

*“See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.”*  
Song of Songs, verse 2:11-13



Dear Sisters in Christ-

In our last monthly exhortation and encouragement letter, reference was made to Spring, specifically Spring Cleaning. Spring, or the beginning of Spring, is a time to enjoy another season in God's glorious creation. For some, flowers are beginning to bloom, and for others, we are anxiously awaiting the day when all of the snow has melted. Spring is a time of warming weather and nature coming back to life. (I do realize that Spring is officially on March 20, but we live in beautiful North Idaho, and it usually doesn't happen that early, at least where we live!).

*This month, on April 15, we celebrate Good Friday, the day our Lord and Savior was crucified. Christ's sacrificial death on the cross absorbed our guilt- past, present, and future. Does that encourage you as much as it encourages me? April 18, Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, bringing eternal life to believers. The events of these days are recounted numerous times in the Bible. I encourage you to read some of the passages, for some of you the first time, and for many the hundredth time. Regardless of the number of times you have read them, God reveals new and deeper meaning with each reading.*

*Philippians 2:8 says, "And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death- even death on a cross!" I am awed that our Lord and Savior died on the cross for us - for you and for me! Christ died on the cross so that we would not have eternal punishment, but eternal life. God is unchanging, and we can rest assured that when we trust in His cleansing blood alone for our salvation, we will indeed have eternal life. This new life results in the fruits of joyful service and obedience to our Lord.*

As is written in Romans 6:8-11, "Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he dies, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus."

As I dig into the Word each morning, I am comforted and encouraged by each passage. I find it to be the perfect way to start the day. My day is so much brighter when I begin my day in the Word and in prayer. If you are not currently spending time in the Word, I highly recommend doing so. It truly changed my life when I started several years ago.

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We love you!

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