

# Welcome to Rosedale

Easter Sunday – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Ephesians 2:1-10

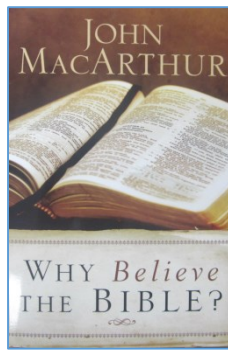
Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

**ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST**

Final Song

Benediction

## New in the Rosedale Library:



**Why Believe the Bible?:** A book by John MacArthur where he examines questions regarding the authority, infallibility, and trustworthiness of God's Word, as well as answering the question, 'How can we get the most from God's Word?'

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## Memory Verses for Junior Church:

### **Younger Elementary:**

Review:

Psalm 23

### **Middle Elementary:**

Review:

Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)

## **Families of the Week**

### **Monday**

Goulet, Don

### **Tuesday**

Grilo, Lina

### **Wednesday**

Gyugyei, Andy & Hilda

### **Thursday**

Holmes, Jeff

### **Friday**

Jean, Dorothy

### **Saturday**

John, Aileen

# ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



**Reaching up....**

**Reaching in....**

**Reaching out...**

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## This Week at Rosedale

- Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am
- Wednesday: Hopeful Hearts – 12:00 pm  
Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm
- Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am
- Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am  
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am  
Sandwich Sunday

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**Welcome Visitors:** We are glad you are with us today! If this is your first time visiting Rosedale please fill out the welcome card in the pew and place it in the offering plate, or give it to one of our ushers. Nursery and Junior Church are available for children age 9 and under.

**Easter Offering:** This morning we will be collecting a special offering (above and beyond regular giving) for the ministry of Dr. and Mrs. Kishore, New Life Associates. Please use the special envelope in the pew.

**Membership Classes:** Membership Classes will be starting on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. If you are interested in Believer's Baptism or Church Membership please speak with Pastor John.

**Welland/ Port-Colborne Pro-Life:** The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> and will include dinner and a speaker. If you would like to support this valuable initiative in our community by purchasing a ticket please speak to Pastor John.

**Open Arms Collection:** For the month of April we will be collecting Pasta Sauce

## Alive Together With Christ

Ephesians 2:1-10

Just as the Easter Weekend moves us from death (Good Friday) to life (Easter Sunday), so too God has brought every Christian from spiritual death into spiritual life. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is far more than a historical fact – it is the basis for our hope!

### **I. Bad News – Death (vv. 1-3)**

- 1) Easter Weekend Begins with Death
  - a. The hardest day for Jesus (Matthew 17:36-46; Hebrews 12:2)
  - b. The hardest day for the Disciples
    - i. Denial – they would not accept Jesus' predictions about His coming death (Matthew 16:21-28, 17:22-23, 20:17-19)
    - ii. Discouragement – they scattered from Jesus in fear (Matthew 26:56)
    - iii. Disillusionment – they assumed that Jesus was not the Messiah (Luke 24:21)
- 2) Human Life Begins in a State of Spiritual Death
  - a. We were dead in our sins (vv. 1-3)
    - i. Following the way of the world
    - ii. Following the way of the devil
    - iii. Following the way of our flesh
  - b. We were all under God's wrath because of our sin (v. 4)
  - c. *"The unbeliever is not sick, he is dead! He does not need resuscitation; he needs resurrection."* - Warren Wiersbe

**Application:** Although we are physically alive from the moment of birth, the Bible tells us the grim truth that we are spiritually dead. Although God created humanity to be in a relationship with

Him, sin has separated us from our holy and loving Creator. Apart from a miracle of resurrection we would remain forever under the wrath of God.

### **II. Good News - Resurrection (vv. 4-5; 8-9)**

- 1) Easter Weekend Ends with New Life!
  - a. A victorious day for Jesus – Satan's plotting backfires (Genesis 3:15; Acts 2:22-24)
  - b. A joyful day for the Disciples (Matt 28:8-10)
- 2) Christ's Resurrection → our Resurrection!
  - a. God makes us alive together with Christ
    - i. There is no spiritual life available apart from Jesus Christ – He is the only way to know God (John 14:6)
    - ii. We do not give ourselves life – God makes us alive through His Spirit (regeneration)
  - b. God is motivated by His own mercy and love
  - c. Salvation (new spiritual life) comes by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone
    - i. Grace – God's unmerited favour (a gift)
    - ii. Faith – Our response of trusting in Christ rather than in our own good works

**Application:** If God's Spirit is calling you out of the tomb this morning, respond to His sovereign and gracious initiative by exercising faith in Jesus Christ

### **III. Even Better News - Exaltation (vv. 6-10)**

- 1) God did not leave us standing in the graveyard!
  - a. We have been raised with Christ and seated with Him in heavenly places!
  - b. We have a mission to accomplish as part of God's new creation (v. 10)
  - c. Our destiny is to reign forever with Christ in His Kingdom with our resurrected bodies!
- 2) The ultimate purpose of Easter is to magnify the grace and kindness and glory of our God