



Dear Friends,

Easter 2019

In our day by day living, there are two very special days which even the world beyond the Church observes, perhaps not with the right emphasis, but at least with a recognition of what happened on those days. Christmas and Easter are widely noted, and even if not with any awareness of religious context or importance, there is an awareness that these are days of great significance to Christians around the world.

For the Believers, those who have placed their faith in the Risen Christ as Saviour and Lord, these are key days in our understanding of faith and salvation, our discovery of what God did and why, our awareness of the depth of his Love for us. The calendar brings us again to one of those days, Easter Sunday, and to God's dealing with mankind with each one of us.

The Bible is clear in its declaration of Easter, that Christ is Risen. 'He is Risen INDEED' is the message in one place. Indeed – in fact, in truth, absolutely, no question about it. Our response to this announcement appears in the single word at the top of this letterhead – 'ALLELUIA.' Another expression of that word is Hallelujah, from a different era of history but meaning the same. Whichever word you use, the meaning is a powerful, positive, enthusiastic word, translated from Greek for 'PRAISE THE LORD.'

May Easter be a wonderful, 'Praise the Lord' day in your life. Beyond that day on the calendar, may every day be an Easter Day to you. Centuries before the Easter we know now, the Psalmist [118:24] reminds us that daily 'This is the day the Lord has made,' and adds that we should 'rejoice and be glad' in it.' A few verses later he adds 'Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his Love endures forever.' May the Love and mercy of God, our Creator, and the joy and promise of Easter be with you, on this day and always. Alleluia....

With joyful greetings and sincere love to all,

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