

EASTER // April 12th, 2020

1. We're FULLY FORGIVEN!

Ephesians 1: 7 (NLT)

In him we have **redemption** through his blood, the forgiveness of our **trespasses**, according to the riches of his **grace**.

Isaiah 53: 6 - 10 (NLT)

All of us, like **sheep**, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to **follow our own**. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all. ⁷He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. ⁸Unjustly condemned, he was led away. No one cared that he died without descendants, that his life was cut short in midstream. But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people. ⁹He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave. ¹⁰But it was the **LORD's good plan** to crush him and cause him grief. Yet **when** his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants...

2. We're FREE from the FEAR of DYING.

John 11: 25 (NLT)

... "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, **even after dying**."

Acts 1: 3 (NLT)

During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

Hebrews 2: 14 & 15 (NLT)

Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ¹⁵Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

3. We have DIVINE POWER for LIVING.

John 14: 15 - 17 (NLT)

If you love me, **obey my commandments**. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **Advocate**, who will never leave you. ¹⁷He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives **with** you now and later will be **in** you.

Acts 1: 8 (NLT)

...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Ephesians 1: 19 & 20 (NLT)

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

