

TRINITY NEWS

EASTER MESSAGE 2016

The Power Of An Indestructible Life

Easter is a cosmic event. It probes at the heart of meaning in the Universe. We are beings created with the meaning of our life posed not only as a question but also as an answer. Jesus as the universal human not only discovered the answer. He also became the answer in himself. He shows all the traces of our vulnerable humanity. But he also shows an immense resistance to any behavior that gets in the way of his loving Abba, the Creator, with all his “heart, mind, soul and strength”. This commandment in the Hebrew Scriptures is the key to finding peace in humanity. It was the key for him.

Love is the measure of being human. Without it we are empty, ‘clanging symbols’ as the Apostle says. Loving God ensures that the love has no limits. Love with limits is not love.

Heart: The second source of love for Jesus is loving from the heart, with a focus on the love of all that is noble in humanity. This is true “love thy neighbor”, seeking the best in the other person, which leads to the discovery of the best in ourselves. “Heart” collects all of our feelings and transplants them into love infused with joy.

Mind: Our mental processes carry negatives and positives. A bad memory can only be healed by a memory luminous with goodness and recalled love. The two cannot exist together in the mind at the same time. When we are haunted by a bad memory or manipulative pin-pricks we should instantly recall a life-affirming memory and diminish the

negative one. We were born to be creative and loving, not destructive and morose.

Soul is our deepest identity. It carries the spark of God and the inbuilt search for love in humanity through relationships and the sharing of identity. Jesus related to God directly and we relate to God through him. He gives identity to the spark of God in our souls and perpetual identity to us in what translates into resurrection.

Strength. Humility is the greatest strength because it seeks no favors. We are strongest when we are loved without reserve. Our physical strength wanes, and our mental capacity tends to slow a little, but our inner strength never diminishes when it is grounded in the Eternal Spirit through the advocacy of Jesus.

We are to love God with heart mind soul and strength and our neighbor as ourselves.

This is where the seed of resurrection grows. Jesus taught and lived the great commandments and the seeds of resurrection grew in time and bloomed into the full flowering of his destiny and purpose.

Follow the life and practice of Jesus and resurrection seeds will bloom in the full flower of faith. Jesus calls us into a loving and fruitful life-practice that gives light in the world and finds ultimate peace in the light and glory of God. That is, into the power of an “indestructible life” (Hebrews 7:16).

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THIS WEEK:

Wednesday.

- Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Acts 5:12a,17-22,25-29; Psalm 111 or Psalm 118
Revelation 1:9-19; John 20:19-31