

The Hope And Power Of Easter

I love to reflect on deep theological insights and then try to apply them to my everyday life. Likewise, I love the challenge of communicating some of these deeper things in a few paragraphs rather than in more lengthy chapters and books. Life and learning are always unfolding together, and I believe that if I am not learning, then I am in reality dead, even if my body is still alive. I am still learning!

So what are my latest “insights” about The Hope and Power of Easter? They are twofold, Redemption and Intercession. Even though they are different, they are related, because without Easter, there would be no Redemption, or Intercession.

Without Jesus’ life, and His death at Calvary, and His Resurrection on Easter morning, we would have no opportunity for Redemption of sins. Likewise, without His Ascension back to Heaven, there would be no one making intercession for us, you and me, before the Heavenly Father and the Throne of Grace. When sin entered into God’s Creation, everything changed, both in mankind and all the rest of Creation. I wonder if the DNA of man actually changed from its original design of being created in God’s Image when sin entered into man and creation? Christ died not only to redeem mankind, but eventually for all of the earth and creation.

According to Romans 8:34 and Hebrews 7:25 Jesus is constantly making intercession for believers at the right hand of God the Father. At the same time, we learn in Romans 8:26-27 that the Holy Spirit is also constantly making intercession for believers with groanings, which cannot be uttered. Therefore, we may conclude from these Scriptures that two-thirds of the Holy Trinity, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are constantly making intercession for us. It is this fact that causes me to wonder about what sin did to Creation, and to us, that it takes two-thirds of the Godhead to intercede for us? Sin was and is undoubtedly more devastating to God, and all of His Creation, than what most of us have ever truly understood.

So getting back to Jesus and Easter. The Holy Spirit didn’t arrive on the scene until after Jesus had finished His work at Calvary, was Resurrected, and Ascended into Heaven. Only then do we learn of the Holy Spirit’s arrival on Pentecost, which was 10 days after His Ascension. **Therefore, if it hadn’t been for Easter, we not only wouldn’t have any way to receive Redemption from God for our sins, but we wouldn’t have any Intercessors working for us in Heaven.** It isn’t by accident that Romans 8:28 tells us that all things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to His purpose! **Oh the joy of knowing that both Jesus and the Holy Spirit are interceding for us when we are in the midst of trials, troubles, and uncertainty in this life.**

We can all ask the questions, “How do I know if I am called? How do I know that Jesus died for me? If I was a twin, or a clone, how could I be certain that Jesus died for me? The answer to these questions is that we are all unique! Even identical twins have unique personalities. It is our uniqueness that provides us with assurance that we may choose to have an individual relationship with God through Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It is this relationship then that provides Jesus and the Holy Spirit the opportunity to make constant intercession for us.

The realization of the Hope and Power of Easter is found in Romans 8:30 where it says, “If God be for us, who can be against us?” All we have to do is ABC: Accept, Believe, and Confess.

Praise God for His Love, Grace, and Mercy that gives us the Hope of Easter, and for the Power of Constant Intercessions that each and every believer enjoys through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. **Thank you, LORD!**

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