

## LIVING ON THE EASTER SIDE OF CALVARY!

What a wonderful, glorious truth: we are living on the Easter Side of Calvary! Mediate upon that thought for just a few moments! The written words of Christ scream out to us from the corridors of time....."Because I live, you shall live also" (John 14:19).

When Socrates was dying, his last words testified to the lack of the light of the resurrection. He pathetically cried, "I have faith in the future, and I think I see the golden islands, but oh, that I had a stouter vessel or a stronger word." Well, we have a stouter vessel and a stronger word. Why? Because we are living on the Easter side of Calvary!

When the puritan preacher John Owen lay on his death bed he said, "I am still in the land of the living, no, I am yet in the land of the dying, but I hope soon to be in the land of the living." Isn't that a wonderful truth for us? There is a better day before us, and all because the Lord Jesus Christ is risen and we are living on the Easter side of Calvary!

Fanny Crosby said it this way:  
 Christ is risen, Hallelujah!  
 Gladness fills the world today,  
 From the tomb that could not hold Him, see, the stone is rolled away!  
 Christ hath risen! Hallelujah!  
 Friends of Jesus, dry your tears,  
 Through the veil of gloom and darkness, Lo, the Son of God appears!

Warren Wiersbe wrote, "Easter is the truth that turns a church from a museum to a ministry!"

William Sangster, the great Methodist leader who helped guide Londoners through the horrors of the World War II bombings, fell ill to a disease that progressively paralyzed his body, and eventually his vocal cords. On the Easter just before he died, he managed to scribble this short note to his daughter: "How terrible to wake up on Easter and have no voice to shout, "He is risen!" But far worse, to have a voice and not want to shout!" All because we are living on the Easter side of Calvary!

"That I may know Him, and the power of his resurrection...." ( Phil. 3:10)