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With Sunny Place Church of God

April, 2017

The Victory Christ Jesus Gives Us

Here it is, it's time again to celebrate Easter, and all that comes with it. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ really is a tremendous thing to celebrate, because of the great impact it has had on the world and all of humankind. And although we talk about the events that took place year after year, it is what was accomplished, and the victory it has brought us that is most important and significant.

Paul wrote about the resurrection of Jesus in 1 Corinthians 15. He tells us that Jesus' resurrection is significant on many fronts. He said that it proves that there is indeed a resurrection of the dead. It proves that our resurrected bodies (our spiritual bodies) will be different than our physical ones: that they will be of a different nature – a spiritual nature – that we can't fully describe, beyond maybe what the disciples said about Jesus after His resurrection. But Paul also said that the resurrection is victory over sin and death, THROUGH Jesus Christ, for those of us who call Him Lord. Listen to his words here:

50 "I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed- 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He

gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

The resurrection, for those in Christ, means that both death and sin were defeated, and it was Jesus Christ who made that possible. Before Jesus came that wasn't possible – our flesh was too weak, the standard of the law of God too high, and too holy. But Jesus came to overcome all of that, and to enable us to do it, too. Paul explains how that worked in Romans 8:

1 "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." *Romans 8:1-4*

Notice that this applies to those of us, who are in Christ Jesus, AND who do NOT live according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

The law was powerless, because it was weakened by the flesh. No one was able to keep it. But Jesus came and did several things: He fulfilled the law, overcoming sin; He became our sin offering to set us free from the law of sin and death; and He brought with Him a new covenant – the law of the Spirit of life. So now, being set free from sin in Christ, when we live according to the Spirit of life, and the new law of the Spirit, we overcome the flesh, and the righteous requirements of

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VICTORY

the law are fully met in us. This was impossible without Christ. But Thanks be to God, Jesus has given us victory!

Jesus also gives us victory over Satan as we hold onto our testimony and faith. Listen to what John said he heard in his vision:

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them!

Revelation 12:10-12

We all know Satan is a formidable enemy. But, by the blood of Christ, the authority of Christ, and the word our testimony, he too is overcome.

To overcome Satan, the flesh, sin, and death – that's a pretty good list. But there's another enemy Jesus gives us victory over. He gives us victory to overcome the world.

1 "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 John 5:1-5

It's amazing, really, because there aren't ANY enemies, actually, that Jesus hasn't defeated, and given us power and

authority to defeat as well. And that is the beauty of what Jesus accomplished at Easter, and on our behalf. He has done all that is needed for us to have the same victory that He experienced. We just have to make sure we follow Him, living and walking in His footsteps, in His ways of love, and in His Spirit. ... Isaiah spoke these words about Him:

18 "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight;

I will put my Spirit on him,

and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

19 He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets.

20 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory.

21 In his name the nations will put their hope."

Matthew 12:18-21

Have you experienced this victory in Jesus Christ? Have you received Him, as Lord and King of your heart? Are you overcoming? Have you put your hope in Him? ... There's victory in store for you. There's still the resurrection victory awaiting you.

As you reflect on what He did in this Easter season, make it personal – He did it all for you. The victory in *His* life, death, and resurrection, means victory for you.

Resurrection Blessings!

Pastor Pete



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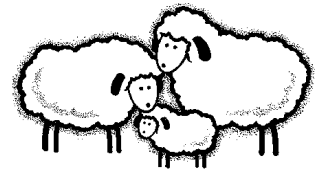
Are you sharing in the exciting and spiritual blessings of studying God's Word and discovering how it applies to your contemporary life?

Join with us in our Adult Study Group at Sunny Place every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Grow in the Word!

Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Kid's Rock available
for children ages five to nine
Nursery Services Provided



Come join us at Sunny Place Church
on Saturday April 8th, 10:30 a.m.

Easter
Eggstravaganza

Visit us at: www.SunnyPlaceChurch.org



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Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ

Minutes of the Elders Meeting February 22, 2017

Attendees: Sam Jacob, Ted Gehman, Nona Koivula and Pastor Pete Weber

Devotion and Prayer: 1 John 5:1-5 “Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.”

Ministry Reports:

Worship – There was background music being played during worship songs called PADS. The team will continue using PADS.

Hospitality and Encouragement -Team will meet Feb.27

Missions - Tyler is serving as team leader. The budget was reviewed, the Missions fest will be April 29 – 30 and the theme will be “Every Tribe, Every Nation”

Ladies Ministry – Ladies have created 16 pillowcase dresses for the NICE foundation and will continue. Plans are being developed for the 7th Anniversary Ministry Celebration on April 22.

Evangelism and Outreach – Planning for the Easter Egg program on Saturday, April 8.

There will be teaching stations to reach attendees with the Easter message of Jesus.

Men’s Ministry - The most recent event was the Monster Jam Triple Threat and dinner together after the event. The men had a great fellowship.

Pastoral Counseling – The New Beginnings will occur in March.

- Pastor on vacation Feb 24 to March 8.
- Elders Retreat Friday April 7

The next Elder’s Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd (Elder’s Retreat is the April meeting)

Hands of Service Hearts of Love

Something for Jesus

*“Savior, thy dying love Thou gavest me, Nor should I aught withhold,
Dear Lord from thee: In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfill its vow,
Some off’ring bring thee now, Something for Thee*

*At the blest mercy seat, Pleading for me, My feeble faith looks up,
Jesus to thee: Help me the cross to bear, Thy wondrous love declare, some song to sing, or prayer,
Something for Thee.”**

The hymn, “Something for Jesus” describes the sacrificial giving that we embraced at the beginning of this campaign. Our Capital Fundraising Campaign is nearing the end of the three year journey, only 9 months left. We share our deep gratitude for all of the generous donations, gifts given with love and cheer. The actual amount given from Dec. 2014 to Feb. 2017 is \$107,334. The original pledge total was \$173,765. With Jesus, all things are possible. We lift our hands and hearts to Him for His divine power and majesty will reign. Our sacrificial giving will make an eternal impact on the Kingdom of God. Again, thank you for your pledges and your commitment to this campaign.

The CFC Committee

* Something for Jesus – S Dryden Phelps, 1816 – 1895, Hymnal of the Church of God #405



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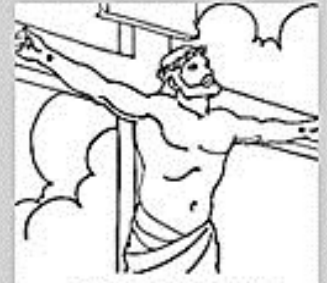
Victory in Jesus



My Easter Storybook



Jesus prayed for us in the Garden of Gethsemane



Jesus died on the cross



His body was laid in a tomb



On the third day Jesus aroset



Did Jesus really live again after He had died? Oh yes, and so shall I.



Easter is the time of year when we celebrate Jesus's power over sin and death.

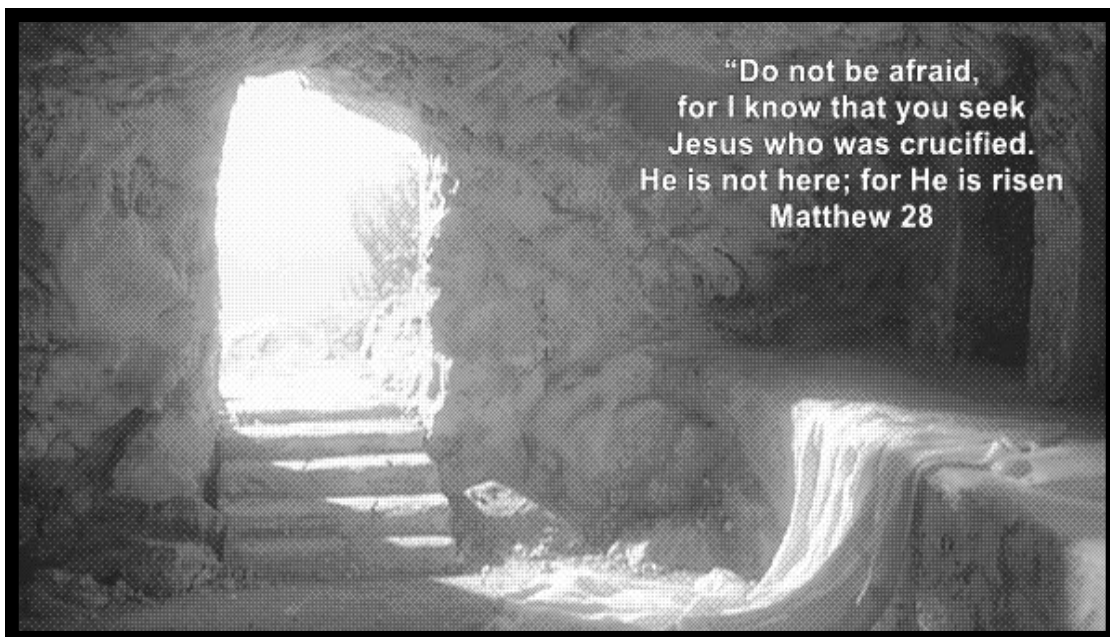
It is a time to remember that through Jesus, we may have salvation, and may join Him and live with Him in heaven.

We have Victory in Jesus!

*Easter is a time
When you realize
You are truly loved.*



“Do not be afraid,
for I know that you seek
Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here; for He is risen
Matthew 28



7th Anniversary Tea



Come join us as we celebrate our
7th Anniversary, Ladies Ministry
English High Tea

On Saturday, April 22nd, 11:00 a.m. at Sunny Place

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus,
“Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast of the Kingdom of God.” *Luke 14:15*

This celebration brings together women who want to share in the feast and blessings within the Kingdom of God. A delightful menu of home-made finger sandwiches, scones, cakes and pastries will be our feast for this English High Tea. We can look forward to a display of tea sets, teapots, tea cups and teas from around the world. After a short spiritual message, there will be a fun-filled, creative hat making session. Be sure to bring a bowl as a mold (that will fit your head) for your hat!

Sunny Place ladies, and younger ladies, are invited to this special event. Please invite neighbors, friends and sisters to this festive High Tea. A food and attendance signup sheet will enable us to share in the making of the feast. The deadline for attendance is April 9th.
Any questions, please contact Donna or Nona.

Save the date - April 22nd for this annual celebration, and let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Sunday School Line-Up

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Adult
Bible
Study

“The Light of the World”

A Study of God’s light
in a dark world.

Led by Glenn Sterkel



Children’s Classes

Grades 1-4 led by Carla Weber
Grades 5-7 led by Chuck Bender
Youth 8-12 led by Kim Gehman
& Sabra Martin
Nursery services are provided



Thursday Evenings
7:00 p.m.
at Sunny Place

“A Walk on the Roman Road”

A Bible Study through
the book of Romans.

Led by Pastor Pete



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Elder's Retreat 9-5:00 p.m. </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Easter Eggstravaganza 10:30 a.m. at Sunny Place </div>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Celebration of the Lord's Supper 6:30 pm at Sunny Place </div>	Good Friday "Reflection" Service 	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Easter Sunday Cantata 			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Stewardship Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Sunny Place </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Ladies 7th Anniversary Celebration High Tea 11:00 -2:00 at Sunny Place </div>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Afternoon of Prayer following lunch </div>						
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Mission's Fest & International Dinner </div>						<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Mission's Fest Breakfast and Missionary Update 9:30 a.m. </div>