



Once And For All
Easter
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*For Christ also died for sins once for all,
the just for the unjust,
so that He might bring us to God,
having been put to death in the flesh,
but made alive in the spirit.*

1 Peter 3:18

Our Need For This Once And For All Solution.

1. A broken relationship. (Genesis 1:26 - 3:24; Psalm 24:3-4; Isaiah 59:2; Romans 5:12; 8:5-8; Colossians 1:21; 1 Peter 1:18)
2. An unbridgeable gap. (Romans 3:20; 5:6; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:1, 8-9, 12; Titus 3:5)

God's Provision Of This Once And For All Solution.

1. God's provision: Jesus Christ. (John 1:12; 3:16; Romans 5:8; 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Colossians 1:19-20; 1 Timothy 1:15; 2:5-6; Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 3:18)
2. God's provision: once and for all. (Psalm 23:6; John 3:16, 36; 5:24; 10:27-28; 11:25-26; Romans 6:6:10, 23; Hebrews 5:8-10; 7:26-28; 9:11-13; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 1:9; 3:1)

Our Experience Of This Once And For All Solution.

1. Know the truth. (John 1:12; 3:16; 8:32; 14:6; 17:3; 1 Peter 1:18-21; 3:18; 1 John 5:11-13)
2. Accept the truth. (John 1:12; 3:16; 6:37; Acts 16:31; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 11:6)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Easter Monday. For most of us it is back to the routines of work, home and family. Before you fully settle back into the *normal flow*, reflect on Easter. What were the most interesting and memorable things or thoughts of your Easter? What did you learn (or relearn) about Christ and yourself? Did your celebration draw you closer to God? If so, in what ways?

Tuesday. Easter celebrates Jesus Christ providing God's solution for our broken relationship with God. Review the broken relationship and unbridgeable gap from the outline. Do you really believe that everyone without faith in Christ is separated from God and will face everlasting separation and judgment if they die without faith? If so, first, who are the people, starting with those closest to you, who need Christ as their Savior? Then, secondly, what are you doing so they will both see and hear about Him from you? Are there any of these people with whom you have not lived a clear (not *perfect*) testimony or not spoken to about Christ? If so, do you (1) really believe that everyone without faith in Christ is separated from God and will face everlasting separation and judgment if they die without faith? and, (2) do you really care about them?

Wednesday. Jesus Christ is God's provision for a restored relationship with God now and forever. Christ is the once and for all solution. Review some of the Bible references on this point in the outline. Thank God that Christ saves not temporarily or conditionally, but eternally and unconditionally.

Thursday. Having a relationship with God requires knowing His truth about salvation and begins when we truly accept that truth, truly accept Christ as Savior by faith. Go over some of the references about knowing and accepting the truth on the outline. Turn back in the bulletin to the quote on having both knowledge and personal experience. This is critical both to salvation and Christian living—knowing and accepting God's truth, learning and living it. Perfection is not the point with respect to Christian living, a clear and consistent pattern is. How are you doing?

Friday–Saturday. We plan to return to the series in the book of Romans on Sunday with 15:14-33. Read and think through this section as you prepare for our time together.

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