EASTER 2024 "Everything Matters"

ASSUMPTION

We all long for some kind of glorious future.

THE BEAUTY OF REDEMPTION

God is not simply restoring, but is making all things new.

John 20:21-23 NIV

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Psalm 104:29-30 NIV

When you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

RENEWAL & RE-CREATION

- O This is the invitation to receive New Life and to live in the Newness offered.
- O This New Life is connected to Forgiveness.
- The Resurrection of Jesus is the beginning of the New Creation and the Redemption of All Things.
- In Him, we have Redemption and our lives become a part of His Purpose and Promise.

Ephesians 1:7-10 NIV

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

There is no Redemption without Forgiveness.

Ephesians 1:19-23 NIV

That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

REDEMPTION

- Redemption is the return to the Rule of God's Love.
- Redemption means everything matters.

1 Corinthians 15:55-58 NIV

55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because *you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

RESURRECTION POWER

- O It is the same power that is resurrecting you and me.
- The Resurrection ensures that nothing is wasted and therefore, Everything Matters.