

## The Holy Easter Season 2010

**F**or most of us life-long Christians it is difficult to imagine life without Jesus. This fact of our life is comfortable and wonderful and has brought us assurance and peace of mind all of our days. One needs only speak to a Christian who has come to the faith later to really identify with the transformed life of a believer.

When I was a young genius old people who looked and sounded like I do these days would advise me to "enjoy *it* while you can!" I am certain that they meant the statement to be heard by others around because I and my kind were hardly listening. The deliciousness of life was racing by and we were running ahead without looking most of the time. Like many drivers these days, who see the caution light and imagine it to be a signal to haphazardly accelerate, we enjoyed careless abandon. Looking back at some of those times can cause one to shutter from the inside out. I am sure that all of us can thank God for His guidance and care through those years. The psalmist states: "The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast head long, for the Lord upholds his hand. I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing." Ps 37: 23-26

"Enjoy *it* while you can!" we still say, but with God the Heavenly Father *it* never stops. This *it* might refer to the temptations of every day life that can temporarily cause the Christian to depart from the path of the righteous or it may refer to the love of God

in Christ Jesus. The one has an end and the other doesn't. The one is constant deception and then disappointment and the other brings real joy and everlasting contentment.

Over all these years the Word of God has been constant and true. It has always been what you need. It has always been the answer. The same Word that called the universe into existence and still governs its every detail is manifest in the Holy Word and proclaimed in the church for our salvation. It sustained us while never leaving us through out our younger days. The old and not so old alike can enjoy the uplifting wonderfulness of His Holy Word day by day whether we race ahead or lag behind. He is with us. He has not and will not leave us to our own devises. Do not place your faith in yourself or any other. None of that can save you and it all will lead to eternal disaster. Your Lord is Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Man in whom there is salvation. Jesus the One who rose from the dead so that you can have *it* all. He has always been what you need and whether you have come to Him of late or have always been in His arms, He is still the One who promises eternal enjoyment. Check out His Word and see that it hasn't changed since you were a spark in your grandfather's eye. "Enjoy *it* while you can!" and you can you know!

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