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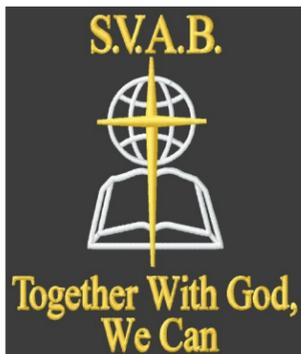
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Luke 24:1-12, NASB95

Easter morning is a time to alert our senses to the wonders of God. There is something about Easter morning that is new and exciting. One of the reasons that I like Easter is to imagine the following: "Was it a morning like this? Was it a morning such as this when the Lamb of God arose from the grave? I don't know about you, but Easter excites me. Easter brings out that sense of wonder, awe, and expectation that God is still about to do something and will do something with you in our lives if you let Him.

Yes, the day you read this article, ponder the following with me: Was it a morning like this where the birds sang in chorus of Jesus' resurrection? Was it a morning like this in which the morning breeze blew the resurrection message about the Lamb of God? Was it a morning like this in which the morning rain washed away the sorrow and pain of Good Friday and replaced it with the freshness of His resurrection? Yes, was it a morning like this?

Then, dear reader, we ask, what did that resurrection morning bring? I believe the resurrection morning brought to us a reason to have hope in this life because of the sacrifice the Lamb of God made on our behalf. We can have hope in Christ because He died for our sins on that old rugged cross. We can have hope in Christ because of what He now sees in us. What do I mean by that? Perhaps the following story I heard about will help us to understand why we can have hope in the Lamb of God:

"A man had an alcoholic wife. Repeatedly she disappointed him. But, he - never - lost - hope. One night she shamed him in front of old friends. Later that night, she broke into tears and ask, 'Why don't you leave me?' He said, 'Because I still remember a very beautiful person. And, I hope she's still in there.'"

Dear Reader, Christ sees in us what we have yet to see or can't see because our sinful lifestyle has blinded us to believe in ourselves or see our worth as Christ sees in us. The Lamb of God died for us. He hopes we will become the person He sees. He hopes we will become the person for whom He died. The resurrection morning brings to us reason to hope in Christ.

The resurrection morning can bring fullness to our emptiness. The ladies around the tomb felt empty. They had a void in their lives. They had a void that only the Lamb of God could fill.

This may be true of us today. As you read this article, perhaps we have an emptiness in our lives. We have an emptiness that we have tried to fill with other things, like material things, drugs, gambling, and countless other vices. Yet, we still feel empty. We feel miserable. We still live a life without a purpose. Beloved, only One can fill our empty lives, the Lamb of God who takes away our sin.

We must do something if we are to make this Easter different than any others. We must receive the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, as our personal Lord and Savior. We must believe in who He is. This belief must be a heart decision and a sincere one. Dear Reader, it will do us no good to hear church music about the Lamb of God, worship God, pray, and then leave only to continue to live the same old lifestyle.

In Luke's gospel, we read that those that visited the empty tomb and saw the resurrected Lord believed. Their belief led them to action. The fact that they shared the news of His resurrection reveals to us the difference His resurrection made in their lives.

Let me ask you to ponder the following: what difference will you allow this Easter to make in our lives? What change do you sense God wants you to make this morning?

Your Servant in Christ,

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Churches without Pastors

Cecilia Baptist
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Northside Baptist Church

Northside Baptist Church located in Elizabethtown, Kentucky is seeking candidates for the full-time position of Minister of Worship. Candidate must have experience planning and leading blended style of worship as well as experience directing an adult choir. Candidate must have a minimum of Bachelor's degree in music but preferably have a seminary degree or working toward one. We are currently accepting resumes. For a more complete look at the Job Description for the Minister of Worship position, please click here. Resumes and other relevant information as well as inquiries, may be emailed to: nsbchumanresources@gmail.com

New Horizon Baptist Church

is seeking God's leadership in filling the full time position of **Senior Pastor**.

For more information, please view the info. At <http://svabaptist.org/helpful-resources/area-ministry-positions-available>

Youngers Creek Baptist Church

is Currently accepting resumes for the following part-time positions:
Youth Minister, a Music minister, and a Children's minister.

Please send resumes to:
Youngers Creek Baptist Church
251 Youngers Creek Rd
Elizabethtown, Ky 42701

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