



God's ultimate triumph gives Christians the ultimate reason to celebrate!

1. Listen to Christ's Word.
2. Share Christ's Suffering.
3. Remember Christ's Mission.
4. Embrace Christ's Rest.

"He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant teacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never owned a house. He never went to college. He never travelled more than 200 miles from the place he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he stands as the central figure of the human race. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on earth as has this one solitary life."

James Allen Francis

Hebrews 4:15-16

"Every age has its own challenges. . . . [Ours] is the affliction of distraction."

David Wells, God of the Whirlwind

"Give yourself to the Church. You that are members of the Church have not found it perfect and I hope that you feel almost glad that you have not. If I had never joined a Church till I had found one that was perfect, I would never have joined one at all! And the moment I did join it, if I had found one, I should have spoiled it, for it would not have been a perfect Church after I had become a member of it. Still, imperfect as it is, it is the dearest place on earth to us... Give yourself to the Church to maintain her. Nothing in the world is dearer to God's heart than His Church. Therefore, being His, let us also belong to it that by our prayers, our gifts and our labors, we may support and strengthen it. If those who are Christ's refrained, even for a generation, from numbering themselves with His people, there would be no visible Church, no ordinances maintained and, I fear, very little preaching of the Gospel."

Charles Spurgeon



“Leave room for rest. The programs of the church should not fill every little nook and cranny of the day. And the worship should be the kind of worship the saints look forward to all week. For the remainder of the day, the teaching should emphasize that this is a day for joy, gladness, hot food, fellowship with friends, singing psalms, reading books, and reciting poetry. In the time left over, arrange the couch so it is near a window in the middle of your loveliest sun puddle. And take a nap.”

Douglas Wilson, A Primer on Worship and Reformation