

HOLIDAYS AND CHOCOLATE OR LIFE

Many of us don't want to give up the chocolate and we really feel the need for a holiday even if they don't satisfy.

But giving up eternal life that does satisfy, just to live in the same dissatisfied condition leaves a person with sad consequences. God gave His Son for you.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

We can leave the chocolate on a shelf or ignore a holiday offer. But don't ignore or say no to God's offer of everlasting life, after all...

...if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:36

So you can say...

...thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



1 Corinthians 15:57

God has done everything for your good, are you willing to believe Him?

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EASTER

Holidays & Chocolate?



WHAT IS EASTER?

How do you think of it;
just another holiday?

Marks the Spring break?

A chance for companies to sell us cards,
holidays and more chocolate?

Looking after the children all day while they
are off school?

Isn't Christianity taking
over some very old pagan
practises?

When did it start?

What is it really
about?

Do Holidays and
Chocolate satisfy?



EASTER GREETINGS FROM



THE HAPPINESS FACTOR

Everybody is looking for things that make them feel happy and satisfied. The advertisements from the chocolate manufacturers try to tell us that what they are selling will do this. Like most things in life the chocolate runs out and so does the feel good factor.

But Jesus says...

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God does offer a lasting sense of well-being, security and peace.

The fear of (respect for) the LORD leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

Proverbs 19:23

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalms 107:8,9



WHY AM I DISSATISFIED?

The chocolate finishes and holidays come to an end.

Each has a down side. The chocolate leaves us with the effects of too many calories and the holiday leaves us short of money. The lack of a relationship with God is the real reason we feel dissatisfied.

But your iniquities (sins) have separated you from your God...

Isaiah 59:2

The reason that we don't have a relationship with God is because we do things that are against Him. He groups the wrong things and the lack of a relationship with Him and calls it sin.

There are all sorts of things in our lives that reveal this.

...out of the heart (the essential self) come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

Matthew 15:19

None of us need anyone to tell us what we already know about ourselves.

We are all like 'closet chocolate eaters'.

Help please!



SATISFACTION PROVIDED

Yes, it takes more than a holiday or chocolate to satisfy. For God's righteousness to be satisfied a price must be paid. A person must die for the sin, but for a person to have a relationship with God and fulfil their purpose, they need life. Therefore the life needs to come from someone who does not need to die. So...

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:6



Jesus came that He could die the death you should die.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness...

1 Peter 2:24

He rose again showing that the debt has been paid.

When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.

Acts 3:26

LENT - THE TIME OF ABSTINENCE

Lent is a time when some people stop eating things as a sign that they are sorry for the things they have done which are not up to God's standard.

We all know that chocolate has a lot of calories and is not that healthy. In the same way that we stop eating chocolate for our health, we can turn from our acts against God. In place of our dissatisfaction and failure God offers the satisfying everlasting life that we really need.

For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:33-35

Would you like the real thing instead of the temporary and fake?

