

Easter Changes Everything

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I. Easter Repairs Our Relationship With God Through Forgiveness

A. Easter repaired Peter's relationship with Jesus

II Cor. 5:18 "And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ..." (NLT)
Eph. 1:7 "He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins." (NLT)

B. Easter can repair your relationship with God

I Peter 3:18 "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God..." (NIV)

II. Easter Removes The Guilt From Our Past

A. Easter removed Peter's guilt

B. Easter can remove our guilt

Heb. 10:22 "Let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean..." (NLT)

Col. 2:14 "He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross." (NLT)

Is. 53:5-6 He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed... We've all done our own thing, gone our own way. And God has piled all our sins, everything we've done wrong, on him." (Message)

III. Easter Resurrects Our Broken Lives To Something New

A. Easter gave Peter a brand new life

II Cor. 5:17 "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a **new person**. The old life is gone; a **new life** has begun!" (NLT)

Rom. 6:4 "...And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live **new lives**." (NLT)

Col. 2:12 "...And with him you were raised to **new life** because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead." (NLT)

B. Easter can give us a brand new life

I Peter 1:3 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us **new birth** into a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (NIV)

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