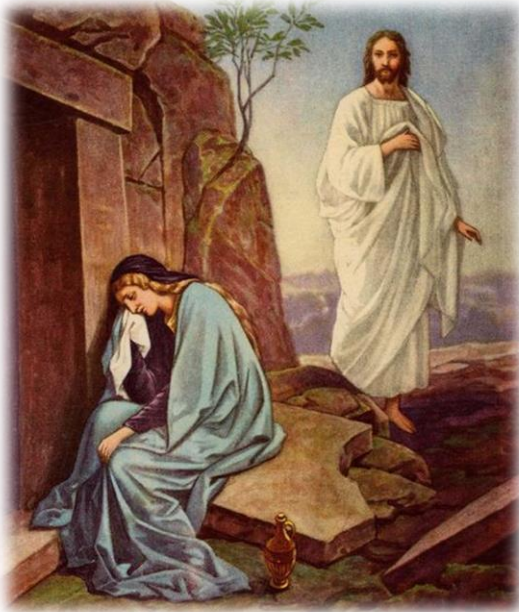


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John 3:16 which is Bible verse most of know well says, ***“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”***

The audacity of Christianity is in proclaiming that there is life after death. The first born of this new life is Jesus Christ himself who was raised after being dead three days. On Easter morning he rose from the dead and by heralding a new era of eternal life for all believers.

Astonishingly true, however, is that eternal life is already present now. Many unfortunately have not discovered this reality through their faith! We have become so earth bound we are blind to seeing the reality of eternal life that is right before us.

The Bible verse from John 3:16 also unveils a hidden message that this life with God is as much qualitative and quantitative. In our March “Gather” magazine for WELCA author Mark Allan Powell says, “it’s not just about life that is eternally long, but also, especially about life that is eternally deep and endless in value and meaning... This eternal life can begin now so we can have a rich and fulfilling life, a life that is truly worth living and a life that never ends.”

This Easter my hope is that we can all celebrate this wonderful victory over the power of death won for us by our Savior Jesus Christ. This is heart and soul of who we are, what we believe, and how we live our life. Let’s celebrate together the reality of eternal life!

**Prayer...Almighty God, we want to live forever but humanly we know this is impossible. Yet through the victory of Jesus Christ you have revealed to us that we can and will live forever in your presence. Grant us a faith to believe in Jesus so we can begin to experience life everlasting now. Guide us to find life fulfilling and meaningful today and every day. In so doing, may our hearts also express our gratitude for your resurrection power and worship you with great joy. In Jesus name, Amen**