

**Dear Central Members & Global Friends**

**Subject: “ The Passover of the Lord”**

As we find ourselves in the middle of a human crisis with a global pandemic unfolding that is having a devastating human and business impact on many global communities, let us demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit during this time by being thoughtful, kind, caring and serving our community in some way. God is always present on the scene during a human crisis. We are not able to trace Him, but we certainly can always trust Him!!

Despite all the chaos that may be going on around us, remember this is also Holy Week and as I pen this letter to you, today is Holy Thursday. I want to take a moment to remind us of the significance of this week that has dramatically shaped your future forever if you are a believer.

Holy Week is the last week of Lent, the week immediately preceding Resurrection Sunday. As you are aware it begins with Palm Sunday identifying the Passion of the Lord and concludes with the Triduum. Triduum comes from two Latin words; tres and dies that means a space of three days. Therefore, the Easter Triduum begins at sundown on Holy Thursday, continues with Good Friday and concludes with the highpoint of Resurrection Sunday. During this time period we celebrate the passion of Jesus’ sacrificial death in which he submitted himself in humility to dying on our behalf.

It is so easy this time of the year to celebrate these days as a historical commemoration, but we are doing for more than recalling historical facts. What Jesus did for us has consequences for all of us, globally at times. His life, death, and resurrection happened to him, but they also happen to all of us who claim to be his followers. These days, then, are a reminder and celebration of who we ourselves are and what our own lives are about.

As we celebrate the passion of Jesus’ passing, we actually celebrate the same passing over in our own lives. Jesus’ self-sacrifice opened the way for us to share in new life. But this does require our own cooperation in God’s divine plan of salvation. We must pass over our lives and allow them to be placed into God’s hands and imitate the self-giving of God’s Son. This is the way to life. “It is the Passover of the Lord.” How well are you really doing in this regard as a believer??

Sincerely Your Brother and Fellow Servant in Christ!!

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