

Easter's call to Worship

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Today's Passages: Hebrews 8:8-9:14, Romans 8:11

Easter is the ultimate call to worship, worship of the risen Lord Jesus.

That is both a privilege and a challenge.

"When the music fades, all is stripped away and I simply come, longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless your heart..."

These simple lyrics speak to two realities that resonate deep in the human soul:

1. One is that we long to _____ with God in worship. The soul has no higher pleasure than being in awe and being in love, beholding beauty, power and greatness and expressing your affection for these things.

C.S. Lewis once rightly observed that "praise completes joy."

2. But when things are stripped away what is often revealed is our _____ on those other things.

What might be keeping us from pure worship of God is that many other things are on the throne of our heart.

According to this arrangement [the Old Covenant], gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper...
Hebrews 9:9

Human experience says that though we desire to worship God our consciences are not clear and reveal that we are _____ from God.

Easter is the ultimate call to worship because...

The risen Jesus _____ our worship.

how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God. Hebrews 9:11-14

We celebrate at Easter that Jesus makes worship with a clear conscience possible.

He is the great High Priest who has gone into the most Holy Place of God's presence as the perfect sacrifice so our sin is forgiven and our conscience can be clear...to worship!

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The Risen Jesus _____ true worship as a way of life-- knowing Him.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts,...for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. Hebrews 8:10-11

This "new covenant" in Christ is all about knowing God, empowered by His Spirit.

"the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you."
Romans 8:11

Responding to God...

What aspect of Easter being a call to Worship stands out to you?

Answers: connect, dependence, separated, purifies, empowers