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1 Corinthians 3:10

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Ephesians 2:20

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No other
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Acts 4:12

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WAY

John 14:6

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POWER

Romans 1:16

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Times of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study:... 10:00am

AM Worship:...11:00am

PM Worship:...6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am

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Welcome

To All Our

Visitors!

What About Easter?

Travis L Quertermous

Today is the day "Christendom" calls Easter Sunday.

Easter, over the years, like many holidays, has become a mixture of the religious and the secular. On the one hand, most denominational churches observe Easter as an annual holy day in honor of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In addition, in some denominations, it is the culmination of a religious season called Lent that also includes such "holy days" as Ash Wednesday and Good Friday among others.

On the other hand, for others, Easter is a secular holiday for kids that includes Easter baskets full of candy, dyeing Easter Eggs, and hunting such eggs left by the Easter Bunny. So what is the truth about Easter? Is it a holy day, a holiday, or heresy?

In churches of Christ, we have generally rejected all "holy days" of human origin like Easter and Christmas. That is why there are no passion plays or sunrise Easter services here at the Dexter Church of Christ. Why take such a view?

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The simple reason is because there is no New Testament authority for such religious holidays. (Note that “Easter” in Acts 12:4 in the KJV is a mistranslation and should be rendered “Passover.”) Hence, the apostles and the Churches of Christ in the New Testament era did not observe Easter. History tells us the practice began about the end of the second century A.D. Lent, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday came along later as other traditions of men.

Jesus warned the religious leaders of his day, ““And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men”” (Matt. 15:9). Likewise, the apostle Paul warned against “will worship” according to the doctrines of men (Col. 2:21-23, ASV). Easter and other such man-made holy days, despite the best of intentions, fall into this category, and so, we reject them as vain worship.

However, in rejecting Easter, that does not mean we reject the resurrection of Christ! In fact, every Sunday is a celebration of the Lord’s death, burial, and resurrection through partaking of the Lord’s Supper. Here is another example where the traditions of men make the word of God void, by substituting an annual celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the weekly communion service taught in Scripture (Acts 20:6-7). Many people even think Easter and Christmas are the only two times they have to go to church!

But let us not throw out the baby with the bathwater. While it is unscriptural to observe Easter as a holy day, it is not wrong to celebrate it as a national holiday. Paul allows us to observe non-religious days (Rom. 14:5-6). Easter egg hunts are not unscriptural in and of themselves. So let us observe Easter as a national holiday, but not as a holy day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 5 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Bible Class immediately following evening Worship
- April 12 – Preach & Eat
- April 26 – Worship @ Eula’s @ 2:00 pm
- April 26 – Song Service @ 6:00 pm
- May 17-21 – Gospel Meeting w/ David B. Smith
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell

Why The Preacher Was Fired

Author Unknown

I don’t know how long he had been at the church when the members noticed. Some think the first time was the night he failed to show up for a committee meeting. The next day he explained that a friend had invited him to a community activity and he “knew you could carry on without me.”

When he missed the first Wednesday night service is a matter of dispute. Some say one day and some another. All agree that there were several times. Not that he ever failed to provide for a speaker. It was just that, well, people kind of expect the preacher to be at the prayer meeting. Often his excuse was “a little job I had to get done at home wasn’t much but it was bugging the wife.”

Then it was Sunday evening he missed. The members do remember that date. Just the week before he had spoken on the necessity of Christian fellowship. “Not forsaking... but exhorting another... as you see the day approaching,” he had quoted. “The fact is,” he explained to a member, “I wasn’t on the program and since my brother had come in and the whole family was home at once, I decided to take time out with them. And I was really tired, and probably wouldn’t have gotten much out of the sermon anyway.”

Probably all would have been forgiven if it hadn’t been for the morning he arrived ten minutes late, after missing Bible class altogether. And that morning he was to be the speaker. He didn’t even give an explanation - just marched up the aisle and went to the front as if nothing had happened. And then, nearly every Sunday, you could almost count on him coming in with the other latecomers.

The whole thing came to a head the morning he didn’t show up for the service at all. He had decided to go for a drive since the leaves were turning and the fall colors were so beautiful. “I thought I’d not be missed since I met so many members on the way.”

It was then that the elders decided to get a dependable minister. “He doesn’t even know what church membership means,” one said. “He doesn’t realize the importance of the church,” said another.

The secretary summed it all up in the meeting of the elders held with the congregation to tell them he would be dismissed. “It is clear he cannot be a minister here if he insists on acting just like the rest of the members...”

Well, thankfully not all the members!