

Just Thinking Apologetics

Well, another Easter has come and gone. Easter is a time when many today don't really reflect on the importance of the day. For many, Easter is only about the Easter Bunny, flowers, candy, and time with family. For the Christian, Easter is the one event that changed the world. In fact, on the Christian worldview, life has no meaning outside of the first Easter. The Apostle Paul states in I Corinthians 15, verse 7, "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins."

I feel many times we (Christians) take lightly our responsibility in following Jesus. Paul again states that Jesus is your life (Col. 3:4). Let me say that again, If you are a Christian then your primary purpose for living is nothing less than putting Jesus first everyday that he gives you to live. Becoming a Christian means denial of self and making Jesus your Lord (Luke 9:23). Making Jesus Lord entails that your whole life is lived for Jesus in every decision that you make.

I would like to close with a quote from a book titled, "The Hole in our Gospel" by the President of "World Vision," Richard Stearns. "We are the carriers of the gospel-the good news that was meant to *change* the world. Belief is not enough. Worship is not enough. Personal morality is not enough. And the Christian community is not enough. God has always demanded *more*... God chose us to be His representatives. He called us to go out, to proclaim the "good news" – to be the "good news" – and to change the world. Living out our faith privately was never meant to be an option."

The only real change that has meaning is when Jesus died for the sins of all, some 2000 years ago. The only question is, "Does your life have true meaning because of the sacrifice of Jesus?"