

“Easter Is All About God's, “YES!” in Christ!”

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

INTRO

Have you ever walked out of a meeting and thought to yourself, “What just happened?” You went into the meeting with a planned agenda and the background information to support it. But somewhere in that meeting, someone else's agenda took center stage, and the meeting went in a totally different and unforeseen direction. I call it being blindsided!

Several years ago, our church worked with other local churches to provide generous Thanksgiving Baskets for over 200 local families. I attended the follow-up meeting expecting to hear how we could improve the whole process and expand it to reach more families. I left that meeting believing the whole thing was being turned into a three-ring circus!

In addition to the Twelve apostles, Jesus had followers learning from his teachings. They followed him to Jerusalem that final time – expecting him to establish his messianic kingdom right there in Jerusalem. Jesus did just that, but not in the way his followers were expecting. Their own short-sightedness caused them to be blindsided to what Jesus had plainly taught them.

This is God's “YES!” in Christ: “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased!” (Matthew 3:17, NIV)

1. God is not just a promise-maker!
 - Romans 15:8-9; 2 Peter 1:4; 1 John 1:9
2. God establishes believers in Christ!
 - 1 Corinthians 16:13-14; Ephesians 2:8-9
3. “Hey Believer, you are a child of God!
 - John 1:12; Romans 8:14-17
4. The only acceptable response to God is, “AMEN!” to Christ!
 - Acts 2:36-38; Acts 4:12; Galatians 1:13-17