

EASTER 2017
Welcome Into His Story
Ours is forever changed.

Easter is more than a traditional or historical event.
Easter is an experience to be shared in and enjoyed.

Romans 8:11 (NKJV)

- What is dead or dying (mortal) He brings to life
- God raises dead things to life (Romans 4:17)
 - Spiritual Death
 - Emotional Death
 - Relational Death
 - Physical Death

Revelation 1:17-18 (NKJV)

- He has the KEYS to set us free from all forms of death.
- His story is connected to mine.
- His story has forever changed mine

John 11:25-26 (NKJV)

- John 14:19 "...Because I live, you will live also."

[The story of the cross (Gospel) involves a sequence of events that forever changes our story.]
(Death – Burial – Resurrection)

[My Story]

- Not very good until 1980

[God's Process In My Story]

1. God REACHES Out For Us.
 - Luke 19:10 – "For the son of man is come to SEEK out and save that which was lost."
 - He is forever seeking you out for good.
 - Luke 15:1-32 (ref)
 - Lost Sheep / Coin / Son
 - Genesis 3:9-10 ..."Adam – where are? I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked and hid myself"
 - No one has gone too far...unreachable

2. God RESCUES Us.

- Luke 19:10 – “For the son of man is come to seek out and SAVE that which was lost.”
- He loves us...mess and all.
- He accepts us the way we are and where we are.
- Romans 5:8-10 (NKJV)

3. God REDEEMS Us – Buys and brings us back to Him

- Purchases us with his own blood.
- 1 Peter 1:18-19
 - We stand totally accepted as if we’ve never sinned.
- Galatians 3:13 (ref)

4. God RESTORES Us

- We all have issues – STUFF
- We are a work in progress.
- Spirit is born again (converts)
- Soul is being renewed (Disciples)
- Body is saved by hope
- Life transformed – 2 Corinthians 3:18 / Romans 12:2

God’s story is an “Epic of love” and He is sticking to it.

What’s your story?

- Today it can forever be changed.

REACHING
RESCUE
REDEEM
RESTORE