

# The Fellowship Room

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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

## **4-03-2017 The Bible Easter**

Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover (**Acts 12:1-4**).

In Moses' Law, the "Days of Unleavened Bread" were associated with "Passover." "Easter" is the name of an idol goddess, and purely pagan in nature, and not "Christian." The word "Easter" does not translate "Passover," but is an Anglo-Saxon calendar word not in the Bible! John commanded,

Keep yourselves from idols (**1 John 5:21**).

And Christians never celebrate an "Easter."

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## **4-04-2017 Is Your Life Real?**

An angel of the Lord led Peter out of prison,

So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. [After leaving the prison without incident,] they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. And when Peter had come to himself, he said, 'Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people' (**Acts 12:9-11**).

What showed Peter this was not a "vision?" The reality of where he ended up, actually out of prison! A video game, movie, TV program, "reality show," or propaganda media are not reality. Peter came to himself, when reality set in. Is your "reality" real?

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## 4-05-2017 Bringing Your Life to God

Jesus described a younger son who:

"... Gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. [When hunger made swine swill look good,] he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you"' (**Luke 15:13-18**).

It was only after harsh reality crashed down on him, no money, no friends, no food, that "he came to himself." Has your life's reality crashed down on you? A broken-down life can only be changed by reality-driven repentance and a return to the God of Heaven. Forgiveness brings change.

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## 4-06-2017 Forgiveness is With God

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared (**Psalms 130:3-4**).

To realize that God knows every sin of ours is to realize that no one is perfect enough by our self to face God without being forgiven. People can try to hide from God, like Adam and Eve who:

... Hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden (**Genesis 3:8**).

People can act like Pharisees who, Jesus said,

"Are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts" (**Luke 16:15**).

Neither works! God's forgiveness changes us.

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you (**Ephesians 4:31-32**).

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## **4-07-2017 Oneida Meeting on Forgiveness**

It is only in Jesus Christ we may have "redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:14). The theme of the entire Bible is "Forgiveness," and that's the theme for every Bible lesson with the Oneida church of Christ.

April 9-12, Clyde Woods, who has taught Bible for 5 decades at University level, will be teaching this theme. Sunday services are at 10 and 11 AM and 6 PM, Monday-Wednesday at 7 PM. His lesson subjects will be:

- What Is Forgiveness?
- Why Does God Forgive?
- Why Do We Need Forgiveness?
- What Does Jesus Teach About Forgiveness?
- What Does Paul Say?
- What Happens When We Do Not Forgive?

The Oneida church of Christ has a "Wall of Forgiveness" as a constant reminder of the meaning and message of Christ. Come with us to learn what God says about our deepest need: "Forgiveness," April 9-12.

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