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Easter Special Message

Hi GFA'ers,

It seems only a few short while ago we were preparing the Christmas newsletter and getting ready for the National Conference. Now it is nearly Easter, NC12 has been had with great memories created, fantastic teachings taught...

We also suspect classes have started or are being planned, the National Overseeing Team are getting used to Bill & Joan having stepped down, State Teams are planning camps and other activities and this year is going as fast if not faster than the last one (at least that is how it is in our family). So, how about this Easter we take an extra moment and remember GRACE and make sure that our children truly understand that Easter is fundamental to our faith.

We have found using God's Riches At Christ's Expense is a simple start to explaining what the cross and Easter is about.

Well, wherever and however you celebrate Easter we trust that it will build great family memories.

Geoff & Alicia

on behalf of the National Overseeing Team



As you walk along the road...

Some discussion pointers on what do you get with a relationship with Jesus.

- Rock solid love (*Rom 8:35, Jn 3:16*)
- Rock solid power (*Phil 4:13*)
- Rock solid source of guidance
- Rock solid assurance of life
- Rock solid never to be reversed pardon

Think about the parable of the house built on the rock and then the one built on the sand. The Rock is Jesus, the sand is our "wisdom".



GLUE AND DUCT TAPE

A man dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in.

"Okay," the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."
 "That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"
 "Three points?" He says.

"Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service." Terrific!" Says St. Peter. "That's certainly worth a point." "One point!!!

I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans." "Fantastic, that's good for two more points," he says. "Two points!!!" Exasperated, the man cries,

"At this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God."

"Bingo, 100 points! Come on in!"

Think about it, we often try to fix problems with glue and duct tape. God did it with nails – THAT'S GRACE.

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