Philippians 3:17,19 **Easter Sunday** April 12, 2020

# **Easter: Proof of God's Love**

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#### I Know God Loves Me Because...

#### 1. He Made Me!

"The Lord is loving toward all He has made." - Psa

- Psalm 145:17

"God is like a Father to us, tender and sympathetic... He knows we are but dust." - Psalm 103:13,14

#### 2. He Notices Every Detail of My Life.

"God even knows how many hairs are on your head."

- Matthew 10:30

#### 3. He Gave Me the Capacity for Pleasure.

"God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

- 1 Timothy 6:17

#### 4. He Has Good Plans For My Life.

"I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future." - Jeremiah 29:11 (NCV)

Jesus: "I came to give life — life in all its fullness. I am the Good Shepherd." - John 10:10,11

#### 5. He Sent Jesus to Die For Me.

"God proves His love for us in that while we were sinners Christ died for us." - Romans 5:8

#### 6. He Forgives Me When I Ask Him.

"Yes, all have sinned; yet now God declares us "not guilty" ...if we trust in Jesus Christ, who freely takes away our sins." - Romans 3:23-24 (L.B.)

"With deep love I will take you back..." - Isaiah 54:7 (Good News Bible)

## **How to Establish a "Spiritual Base" For My Life**

# **Believe** Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and showed He was God by coming back to life.

"By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you.

Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

- 1 Corinthians 15:2-4

## **Accept** God's free forgiveness for my sins.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 6:23

## **Switch** to God's plan for my life.

"The time has come," Jesus said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" - Mark 1:15

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will." - Romans 12:2

## **Express** my desire for Christ to be the director of my life.

"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved!" - Romans 10:9

If you are willing to take these four steps then pray this simple prayer:

"Dear God, I believe you sent your son, Jesus, to die for my sins so I can be forgiven. I'm sorry for my sins and I want to live the rest of my life the way you want me to. Please put your Spirit in my life to direct me. Amen."

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