

Believe in Easter: Life Can Be Good Again

Spring is here. The flowers are blooming and the birds are singing happily. Why are we still feeling melancholy? May be we are saddened by the passing of our loved ones. May be we are disturbed by the economic crisis. May be we simply find our life boring and disconsolate. How can life be good again? Believe in Easter.

1. If we believe in Easter, we will fear no death. Easter is about victory over death. Easter is the promise for eternal life. Death is not final but a transition. Someday we will unite with our loved ones in heaven. If I go to prepare a place for you, I will come back to take you to be with me. Believing that, we will live with Jesus forever.

2. If we believe in Easter, we will fear no poor. Today we should rename the indices Dow Jones as the Down Jones and Standard and Poor as Poor is Standard. Perhaps Good Year should be called Bad Year and Best Buy Please Buy. What will our future be? Our future does not depend on the bad news in Wall Street, but the good news in Acton Street. Not only did Jesus overcome death 2000 years ago, but also he is alive today. Only a living God can guard our future. Jesus told us not to worry about what we need. As God takes care of the birds in the sky and the lilies in the valley, God will take care of us.

3. If we believe in Easter, we will live the Easter life. The first Easter was a life-changing event for the women. From sadness to gladness, from grief to belief, from fear to cheer, they were the first to get the good news and to tell the good news. We need to make Easter life-changing for us too. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; all fear is gone, I know He holds the future. Life is good.

Let us pray: O Living God, I believe in Easter. I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Help me to be brave, optimistic, and faithful. Forgive my sins and make me your disciple today. Amen.

信復活人生便豐盛了

春來了，花開了，鳥兒正快樂地歌唱著，但為甚麼人們的心仍是那麼憂鬱呢？人們也許因家人去世而悲傷，也許因經濟不景而憂心，又或許覺得人生苦悶，因而悶悶不樂。一個人怎樣才能得到豐盛的生命呢？信主復活吧！

1. 信復活，不怕死 -- 耶穌已戰勝死亡，神愛我們，賜我們永生的應許。死亡並非如燈滅，乃是永生的開始，終歸有日，我們都要到天父的家裏，與先我們而去的親人團聚。耶穌說：「我若去為你們預備了地方，就必再來接你們到我那裏去。」我們若真心信主，便可自豪地說：「死啊，你的毒鉤在那裏？」

2. 信活主，不怕窮 -- 如今世界經濟動蕩，股市瀟條，我們退休金的投資都虧本了，正如水瓜打狗，少了一半。將來怎樣生活呢？不要怕，豐盛的人生，並非基於無定的錢財，乃基於永活神的賜予、保守和眷顧。耶穌既能從死裡復活，表明祂是永活的神，因此今天祂就活在我們中間，祂會保守我們的將來。天上的飛鳥，谷中的花朵，祂尚且看顧。我們不必憂心，信靠那永活的主，便可終於有日龍穿鳳。

3. 活信主，得新生 -- 第一個復活節的早晨，婦女們的生命都改變了，從悲傷變為喜樂，從懷疑變為深信、從消沉變為奮發。她們首先發現耶穌復活，也首先傳揚這好消息。我們也得改變自己的生命觀：因祂復活，我能面對將來，恐懼盡去。因祂掌管未來，人生真的可以活得很豐盛的。

請禱告：永活的主，我深信祢的復活，我信靠耶穌為我的救主。求祢幫助我變得勇敢和樂觀，使我成為祢忠心的門徒，努力為祢完成祢所託付的大使命。阿們。