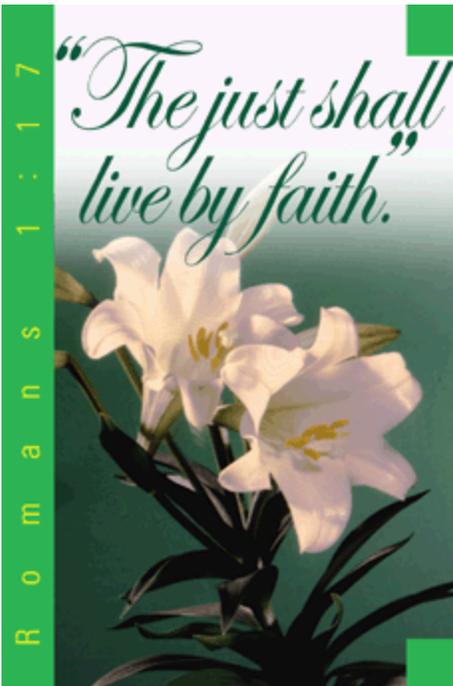


*“Easter is a time when God turned the inevitability of death into the invincibility of life.”*  
—Craig D. Lounsbrough



Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer;  
Death is strong, but life is stronger.  
Stronger than the dark, the light;  
Stronger than the wrong, the right.  
Faith and hope triumphant say,  
Christ will rise on Easter Day.

—Phillips Brooks

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is life-changing and life-giving for his followers. But, as Henry Knox Sherrill notes, Easter's "joyful news ... does not change the contemporary world." On earth, we still must deal with sin, pain, death and brokenness. And "still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice," Sherrill adds. What Easter does, though, is provide Christians with "the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."

By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent.

### **Please keep these Friends in your prayers**

*Susan Block*

*Mary Gang*

*Dolly Kellar*

*Bea McMurtrey*

*Liz Nielander*

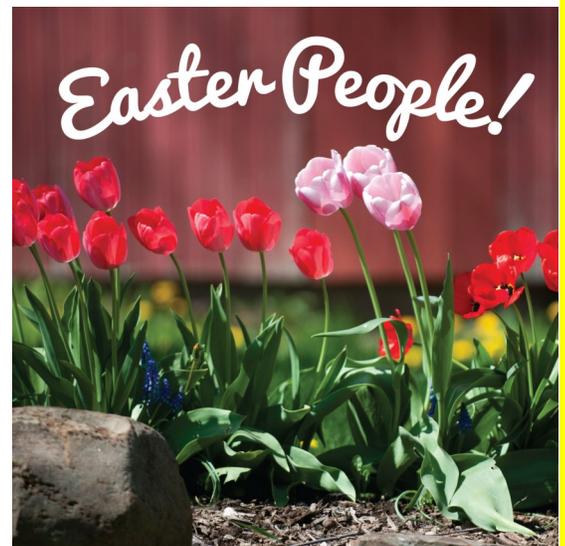
*Cheryl Sanford*

*Dan Sheridan*

*Alec Wessendorf*

*Walt Wessendorf*

*Emily West*



## Resurrection Is Everywhere

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. A light that shines in the dark and the darkness can not overcome it.

Easter is a time of celebration. It is a time of bright colors and laughter. The Resurrection of Christ is a celebration of life itself. It's a celebration that the darkness will never win in this world. It's a reminder that just when you think all hope is lost, that is when you can expect to see some light.

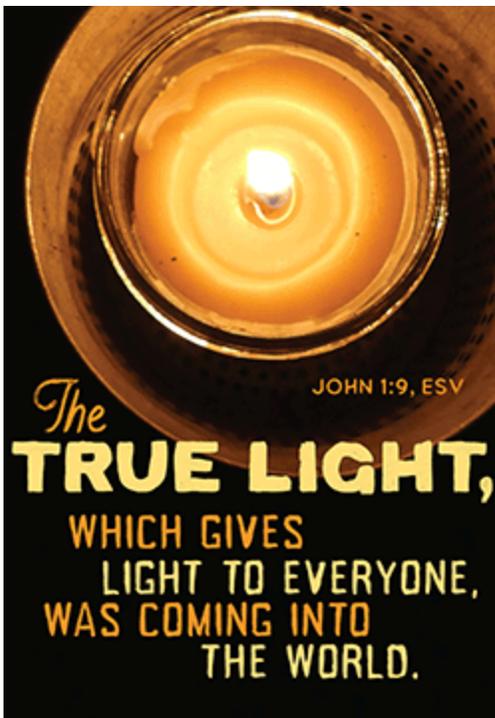


When the leaves change color and fall off the trees, it is a sight to behold. And then the trees stand naked and bare all winter. Sometimes towards the end of our cold dark winters I think, will this ever end? What if the weather doesn't warm? What if the trees never bud again? But then it starts getting warmer and the daffodils bloom and the trees start to bud. And I'm reminded of resurrection.

When a tragedy hits my family, things get dark. You feel the stress levels go up and you wonder, 'how will we make it through this?' And then, you are met with an unexpected but welcome friend: resurrection. Sure, everything isn't perfect or the way it was before the tragedy, but you start to get back on your feet. You start to see the silver linings. You are renewed. Resurrection is everywhere.

I read the other day that even in the darkest parts of the universe, light still exists. And to the human eye, it looks dark. Completely dark. But the human eye can not see the entire spectrum of light. There is light like infrared light that we know exists (because our TV remote works) but we can not see the beam. But it is there. Every inch of the endless universe has light that is invisible to the human eye. (It's called a cosmic microwave background if you want to look it up).

That means that even when we turn off all the lights and close the curtains. When we think it's pitch black and we can't even see our hands in front of our face, we are still swimming in an ocean of light.



And remember THE light that enlightens EVERYONE is always right there with you, inside of you, helping you through the difficult times.

There is always hope. There is always light in the darkness. And resurrection is everywhere.

"The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." "A light that shines in the dark and the darkness can not overcome it." John 1:5 & 9

Happy Easter!  
Jon