



April 2015,

Dear Friends,

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,<sup>5</sup> Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) <sup>6</sup> And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: <sup>7</sup> That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: <sup>9</sup> Not of works, lest any man should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:4-10 KJV)

The message that Paul delivers is at the heart of the beauty of Easter; when Jesus rose from the dead He took us with Him. He made us who were dead in sins alive with Him, saving us and seating us together with and in Him in the heavenly places. Now He continues to show the riches of His grace to us by His kindness through Jesus Christ. Paul's ages to come aren't simply future but include the time we live in now. This is what God is doing now. So here then is the truth of Easter; God is kind. He raised up the helpless and gave us new life. God is kind, a message that bears repeating because so often He is depicted by us as being anything but kind. God is kind. He has saved us by His grace, gifted us with salvation and recreated us. We are the work of His hand created in Christ to do as He wants us to. In His kindness God has given us the works we are to do as gift that now we may walk in them. Paul makes this clear in another of his epistles as well:

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:  
<sup>15</sup> And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. <sup>16</sup> Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more. <sup>17</sup> Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Corinthians 5:14-17 KJV)

The love of Christ now holds us fast because we understand that the death of Christ is for all of humankind therefore at the end all will be resurrected without exception even as the Scripture says some to eternal life and some to death but all will be raised. So God in His kindness has stood in our stead to deliver us, and we in His kindness no longer judge people in their oldness but we know that through Christ they are new, no one is to be seen in the old but spoken to according to the new. The new creation has come in Christ, old things are gone and everything is new. This is now the way things are in the Spirit, they aren't discerned by the fleshly mind, only by the Spirit can we see and understand God's work rightly. With Easter through God's kindness our world has changed forever and is now simply awaiting the revelation of that truth in human history though in the Spirit it's already seen. So in the lyrics of Charles Wesley:

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia! - Christ the Lord is Risen Today (#126 Hymns and Songs of Zion). A blessed Easter to all of you.

God's Peace,  
Jay Weidner



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## **SEMINARY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

7PM

### **April**

- 5<sup>th</sup> – No Service - Easter
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Heath Anderson @ Laurium
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Ryan Kandoll - Range
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Josh Bergstedt @ Zion



## **UPCOMING SEMINARY GRADUATION**

SAVE THE DATE...the annual seminary graduation will now take place in May rather than October. The graduation service of Ryan Kandoll will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at 2PM at the Atlantic Mine Apostolic Church. Cake and coffee will be served afterwards.

As a reminder to board members, the board meeting will be Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 9AM at the seminary.

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