

# Eventuate

## Newsletter



This is a glorious month where we can celebrate this magnificent glorious Easter - The resurrection of Christ. In Australia, a lot of people are taking this season as a holiday season. Nonetheless, we who are passionate about the resurrection power of Christ, should not deny this historical truth. This biblical account is not just another story. If you think it is a story, then why does our nation establish it as an international significant holiday for believers to celebrate this timeline of Jesus' hour. Easter marks the end of despair and ushered the beginning of NEW Life to whosoever believes in Christ.

This is a troubled world. More often than not, they would NOT admit that Jesus came to give them abundant life. By and Large, they have lost the central theme of having the Real Faith in Christ. Our faith in the resurrection of Christ is the climax of worship, expectation and celebration. The fallen world will do anything within her power and will, to mess up the meaning of the cross that signifies death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Instead they welcome the intrusion of commercialism where eggs and rabbits claim the role in Easter. What a shame! The world shields their eyes from the reality of this truth. But no matter what, this troubled world finds no relief and comfort in times of their own crisis. They failed to see the power because they consciously shield their own eyes from the glory of God.

For our Saviour's Resurrection was God's way to tell the world His message. Eternal life can only come from one who has conquered death through the power of resurrection. This resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead separates Christianity from all other or any man-made existing religion.

Albert Mohler, President, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary states; "The resurrection of Jesus is the central confirmation of Jesus' identity as the incarnate Son of God, and the ultimate sign of Christ's completed work of atonement, redemption, reconciliation, and salvation." The resurrection of Christ is the ultimate evidence of His Sovereignty in All His creation. Whosoever believes in HIM will NOT STAND IN VAIN neither will they live and walk in Vain. This is a clear vindication of what Jesus had promised...Eternal Life.

### Speakers for the Month of March

1/4/12	6/4/12	15/4/12	22/4/12	29/4/12
Kelvin Sim	Kelvin Sim (Good Friday)	Peter Misso	Timothy Kristianto	Kelvin Sim

## United in Christ Resurrection



### Scripture for the month

#### Matthew 16:21 (Mark 8:31)

"From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (Col. 3:1).

The apostle first calls attention to his readers having been "raised together with Christ" (ASV). The English word "if" is employed here in its sense of "since"--"in view of," and the verb is in the indicative mood, so that Paul is clearly assuming this resurrection as a fact, admmissive of no doubt. That is to say, these Christians were raised spiritually when Christ was raised physically; and this identification was the foundation of their spiritual position. The resurrection is variously presented in the New Testament as at once a proof, a pattern, a power, a promise, and a pledge.

It is the proof of our acceptance of Christ's death and of our acceptance with Him (Rom. 4:24-25):

it is to be the pattern of our holy life (Rom. 6:4); it is also the power for Christian character and service (Eph. 1:18-20); it contains the promise of our own physical resurrection (1 Thess. 4:14); and it is the pledge of our life hereafter (John 14:19).

In the present passage our resurrection is associated with Christ's because we are united with Him in such a way that, whatever He did, we are regarded by God the Father as having done also (2:12; Rom. 6:8).

By William Henry Griffith Thomas

**Beginning with the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, which is called "Tav", we learn that this letter was used to indicate a mark or sign of the covenant. Can it be a coincidence that the letter "Tav" is easily recognized throughout the world today..... as a cross!**

**The ancient Hebrew alphabet ends with a sign of the covenant — a cross. The last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, aptly, symbolizes the end of our Lord's human life on this earth, as He put an end to sin by His crucifixion, establishing the New Covenant.**



Ancient Hebrew Tav written in 2000 B.C.



## Inspired Observation

### The Significance of Christ Resurrection

by Wayne Jackson

Professor Thomas Arnold of Rugby, a world-renowned historian, once said that Christ's resurrection from the dead is the "best-attested fact in human history" (1939, 2569). This being the case, just what is the significance of Jesus' resurrection? Think about these matters.

First, the resurrection is one of the major evidences that Jesus Christ is **the Son of God**. Paul affirmed that Christ is "declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4).

Second, Jesus' resurrection represents an assurance that we can have **forgiveness from our sins**. Paul contended: "[I]f Christ hath not been raised, our faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17). The reverse of the apostle's affirmation would be this: if Jesus was raised, sins will be forgiven when we obey the gospel (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Third, the resurrection tells the world that **the kingdom of God is ruled by a living sovereign**. The founder of Islam is dead and his bones lie dormant in the earth. But the founder of Christianity—sixty years after his death—appeared to John on the island of Patmos and said: "I am the first and the last, and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore" (Revelation 1:17-18).

Fourth, Jesus' resurrection proves that **physical death is not the termination of human existence**. God, who is the giver of life (1 Timothy 6:13), has the power to reanimate the human body. Christ's triumph over the grave is Heaven's pledge to us that we too shall be raised. This is why Jesus is referred to as the "firstfruits of them that are asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20,23).

Fifth, the Lord's resurrection previewed the **ultimate victory of Christianity over all its enemies**. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is depicted as a lamb that had been slain, but was standing again (5:6). This same Lord was "the lion of the tribe of Judah" that had overcome his foes (5:5). Christians too will overcome as a result of the Lamb's sacrifice and victory over death (cf. Revelation 12:11).

## Vision

We seek to connect people to God w  
new life begins in Jesus Christ by th  
power of the Holy Spirit and seek to  
engage them in every opportunity to  
encounter and experience the  
resurrection power of Christ through  
Worship, Education and Outreach ar  
also seek to be highly committed in  
planting churches wherever God ser  
us to.



## Our Mission

We exist to bring people back  
(evangelism) to the fundamental purpose  
(discipleship) and sent them to the world  
with the call of God (Mission).

## Church Service

640 Canterbury Road, Vermont Church

Tel: 041098 5432

Time: 4pm

Every Sunday



**640 CANTERBURY  
ROAD, VERMONT**

Every Friday 8pm

Tel: 04 33963633

### KIDS QUEST

**RUNS CONCURRENTLY RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP SESSION EVERY SUNDAY**



**Wednesday at 8pm** – Pastor & Irene's Residence

**Thursday at 10:30am** – Diana's Residence

**Thursday at 8pm** – Asahel & Lala's Residence

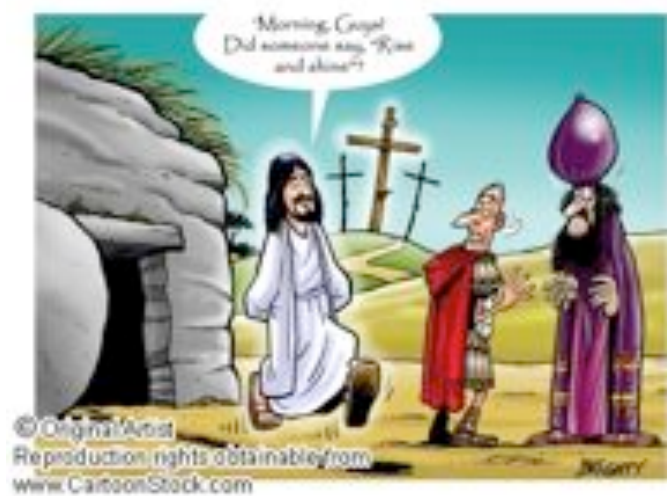


## Good Friday Service on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 11am

There will be no Easter Service on Sunday because the Vermont Uniting Church is using the Church premises.

Hence the week for the service will be on Good Friday.

## Light Moments



### EMBRACE THE LIFESTYLE OF GIVING

#### "What does the Bible say about responsibility?"

It is through His resurrection from the grave that we have hope and the promise of life eternal with him. In 1 Corinthians chapter 15 the apostle Paul explains that because of these promises of a future resurrection and of living eternally in the kingdom, believers have not only the motivation, but also eternal responsibilities for our lives here on earth.

The apostle Paul touches on such responsibilities in his concluding statement in the 15th chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians. He declares that if we really believe and if we are truly thankful that our resurrection is sure, we should "therefore" demonstrate our assurance and our thankfulness by "standing firm, letting nothing move us" and "always giving ourselves full to the work of the Lord" ([1 Corinthians 15:58](#)).

The Greek for "standing firm" is *hedraios* which literally refers to being seated, being settled and firmly situated. The Greek for "letting nothing move you" is *ametakinetos*, and it carries the same basic idea but with more intensity. It means being totally immobile and motionless, indicating that we should not even budge an inch from His will. And with our being totally within the will of God we are to be "always giving ourselves to the work of the Lord," being careful not to be "tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming" ([Ephesians 4:14](#)). When our hope in the resurrection is clear and certain, we will have great motivation to be attending to the responsibility we have to "always giving ourselves to the work of the Lord." The Greek for this phrase carries the idea of exceeding the requirements, of overflowing or overdoing. The Bible teaches us that our responsibilities with our money, time, energy, talents, gifts, bodies, minds, and spirits should be invested to the work of the Lord. Our work for the Lord, if it is truly for Him and done in His power, cannot fail to accomplish what He wants accomplished. Every good work believers do has eternal benefits that the Lord Himself guarantees. Jesus tells us: "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done" ([Revelation 22:12](#)).

Simply put, our responsibility lies in working for the Lord, whether it is in "looking after orphans or widows in distress" ([James 1:27](#)), giving to the hungry, the naked, visiting those in prison (see [Matthew 25:35-36](#)), in our workplace (see [Colossians 3:22](#)), or in whatever we do ([Colossians 3:23](#)). And our motivation is that we have God's own promise that our work "is not in vain" in the Lord "since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving" ([Colossians 3:24](#)).