

ONE!

“Jesus Rose for Every One!”: Acts 16:22-34 April 16, 18-20, 2014: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

We celebrate Easter because in Jerusalem, 2000 years ago, an event occurred that changed our world.

I. The Resurrection Celebration Is about an Historic Event. *1 Corinthians 15:3-5, 8*

II. The Resurrection Celebration Is about an Unexpected, Historic Event.

Jesus literally, physically, visibly, actually rose from the dead and the world has never been the same. That historic fact is the foundation of our faith!

III. The Resurrection Celebration Was a Catalytic Event.

Paul's compassion for this One helped this man open his heart to God.

Four Life-changing Decisions:

I. Admit the real condition of your life.

Some of us are here today with fresh regret. *Romans 3:10, 23*

If you realize for the first time that you're spiritually bankrupt that's good news. *Matthew 5:3*

II. Ask the most important question: What must I do to be saved?

Ecclesiastes 3:11 NLT; Romans 10:9

III. Repent and let Jesus empower you to live a new life!

When a person believes in their heart and becomes a follower of Jesus, repentance means they have a change of mind that produces a change of life!

IV. Obey the Lord by being baptized.

Simple Questions You Might Have about Baptism:

1. Why be baptized?

The most compelling reason for every follower of Christ to be baptized is that the leader of your life and forgiver of your sins commanded you to be baptized. *Matthew 28:19*

Our faith is certainly personal...but when it is working right...it is not private.

2. When am I ready to be baptized?

The Biblical sequence is to first believe and then be baptized.

Once you understand the desire of Jesus concerning baptism or anything else, you should obey.

3. How should I be baptized?

We baptize by immersion, because that's what the biblical word for "baptize" means.

Jesus was baptized by immersion as your example. *Matthew 3:16*

ONE Prayer

"Christ has risen! He has risen indeed!" This single truth is what differentiates our faith from all other world faiths. Our God died and rose from the dead and lives today. No other god has given as much to prove His love and power. So, this week we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ... and He is worthy of our celebration.

"Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!' And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, 'To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!'" Revelation 5:11-14

This week as you pray for your One, pray that this scripture will be made true in their hearts:

*"But God shows His love for us in that while we were **still sinners**, Christ died for us."* Romans 5:8

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

Point University Information Session

6 – 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24

Adult Ministry Center across the street

Looking to start or return to college? Interested in getting a degree from a fully-accredited university that teaches from a Christian worldview? Point University here at our Henderson Campus offers degree options in general studies, Christian ministry, organizational leadership and human relations. Classes meet one night a week for five weeks. Hear more about Point University's program for adults at this information session.

Foster Care Forum

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26

Room 204

The Love ONE ministry is hosting a community-wide foster care forum. Join us to learn more about foster care from our panel made up of experienced foster care providers, a psychologist and current foster parents. If you are considering fostering, this is a great opportunity to find out more and to ask questions.

Foster Care Shoebox Collection

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 3-4

Mission Circle in the lobby

Many foster children are moved from home to home, longing for a permanent family. They own very little and are attached to hardly anyone or anything. To show compassion to children in our local foster care system, you can donate a shoebox filled with toys, school supplies and small gifts. We hope that these shoeboxes will remind the children that Jesus sees, loves and cares for them. Bring your filled box to the lobby during collection week.