

easter

AT SUGAR CREEK

EASTER: WHAT DOES IT PROVE?
Ephesians 1:19-20

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I. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST HAS MADE A FOREVER **IMPACT**.

A. *Ephesians 1:19-20* "How tremendous is the power available to us who believe in God. That power is the same divine energy which was demonstrated in Christ when He was raised from the dead."

B. God has told us His power has been turned toward **us** to accomplish our good.

C. God is saying that there is **no reason** for any child of God to live a defeated, discouraged life. We don't have to live that way.

D. Christians claim that Jesus is the only **true** way to God.

John 14:6 "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father **except** through Me." (NIV)

The cross and Jesus suffering on it demonstrated the **love** of God for us, but the resurrection demonstrated the **power** of God for us.

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II. EASTER SAYS THAT MY LIFE IS NOT **FUTILE**.

A. *Luke 12:15* "...A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

B. God made you for a **purpose**.

Ephesians 2:10 "We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live life as He meant for us to live."

- C. Your purpose has to do with a relationship with God and it **begins** with receiving His Son, Jesus Christ, into your life.
- D. *Acts 20:24 "Life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus."*

III. EASTER SAYS THAT MY FAILURES ARE NOT FATAL.

- A. *1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will **forgive** us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* (NIV)
- B. *Ephesians 1:7 "By the death of Christ, we are set **free**. Our sins are forgiven."*

IV. EASTER SAYS THAT MY DEATH IS NOT FINAL.

- A. Trust in Jesus Christ as your **only hope** for salvation.
- B. *John 14:6 "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*
- C. *John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever **believes** in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*(NIV)

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