it was because of Edith Burns. When he walked into that waiting room, there sat Edith with her big black Bible in her lap earnestly talking to a young mother sitting beside her. Edith Burns had a habit of introducing herself in this way:

“Hello, my name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?” Then she would explain the meaning of Easter, and many times people would be saved.

Dr. Phillips walked into the office and there he saw the head nurse, Beverly. Beverly had first met Edith when she was taking her blood pressure. Edith began by saying, “My name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?” Beverly said, “Why yes I do.” Edith said, “Well, what do you believe about Easter?” Beverly said, “Well, it’s all about egg hunts, going to church, and dressing up.” Edith kept pressing her about the real meaning of Easter, and finally led her to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

After being called back in the doctor’s office, Edith sat down and when she took a look at the doctor she said, “Dr. Will, why are you so sad? Are you reading your Bible? Are you praying?” Dr. Phillips with a heavy heart said, “Your lab report came back and it says you have cancer, and Edith, you’re not going to live very long.”

Edith said, “Why Will Phillips, shame on you. Why are you so sad? Do you think God makes mistakes? You have just told me I’m going to see my precious Lord Jesus, my husband, and my friends. You have just told me that I am going to celebrate Easter forever, and here you are having difficulty giving me my ticket.”

Dr. Phillips thought to himself, “What a magnificent woman this Edith Burns is!”

Edith continued coming to Dr. Phillips. Christmas came and the office was closed through January 3rd. On the day the office opened, Edith did not show up. Later that afternoon, Edith called Dr. Phillips and said she would have to be moving her story to the hospital and said, “Will, I’m very near home, so would you make sure that they put women in here next to me, in my room, who need to know about Easter.” Well, they did just that and women began to come in and share that room with Edith. Many women were saved. Everybody on that floor from staff to patients were so excited about Edith, that they started calling her *Edith Easter*, that is everyone except Phyllis Cross, the head nurse.

Phyllis made it plain that she wanted nothing to do with Edith because she was a “religious nut.” She had been a nurse in an army hospital. She had seen it all and heard it all. She was the original G.I. Jane. She had been married three times, she was hard, cold, and did everything by the book. One morning the two nurses who were to attend to Edith were sick.

Edith had the flu and Phyllis Cross had to go in and give her a shot. When she walked in, Edith had a big smile on her face and said, “Phyllis, God loves you and I love you, and I have been praying for you.” Phyllis Cross said, “Well, you can quit praying for me, it won’t work. I’m not interested.”

Edith said, “Well, I will pray and I have asked God not to let me go home until you come into the family.” Phyllis Cross said, “Then you will never die because that will never happen,” and curtly walked out of the room. Every day Phyllis Cross would walk into the room and Edith would say, “God loves you Phyllis and I love you, and I’m praying for you.” One day Phyllis Cross said she was literally drawn to Edith’s room like a magnet would draw iron. She sat down on the bed and Edith said, “I’m so glad you have come, because God told me that today is your special day.” Phyllis Cross said, “Edith, you have asked everybody here the question, “Do

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you believe in Easter, but you have never asked me.” Edith said, “Phyllis, I wanted too many times, but God told me to wait until you asked, and now that you have asked...” Edith Burns took her Bible and shared with Phyllis Cross the Easter Story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Edith said, “Phyllis, do you believe in Easter? Do you believe that Jesus Christ is alive and that He wants to live in your heart?” Phyllis Cross said, “Oh, I want to believe that with all of my heart, and I do want Jesus in my life.” Right there, Phyllis Cross prayed and invited Jesus Christ into her heart. For the first time Phyllis Cross did not walk out of a hospital room, she was carried out on the wings of angels. Two days later, Phyllis Cross came in and Edith said, “Do you know what day it is?” Phyllis Cross said, “Why Edith, its Good Friday.” Edith said, “Oh, no, for you every day is Easter. Happy Easter Phyllis!”

Two days later, on Easter Sunday, Phyllis Cross came into work, did some of her duties and then went down to the flower shop and got some Easter lilies because she wanted to go up to see Edith and give her some Easter lilies and wish her a Happy Easter. When she walked into Edith’s room, Edith was in bed. That big black Bible was on her lap. Her hands were in that Bible. There was a sweet smile on her face. When Phyllis Cross went to pick up Edith’s hand, she realized Edith was dead.

Her left hand was on John 14: “In my Fathers house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.” Her right hand was on Revelation 21:4, “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

Phyllis Cross took one look at that dead body, and then lifted her face toward heaven, and with tears streaming down her cheeks, said, “Happy Easter, Edith -Happy Easter!” Phyllis Cross left Edith’s body, walked out of the room, and over to a table where two student nurses were sitting.

She said, “My name is Phyllis Cross. **Do you believe in Easter?**”

April 12, 2009

Please pray for the young girl who just had a little baby boy without a father. Please pray for the young man who went into a Christian in-house drug program, needing it in so many ways, yet left because of his desire to find his niece. Please pray for the young man who has found himself in trouble with the law due to his drug habit and now sits in jail with people who do not like him. Please pray for the young man who has found himself in prison, scared that the guards are going to kill him.

Please pray for the young lady who is looking to God for answers but not receiving the answer that she is looking for. Please pray for all the people who are in real ministry work. Please pray for the couple who have found themselves without a home, the husband without a job, and a small child wondering why she can no longer go to school. Please pray for all the people who have found themselves without a job. Please pray for all the people who say they are “ok” but are not. Please pray for all the people who are running here and there, scared to death that God has left them to their own devices.

Please pray for the young girl who is sleeping in her car, looking for work, yet not finding any. Please pray for the man who needs to go up north to bury his brother. Please pray for resources to buy local bus tickets so that people can get a ride to that job interview. Please pray for healing of the heart for the family who have lost a son to drugs. Please pray for the little girl who is sick and no one can find out why! If you would please pray for Love And Compassion Ministries!

GOD'S PLACE

The State of Florida owns a 640 acre area of Lee County that was the old Buckingham Army Airfield. Gulf Coast Center mental facility is vacating the base. LCM wishes to take possession of all the buildings and land. We wish to relocate to this facility 'Gods Place' the homeless, individuals who have physical, mental, and emotional problems; released juvenile offenders, people that have lost their jobs and/or homes, the drug and alcohol addicted, the down trodden, and hungry people of this area.

We Need Courage To Do What God Wants:

Remember Gideon? A mighty man of valor... NOT! Even after God allowed Gideon to test him and proved to him two times with the fleece of wool, Gideon had his doubts that he could do what God was asking him to do. The task was too big and there were not enough men to do the job even though he had 32,000 men. That is when God sent 22,000 of the men back home because they were fearful. Then He sent all of them home but three hundred in order to make sure that God got the glory. Gideon, with three hundred men went into battle and with God's grace and direction 120,000 men died that day but not one of the three hundred lost their lives.

We Need People To Have Compassion:

Remember the good Samaritan? We never were given his name, but were told that he showed mercy on a man in need. It wasn't the priest that helped. It wasn't the Levite that helped. It was the Samaritan that gave of himself and paid the price to help the stranger. Jesus Christ asks us to do likewise.

We Need People Who Are Able To Bear One Another's Burdens:

If someone is overtaken in any trespass, we that are spiritual, need to restore such a person with a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest we also be tempted. We are to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For the Word of God says, if a man thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that sow to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sow to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

We Need People Who Know That We Are Not Alone:

Do you remember Elijah? Elijah knew that Israel had forsaken the commandments of the Lord and was following the baals. After calling fire from heaven, he executed all four hundred and fifty prophets of baal's. Elijah then fled from Jezebel. He found himself in the wilderness praying that he might die. He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." But God said, "I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him." Elijah went on to do many great works after that.

Do you feel all alone? Know that God has set aside others that care.

We Need People Who Know God's Voice and Will Obey:

Do you remember Moses? With God's guidance and direction Moses and his brother Aaron took the people from Egypt (around 2 million people, including women and children) where they were slaves to a place across the river from the land flowing with milk and honey that God promised them. After ten plagues, thirst, hunger, thirst again, miracles on top of miracles, murmuring, and all kinds of chaos, Moses was blessed by our Lord, but never got to go into the promise land. Has God given you a mission as big as Moses?

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We Need Prayer Partners:

We are in desperate need of pray partners! We need twelve people that are willing to pray for God's Place, Love And Compassion Ministries, and their leaders. Are you willing to join a group that meets once a week and pray that needs will be met, and that strength, courage, and God's grace will abound. Do you remember Jeremiah the weeping Prophet? Like Jeremiah, my heart cries out to God for people that are willing to pray.

We Need Your Help:

Do you have a calling on your life? Do you find comfort, peace, and joy in God's promises? Are you tender hearted, courageous, and meek? Are you steadfast in the faith, longing to do God's Will, having a good conscience? Have you been washed in the blood? Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior? Can you relate to Isaiah who said "Here am I! Send me?"

Then you may be the person we are looking for!

Love and Compassion Ministries seeks a person who can help with all aspects of running this office, getting facts and figures together in regards to cost to get God's Place up and running, and working with people in need. Hours are flexible, pay is zero, but the rewards are incredible. You must be a Spirit filled believer. You must have a willing desire to help the homeless and the imprisoned. You must have a longing to help, encourage, console, love, listen, and have a real hunger to lead people to our Lord.

You must know that you may be persecuted and suffer. Know that you will be up against satan himself, but if you are willing to work with liars, thieves, drug addicts, homeless people, and be willing to give your all for our Lord and Savior, you will overcome. You have to be willing at all times to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

This is a great opportunity to serve God. No experience needed, however you do need to have knowledge of the Word, because there will be many times you will need to stand on it. No seminary education needed. Responsibilities and opportunities are endless.

If you are this person please prayerfully consider contacting us at 239-574-LOVE (5683). For more information go to our web site at LoveCompassion.com

Thank You!

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Listen to God, it is Important

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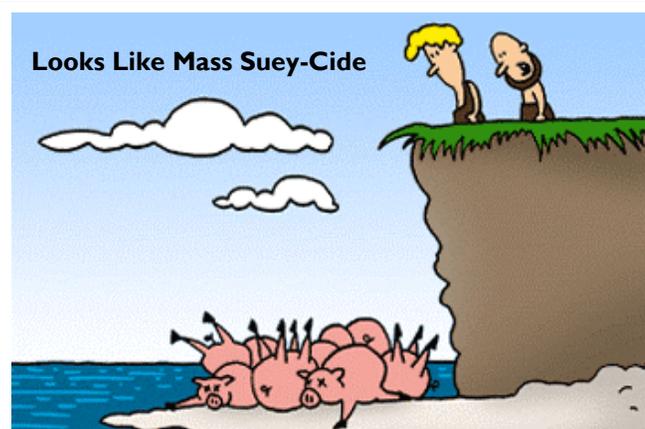
The story starts out where she, Beth, is sitting at an airport terminal, waiting to board a plane. She is sitting there with several other people she did not know. As she waited, she pulled out her Bible and started reading. All of a sudden, she felt as if the people sitting there around her were looking at her. She looked up, but realized that they were looking just over her head, in the direction right behind her.

She turned around to see what everyone was looking at, and when she did, she saw a flight attendant pushing a wheelchair, with the ugliest old man sitting in it, that she had ever seen before. She said he had this long white hair that was all tangled and such a mess. His face was really, really wrinkled, and he did not look friendly at all. She said she did not know why, but she felt drawn to the man, and thought at first that God wanted her to witness to him. In her mind, she said she was thinking, "God, please, not now, not here" no matter what she did, she couldn't get the man off her mind, and all of a sudden, she knew what God wanted her to do. She was supposed to brush this old man's hair.

She went and knelt down in front of the old man, and said "Sir, may I have the honor of brushing your hair for you?" He said "What?" She thought, "Oh great, he's hard of hearing." Again, a little louder, she said, "Sir, may I have the honor of brushing your hair for you?" He answered, "If you are going to talk to me, you are going to have to speak up, I am practically deaf." So this time, she was almost yelling, "Sir, may I please have the honor of brushing your hair for you?" Everyone was watching to see what his response would be. The old man just looked at her confused, and said, "Well, I guess if you really want to." She said, "I don't even have a brush, but I thought I would ask anyway." He said, "look in the bag hanging on the back of my chair, there is a brush in there." So she got the brush out and started brushing his hair. (She has a little girl with long hair, so she has had lots of practice getting tangles out, and knew how to be gentle with him.) She worked for a long time, until every tangle was out.

Just as she was finishing up, she heard the old man crying, and she went and put her hand on his knees, kneeling in front of him again looking directly into his eyes, and said "Sir, do you know Jesus?" He answered, "Yes, of course I know Jesus. You see, my bride told me she couldn't marry me unless I knew Jesus, so I learned all about Jesus, and asked Him to come into my heart many years ago, before I married my bride." He continued, "You know, I am on my way home to go see my bride. I have been in the hospital for a long time, and had to have a special surgery in this town far from my home. My bride couldn't come with me, because she is so frail herself." He said, "I was so worried about how terrible my hair looked, and I didn't want her to see me looking so awful, but I couldn't brush my hair, all by myself."

Tears were rolling down his cheeks, as he thanked Beth for brushing his hair. He thanked her over and over again. She was crying, people all around witnessing this were crying, and as they were all boarding the plane, the stewardess, who was also crying, stopped her and asked, "Why did you do that?" And right there was the opportunity, the door that had been opened to share with someone else, the love of God. We don't always understand God's ways, but be ready, He may use us to meet the need of someone, like He met the need of this old man, and give us the opportunity to witness to someone at the same time.





Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends,

What has happened to us. Less than sixty years ago people took care of each other. We lived in small towns where life was good. Water was cold, good tasting and safe to drink. People worked hard and played hard. Everyone was kind, generous, and loving. People would leave their doors unlocked day and night. Everyone trusted each other. A man's handshake was gold. What a man said was better than a contract. People were genuine! They loved to get together and fellowship in each others homes. You felt love even from other children's mothers. When children were at other people's homes they knew that they better be on their best behavior.

Parents believed in punishing their children when they misbehaved and many times in front of the world.

Neighbors helped neighbors. They looked out for family! When a neighbor was in need all came to their aid. People loved to gather around and help people in need. People went to Church three times a week and knew everything there was to know about family members. When someone died, everyone was at the funeral. People would cook and bring all kinds of food to eat after the service and for weeks after that they would check on the bereaved family.

Today, we hardly know our own family members. Divorce is the norm. You sign a contract and it is worthless. Corruption is everywhere. People go to Church once or twice a year, while hating those days. People have a passion to receive and hate to give. They moan and groan about their job, their mate, service they receive, and yet never giving a thought on how they can give.

God never meant us to live this way! John 13:34-35 says: ³⁴ *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.* ³⁵ *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

Today, can we commit to being a better person, Christian, neighbor, giver, and lover? Will you look to see how you can make a difference in someone's life? If you make a commitment, be sure that you know what you are getting into and the cost. Luke 14:33-35 says: ³³ *So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.* ³⁴ *Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?* ³⁵ *It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

I pray that God will bless each of us with the ability to know His desires as He gives us the ability to obey Him no matter what He asks, with all we have. May God bless you all.

In the Presence of our LORD,

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It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares. We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others needs. As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.