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Easter Brings New Life

John 14:19

Introduction:

The night before Jesus died He made a statement that no one hearing it would have understood: Jesus told his disciples in John 14:18-19 (NKJV) *"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. After A little while longer the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also."*

The good news of Easter is that Easter involves everyone. Jesus included *everyone* in His death, so that *everyone* could be included in His life. Jesus can give you a "better life" than you can attain on your own.

Common traits of most people today:

- A. Exhaustion
- B. Emptiness
- C. Enslavement

Many people have a closet full of Tee Shirts that say Life is Good, but their life is actually no good.

--Pastor Tim

I. Easter Brings a Life Filled with Meaning

- *When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:4 (ESV)*
- *Having a full schedule and having a full life are two different things.*
- *There's nothing new in this world, it's all just re-packaged, re-labeled, and re-titled.*
- *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)*

II. Easter Brings a Life Filled with Grace

- *But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code or old letter of the law. Romans 7:6 (ESV)*
- *There are two paths you can choose in life: one is to spend the rest of your life trying to earn God's approval by your effort, and doing certain things; the other is to enjoy God's approval by accepting what Jesus Christ has already done for you.*

III. Easter Brings a Life Filled with Exchange.

- *For He hath made him **to be** sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.* 2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV)
- Jesus not only **bore** the sins of the world, Jesus **became** the sin of the world.
- *And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"* Matt 27:46 (ESV)
- A special note: At this moment something took place that had never taken place before, and will never take place again: an interruption in the Trinity occurred when Jesus became sin.