

Instead of asking, “What does Easter mean to us”, let us ask, “What would God want it to mean to us”. This day memorializes that day when the proof of redemption and eternal life for humankind became manifest (Ac. 2:32; 13:30-39). The resurrection of Jesus Christ evidences that we will also rise from the dead by the power of God to live with God in intimate unity in paradise for time without culmination (Ro. 8:11). Each day will be better than the day before (Is. 9:7), which was so wonderful that until that day, it was inconceivable of how good it could be (1 Co. 2:9). If we tried to imagine the happiest day possible and live that level of joy for a thousand years, it would not exceed what we will actually experience on the least day of our eternal future. Yet, the period will be so joy-filled and fulfilling, that life will be as fresh and vibrant on the thousandth year, as it was new and exciting on the first day we experience eternal life. We will be living the level of glory that is currently incomprehensible (2 Pe. 3:8; Ps. 84:10; 1 Jn. 3:2; Phil. 3:21; 1 Co. 15:40f).

Our common hope is beyond that given to anyone else at anytime. There is no conceivable better destiny than that which is actually awaiting each of us for all eternity, if we believe in his promises signed in his blood (Ro. 3:25; 1 Co. 11:25; Eph. 1:7; Col 1:14f;). “Whom having not seen, you love; in whom, though now you see *him* not, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls” (1Pe 1:8-9).

Easter is not to be lost in fairy tales of rabbits, but in the pure truth of the Father loving us so much, that he sent him whom was most precious, to be sacrificed so that we could live with him throughout eternity (Jn. 3:16; 1 Ti. 4:7).

This is a day that God wants all to worship in faith, hope and charity, reflecting the image of his Son in holy worship towards God and love of one another. This is a day of great rejoicing (Lk. 24:52).