

What About Easter?

The coming of Easter has, once again, reminded us of the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth from the dead - the greatest fact in all history.

Fact is from the Latin factum, a thing done. Deeds that are performed and the words that are spoken constitute facts. They can be apprehended by the senses of sight and hearing, and testimony may be borne by one who was a witness of them. In turn, that testimony may be believed, if rendered credible, by one who had no knowledge of the acts or statements.

Our relationship to God through Christ is not based upon abstractions or rationalisation, but upon belief of facts. The good news, or gospel, does not consist of a written code, a system of deductions, or a compilation of doctrinal requirements. It is composed of facts related to a person whose entrance into and exit from the material universe brought reconciliation and hope to lost mankind. These facts are seven in number, embracing the life, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, coronation and glorification of the only begotten Son of God. All of these facts are substantiated by the testimony of witnesses, the first five by men chosen and sent into the world, and the last two by the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven.

The facts have been recorded, and were written down, that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and by believing this, we might have life in Him. Jesus must be crowned in our hearts as He has been crowned in heaven. Jesus is the Lord of life. But is He the Lord in your life? The apostle Paul of Jesus once wrote:

"Don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life".

In baptism in water, which consists of the process of immersion, submersion and emergence (from the Greek word bapto, to dip), there is identification with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

Dear reader, do not hesitate to obey the gospel. Do not hesitate to DIE to sin and LIVE for Jesus in the hope of glory.