

The background features a bright yellow sun with rays on the right side, set against a dark, textured ground. A circular emblem is centered, containing the word 'Easter' in a white script font with a gold cross integrated into the letter 't'. Below 'Easter' is the text 'sermon series' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A crown of thorns is depicted around the bottom and sides of the circular emblem.

Easter
sermon series

Giving Up Your Life

John 10:10

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly.”

What is the opposite of **LIFE**?
What is the opposite of **ABUNDANT**?



Ephesians 2:1-3

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.”



Romans 3:9-20

“What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God.

All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.



Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.

Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes.”



Romans 2:5

“But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.”



John 3:36

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”



Ephesians 2:4-5

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Jesus, Our **Savior** and **Redeemer**

- **Sacrifice:** Hebrew 9:26
- **Propitiation:** 1 John 4:10
- **Reconciliation:** 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
- **Redeemer:** Mark 10:45, 1 John 5:19, Heb 2:15, Col 1:13, Romans 6:11-14



Abundant Life – Ephesians 2:4-10

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,



so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”



Our Awakening

1. We are regenerated
2. We are given the gift of faith
3. We are given salvation
4. We are given Eternal Life
5. We are equipped for kingdom work



The Sin of Unbelief

Unbelief is to not trust in or believe, or to doubt the **promises of God**.

It is at times a bizarre paradoxical place of both belief and unbelief in which the saint acknowledges that God's word is true, but struggles or lacks the spiritual maturity to trust or live in its reality.



Mark 9:17-27

“And someone from the crowd answered him, ‘Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.’ And he answered them,



‘O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.’ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, ‘How long has this been happening to him?’ And he said, ‘From childhood.’



And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But **if** you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.’ And Jesus said to him, “**If you can**”! All things are possible for one who believes.’ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it,



‘You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.’ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, ‘He is dead.’ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.”



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Hebrews 3:12

“Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.”



Giving Up Unbelief

Repent.

At the root of unbelief is **pride**

James 4:6

“But he gives more grace. Therefore it says,
‘God opposes the **proud**, but gives grace to the
humble.”



Reach Out For **Help** - From The Lord

Mark 9:24

“Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’”

1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”



Reach Out For **Help** – From the Body

Galatians 6:2

“Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

James 5:16

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”



Remind yourself of the **Gospel** daily

Psalm 103:12

“As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

Isaiah 43:25

“I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.”



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Isaiah 53:6

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”



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Romans 4:7-8

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”



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Romans 8:1

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”



Wrestle To Believe!

Colossians 4:12

“Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.”



Community

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Be inviters.

Be proclaimers.

Be prayers.



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