

The Springfield Redeemer

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*Watch therefore,
for you do not
know on what
day your Lord is
coming.
Matt. 24:42*

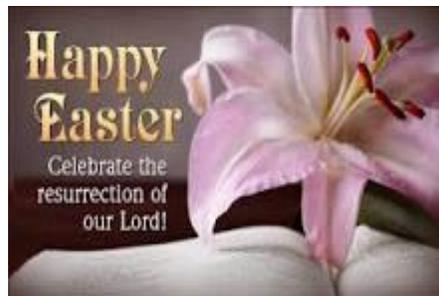
April 1, 2016, Vol. 5, Ed. 4 Trust Jesus • Pray Daily • Seek Unity in Christ • Love Goodness • Share Your Faith

The Reality of Easter and the Loss of PASSOVER by Pastor C. S. Cooley

The recent Holiday of the Resurrection of Christ is one of the most important observances a Christian can keep. It helps us to remember the reason for Jesus' birth and death, and it brings to a close the understanding of our only means of redemption. God planned from the beginning of creation a way for us sinful humans to return to worshipping Him. Christ's sacrifice was the only way God would restore us, because Satan through his deceitful nature, played on man's prideful attitude causing him to rebel against God and become disobedient.

The Passover, which is considered the most sacred and Holy time for the Jewish Nation was intended to be the rehearsal for Jesus to be sacrificed for our sins. God had instructed the children of Israel to put the sacrificed blood of a lamb over their door and on their doorposts, so that the death angel would passover their house and not kill their first born.

All of the Egyptians and those that did not honor the only one and true God watched their first born be taken by the death angel because they refused to believe and follow the instructions



of God. Jesus became the sacred Lamb sacrificed for all sinners and, true to the time of the Passover, He was offered up at the 3rd hour and gave up the ghost at the 9th hour, around 3 p.m. This was the historic time that the lamb is sacrificed during Passover. Three days later, He rose from the dead, securing our redemption.

Satan has thrown a wrinkle in the wonderful opportunity God has given us, when he introduced the rabbit and the easter egg which was the custom for pagan worship in their fertility rites honoring the pagan goddess of spring, Ostera. Since the rabbit seems to be a harmless innocent creature and reproduces quickly and the egg is how life begins, these two ingredients were added to appeal to the human nature.

Over the years this has allowed us to engage in what would ordinarily be a harmless activity, but one which takes our attention off of the true sacrifice of the Son

of God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The name Easter comes to America from Ostera or Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. The origin goes back to 2000 BC in Babylonia honoring the goddess of spring Ishtar. Ishtar, the mother/wife of their god Tammuz, brought him back from the underworld. In Phoenecia she became Astarte, in Greece Eostre, and in Germany Ostara. Consider also a Phrygian honoring Attis and Cybele or a heretic Israelite honoring the Canaanite Baal and Ashtoreth. All of these are pagan fertility celebrations of death and resurrection.

I pray that everyone had a wonderful Passover Sunday and I just wanted to remind all Christians of what Christ said in Matthew 22: 37- 40, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." My prayer is in all of the days given to us by God, we will be reminded to keep these commandments in order to be blessed.

End times Prophecy Seminar Coming April 9 by Roberta D'Amico

April 9 is an important date! Don't miss the 2016 Apologetics Seminar happening on this Saturday at Calvary's Love Church, 19 Oakland St., Springfield, Mass. The guest speaker is Pastor Eric Peloquin who is an expert on prophecy. Come prepared to be informed, surprised, and challenged by his comprehension of what the Bible says about the end times! The Seminar is free, although there will be a love offering, and it will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Why should you not miss this event? Because Pastor Peloquin has been studying the Scriptures since he came to faith in Jesus Christ 25 years ago and backs up everything he says. He and his wife and sons have done prison ministry, Sunday School teaching, discipleship, and are deeply committed to the spiritual growth of God's people.

After going into full-time ministry in 2000, ministering to

truckers and then planting churches, Eric launched Teleios Ministries. Teleios Ministries is a parachurch ministry devoted to helping people grow in their knowledge of the Word of God. As a matter of fact, "teleios" (Greek) is used 14 times in the New Testament, and means whole, mature, complete. Pastor Eric has studied prophecy and end times thoroughly and is very knowledgeable.

Biblical Prophecy is being fulfilled in many amazing ways today. Jews are returning to their land. The world is changing. Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world. It is changing the culture in Europe. America is still a leader in the world, but is losing its power in the world political scene, is financially weak, and is no longer considered a Christian country. What does prophecy say about these changes?

Speaking of Islam, how does the growing Islam Caliphate figure in the End-times events that are happening around the world? What is their ultimate intention in world events? It is our hope that Teleios Ministries will help you make sense of what is happening in the world in these last days.

Here are just a few more details about the conference. Calvary's Love Church, which is a former Jewish synagogue, is near Sumner Avenue. It has a parking lot for your convenience. We are providing coffee, tea, and snacks. For lunch, we are collecting \$5.00 to get pizza if you want some, or you may bring your own lunch. With the pizza we will have salad and desserts. Come and join us for this exciting event. And please RSVP, to Pastor Cooley at (413) 626-6807 or Roberta D'Amico at (413) 330-4658.

Ongoing Events Holy Grounds Coffee House

SUNDAY SERVICES 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.
MON THRU FRI MORNING BIBLE STUDY 7:30 a.m.
TUESDAY NIGHT outreach 5:30 p.m.
WED BIBLE STUDY 4:30 p.m.
CELEBRATE RECOVERY 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Sabbath 9-12, LUNCH 2-4 p.m. WEEKLY
1ST, 3RD SAT MONTHLY MARRIAGE SEMINAR 4 p.m.

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Saturday Night Activities

April 9 - Band Night with Matt

April 16 - Open Table Fellowship with Bruce

April 30 - Open Fellowship & Game Night