

Daily Devotion For April 19, 2022

“And you shall call his name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

The other day I saw a cartoon where the pastor is greeting the congregants as they file out of the church. One man told the pastor, “you are in a rut pastor, every time I come to church you always talk about the birth of Jesus or the resurrection of Jesus.”

They have a name for people who attend church on Christmas and Easter Only. They are called CEO Christians. I’m glad that people want to go to church on these occasions because they mark the two most important events in human history: the coming of God’s Son into the world, and His death and resurrection for our salvation.

These two events remind us of how much God loves us and what God did by sending Jesus to die on the cross for us. Many attend church on these occasions because that is the “customary” thing to do. But the heart of Christmas and Easter point to two profound truths. 1.) That “something” is wrong with us. That “something” is sin and therefore we are separated from a Holy and Righteous God. 2.) God loves us and he desires us to be saved. When Jesus died on the cross that was not the end of his life. Three days later he rose from the dead. And when He did, he paid for the sins of the whole world, past, present and future. By rising from the dead he showed us that he has power to conquer sin, death and hell.

Thought For Today: Don’t take lightly what he has done by coming to earth as a small baby and growing up to give his life for you. Give your life to Jesus, just as He gave his life for you. Not just as Christmas or Easter but each and every day.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Thank God for his great expressions of love by coming to earth as a small baby and then going to the cross to pay the penalty for our sins so that we might have salvation and spend eternity with Him in heaven.