

Debt Free

Surely none of us would choose to live under the burden of overwhelming debt if we knew that someone was willing and able to cancel it for us. Yet this is the very situation that so many of us are facing today. And it's against this backdrop that Easter stands as the greatest act of love the world has ever known...

...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

And in becoming one of His true followers the risen Christ Jesus promises us everlasting security...

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

John 11:25, 26

At the end of the day it won't really matter if we've tried to live a decent life... if we've left Him out of it. Yet how easily we can fail to recognise the scale of the peril facing us...

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18



This Easter, why not see past the chocolate eggs and respond to God's ultimate debt penalty carried out for you and for me.



Easter The Best Debt Relief

Drowning in Debt

There's no doubt about it 'live now and pay later' has been the guiding principle for so many of us in recent years. That's because credit, which used to be so widely available, took the '*waiting out of wanting!*'

And yet how easily the debts have piled up, to the point where many of us struggle to keep our heads above water.

But then there's another form of debt which affects each one of us, a hidden debt far more serious than money and a debt to which only Easter has the answer.



Debt Awareness

If we're to understand the greatest debt that each of us owes we must first accept that our lives are not our own. We were created by God for His pleasure and therefore He has the right to order our daily living...

...God, for whom and through whom everything exists.

Hebrews 2:10

Yet how natural it is for us to resent the very suggestion that anyone should tell us how to live, especially as for many of us His very existence is at best, open to question. This is despite the fact that...



The earth is the LORD's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Psalms 24:1

Through our unbelieving, self-centred nature we prefer to reject what He says in favour of the 'my way' principle. For this reason we cannot have and enjoy the personal relationship with God which He has planned for us for...

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

Isaiah 59:2

But the glorious truth of Easter is that God has made it possible for us to be 'put right' with Him.

Debt Relief

If we're really honest with ourselves we'd have to admit that it's difficult enough to live up to our own standards, let alone those of our Maker.

If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

And therefore no matter how well ordered our finances are or how respectable our public image is, we all stand in need of 'debt relief'...

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23

In our self-reliance and self-sufficiency we ignore the debt of love and loyalty which we owe Him.

Yet we also fail to recognise the consequences of offending Him in this way... which are as serious as they come...

...people are destined to die once and after that to face judgment.

Hebrews 9:27

Amazingly, God in His great mercy offers us a form of 'debt relief' beyond all other.



Debt Penalty

By living a perfect life in this world, God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, was 'good enough to pay the price of sin' when He died on our behalf that very first Easter on the Cross of Calvary. This was God in the form of man taking the punishment we deserve – paying the debt He didn't owe to cancel the debt we could never pay.

Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

1 Peter 3:18

Of course, this doesn't mean we have peace with God automatically. We must seek His forgiveness, turn away from all we know to be wrong and ask the risen Christ Jesus into our lives as Saviour and Lord.

And we'll also be given a brand new start in life...

...if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Along with the necessary motivation and power to live a new lifestyle, pleasing to Him.



Debt Recovery

In the world of personal finance there are many strategies by which we can escape crippling levels of debt. But when it comes to matters of everlasting life and death there is only one way to find peace with God. In the words of Christ Jesus Himself...

...I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

Although the price of our salvation was paid by the Lord Jesus that first Easter, the 'benefits' of this can only be ours when received as a free gift. There is nevertheless a cost involved in becoming one of His true followers... the cost of commitment...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Luke 9:23-24

