

Easter has now come and gone – and it was really a great one this year, wasn't it? Many of you invited family and friends to come and share in the celebration and to hear the gospel message. My prayer – especially for your loved ones who have not yet begun their journey of faith – is that the message would cause them to reflect upon their spiritual needs and that they will look upon Cornerstone as a place where it is safe to return and explore God's word for themselves.

But, as important as last Sunday was in the life of the Church, it is just as important for us to remember that Christ's death and resurrection is not something that we celebrate just one day of the year. The Easter message is something that we need to share every day of our lives. The Apostle Paul very clearly modeled this for us in when he wrote to the Corinthians and said near the beginning of the letter,

*“And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.” (2:1-2, NKJV)*

and then, towards the end, he concluded,

*“And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.... And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!” (15:14, 17, NKJV)*

In other words, Christ's death and resurrection is central to our faith and crucial to our message. It should constantly be at the forefront of our thinking and we should talk about it frequently.

I hope by now that you have had a chance to read the little booklet that we handed out last week, *The Case for Easter* by Lee Strobel. This is great information to have whenever God gives you the opportunity to talk about it with someone you love. And if you have finished with the book, could I recommend that you now pass it on to someone else who you think would read it and profit from what it has to say?

Finally, I also hope that you will continue to invite your family and friends who need to hear the gospel to come to our church. If the statistics are accurate, 3 out of 4 of your “unchurched” friends and neighbors will accept your invitation if you just ask. It's easy to do and the most effective means by which our church will grow and thrive. But even more importantly, it's a simple way that God can use you to have an impact in someone's life for eternity and it's what our Lord has called us to do.

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