## **EASTER**- The Overcoming Power of Love -

Jesus Christ's sacrificial death and life-giving resurrection are one-of-a-kind because God, Who is Love, willingly went through this to forgive our sins and offer relationship to us. Matthew 28:1-10; 1 John 4:8b; John 15:13; John 3:16-17

True, enduring love is not a feeling- it is a <u>choice</u> resulting in action. We know God loves us because of all He did for us. 1 John 3:16; Romans 5:8

- 3 Amazing, Life-changing Benefits We Receive From Jesus Christ's Death and Resurrection
- 1. Jesus Christ rose to give us the joy of <u>forgiveness</u> for our sins and the peace that comes from right standing with God. Romans 4:7; Colossians 1:21-22; Romans 5:1-2
- 2. Jesus Christ rose to give us a rich and meaningful existence by entering our lives and giving us hope in the midst of all of life's circumstances. John 10:10; Psalm 34:18-19; John 16:33
- 3. Jesus Christ rose to give us <u>eternal</u> life; ultimate healing, victory over death and a home with Him forever. 1 John 1:1-4; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; John 14:1-3

only in a relationship with the Risen Savior, Jesus Christ?							


## **Next Week's Reading Guide:**

Acts 1:1-5, Ephesians 3:14-20 Acts 2:1-13 Psalm 27:1-14 Psalm 40:1-5 Psalm 130:1-6 (NIV) Romans 1:16-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. How much peace do you experience knowing you are in right standing before God? Discuss your peace-factor now compared to before knowing Christ.
- 2. Is your life rich and meaningful because of Christ?
  Discuss how knowing Christ has made a difference in the meaningful-factor of your life?
- 3. How does knowing you have eternal life affect the way you live now? How does it affect things like disappointment and sorrow?

