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*In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit*

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## Celebrate Easter



*with someone you  
love.*

The Easter season started on March 5, 2014, Ash Wednesday. Forty-six days from there the Lenten season ends with Easter Sunday on April 20, 2014. The Lenten season is comprised of forty days, as the six Sundays in Lent are not actually a part of Lent. 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 Son "Christ" to die for our sins so that we may 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 live again also. 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!

**Won't you invite someone to Church this Easter!**

NEWSLETTER

## FAITH REQUIRES OBEDIENCE

We are to serve and obey the Lord as He directs us. What does the Word of God say about obeying Him? In I Samuel 15 we learn a good example of what can happen when we do not have faith in our Lord to obey Him.

**1 Samuel 15:1-3** - God's instructions said the Amalekites were to be totally destroyed.

**1 Samuel 15:8-9** - Saul kept the best of sheep and oxen, and the king, alive.

**1 Samuel 15:10-23** - Saul blames the people; God rejects him as king.

**1 Samuel 16:11-13** - David is secretly anointed to be the next king over Israel.

**1 Samuel 16:14-15** - God removes His spirit from Saul.

**Luke 6:46** says "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? (NKJV)

**James 1:22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (NKJV)

**Ephesians 6:5-9** <sup>5</sup> Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; <sup>6</sup> not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, <sup>7</sup> with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, <sup>8</sup> knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. <sup>9</sup> And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him. (NKJV)

**James 2:24** You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. (NKJV)

**Romans 8:28** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (NKJV)

**2 Corinthians 2:9** For to this end I also wrote, that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things.

**Job 36:11** If they obey and serve Him, They shall spend their days in prosperity, And their years in pleasures. (NKJV)

### Why Does God Hate Disobedience?

**Disobedience Shows a Misplacement of Fear:** Many times we fear the displeasure of people more than the displeasure of God.

**Disobedience Shows a Misplacement of Pleasure:** Many times we delighted more in meeting our own needs than the fellowship of God and serving Him. This is, of course, a great insult to God, and therefore very displeasing in his sight.

**Disobedience Shows a Misplacement of Praise:** Many times we find ourselves doing things our own way and our lust for human glory gets in the way of our ability to submit to the path of obedience to God.

**Disobedience Is a Sin:** Disobedience of God's word puts my own wisdom in the place of God's and thus insults God as the only sure and reliable source of wisdom. His laws are there to protect me.

**Disobedience Is Idolatry:** When God says one thing and we stubbornly choose to go our own way, we are idolaters. We have not only chosen to consult ourselves as an alternative to God, but we go beyond that and actually esteem the direction of our own mind over God's direction and become guilty of idolatry. And worst of all, the idol is our own self.

Disobedience puts the fear of man in the place of the fear of God, it elevates pleasure in things above pleasure in God. It seeks a name for itself instead of a name for God, it consults the wisdom of self instead of being satisfied with the will of God and it sets more value on the dictates of self than on the dictates of God and thus attempts to dethrone God by giving allegiance to the idol of the human will.

## 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 they only put women in my room who need to know about Easter.” Well, they did just that and 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 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.

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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 20, 2014**

## **GOD'S PLACE**

Love And Compassion Ministries wishes to purchase 700 acres of land just out side of Lee County where we will shape the land into 'Gods Place'. This area will be a place were the homeless; individuals who have physical, mental, and emotional problems; juvenile offenders; people that have lost their jobs and/or homes; the drug and alcohol addicted; and hungry people of this area will be welcomed.

God's Place will be a learning facility, recovery program, safe house, and growth community that gives hope to the drug addicts who have lost everything, hope for those alcoholics who just can't seem to get free of the bottle; hope for the homeless who feel like outcasts of society; hope for those who are temporarily homeless due to a job situation or illness that has drained them of finances; hope for the youth who feel they have only a prison or gang that will accept them; hope for those just released from prison or jail with little or no skills, and of course, hope for our veterans with their mental, physical, and emotional problems.

God's Place will combine biblical teaching (not religion), responsibility, education and hands-on experience to allow each person a chance to better his or her life. God's Place will be a place where they will be given the opportunity to develop self-sufficiency, including educational opportunities and a trade that can be used anywhere in the United States.

It is time for Floridians to embrace the knowledge that people respond in a positive way when biblical teachings are combined with actions that are known to work such as St. Jude, Mercy Memorial Hospital, our Military Base Hospitals and thousands of others. We all know that the relationship with faith and healing is well known to lead to success.

As residents learn skills and are given responsibilities for the function and upkeep of God's Place, we intend to be self supporting by raising our own crops, cattle, manufacturing and merchandising items for sale and being able to



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remove ourselves off the electric power grid system as soon as possible. LCM wishes to sustain the group with very little outside assistance and at the same time creating an atmosphere that will be a healthy balance of mind, body, and soul.

### **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 baal. After calling fire from heaven, he executed all four hundred and fifty prophets of baal. 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.

Are you one that God has set aside for such a time as this?

### **We Need People Who Know "Nothing Is Impossible With God!"**

Love And Compassion Ministries can not do this alone. We need your help! Having partners that you can trust and count on is imperative. We must have the right team in place before we go any further. You have knowledge that I do not have. You have had experiences that we have never seen. We need people that have a very strong passion for the people we help everyday.



Please pray for us, help us get the word out about God's Place, get others to sign up for our monthly newsletter at (newsletter@lovecompassion.com) and support us financially.

Volunteers will always be an integral part of this ministry. We need aspiring educators, retired teachers, contractors, farmers, cattle men and various others in the community who are willing to work alongside us to help us make God's Place a reality.

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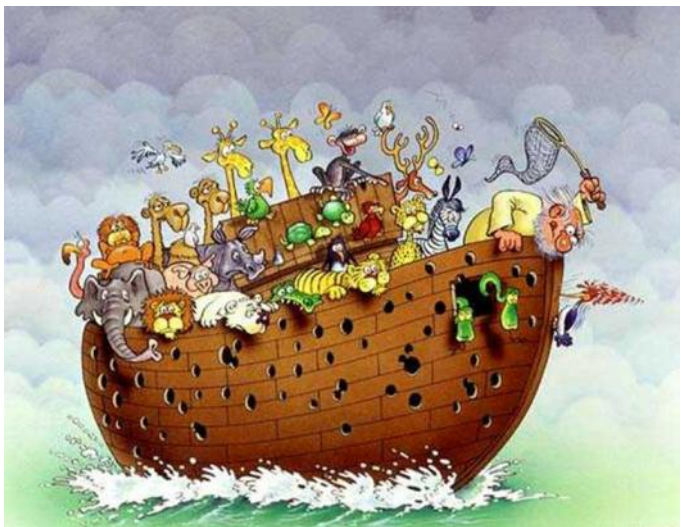
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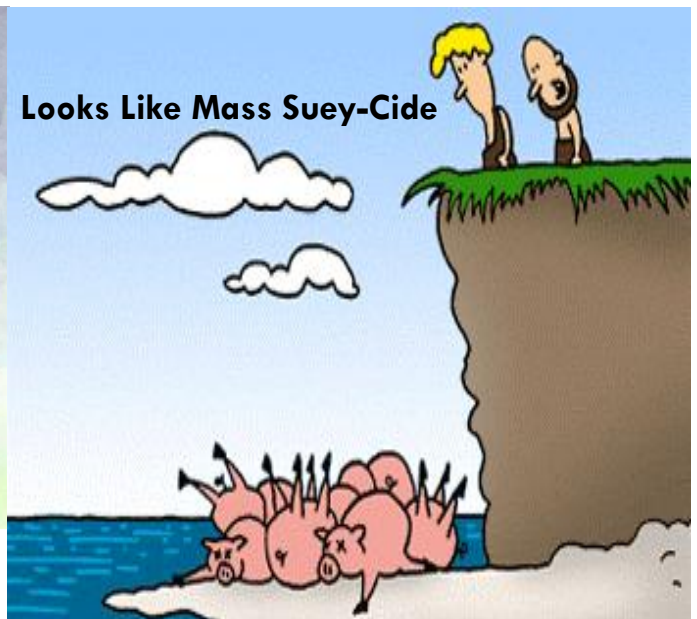
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**AND YOU THINK YOU HAVE TROUBLES!**





Friends and Partners,

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 jobs, their mates, service they receive, and yet never give a thought as to how they can give.

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

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: <sup>33</sup>. *So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.* <sup>34</sup>. *Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be seasoned?* <sup>35</sup>. *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.* (KJV)

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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If you would like to be a part of our exciting prayer team, please send us your e-mail address and we will send you updates of people who need our prayers.

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.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give CHRIST the Glory!