

# THAT'S WHAT "EASTER" MEANS TO ME

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**1 PETER 1:3-5 NKJV** – (3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, (5) who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

I will now share a story that was shared with me. Perhaps you have seen it, but please read the entire meditation. I was at TJ Maxx today and heard a loud crash and something shattering. Being nosy, I walked towards the sound and saw some people whispering and looking back to the end of the next aisle. When I walked down that aisle, I saw that an older lady had hit a shelf and many things had fallen to the ground and broken. She was kneeling on the floor embarrassed, frantically trying to clean up. I felt so bad for her.

Everyone was just standing there staring at her. So I went and knelt beside her and told her not to worry and started helping her pick up the broken pieces. After about a minute, the store manager came and knelt beside us and said, "Leave it, we will clean this up." The lady, totally embarrassed said, "I need to pay for all this." The manager smiled, helped her to her feet and said, "No ma'am, we have insurance for this, you do not have to pay anything!" If you have read this far, give me another minute.

Wherever you are, close your eyes, and imagine God doing the same for you! Imagine the broken pieces of your mistakes or the pieces of your broken heart from all the blows life has thrown at you all over the floor and you're there trying to collect all of the pieces and fix them yourself. Now imagine God comes and kneels right down beside you, smiles and says to you, "Leave it all there, I will clean this up for you." He loves you that much and wants to put all of those pieces back together if you will let Him! With Him we have this insurance and it's called **GRACE!** It's free! All you have to do is ask Him to forgive you, help you, and to heal you.

This is what Easter or Resurrection Day means to me.....

## "Salvation"

Peter describes this salvation as a new birth into a living hope, which is a positive expectation about the future. When we were born the first time, it was into a dead hope. We were born to die. But, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, there's a better future on the horizon. Peter is telling us that we have an inheritance (which includes our rewards for faithfulness and loyalty to the King and His kingdom) that is never-ending. Have you ever made a hotel reservation only to discover that the hotel had no record of it when you showed up? That won't happen with this reservation because it is kept in heaven. No one can take it, lose it or even hack it out of God's heavenly computer.

Not only is our inheritance in safekeeping, but we are eternally secure, we are being guarded by God's power for the salvation that has come. If a person is truly born again, they are not going anywhere. Not because of our power to hold on to God, but because God has an omnipotent grip on those who are saved and He won't let go! He will pick up the pieces. He will and has paid the bill. It's ok to cry. Don't be ashamed of your mess. Get up cause He's got it!  
**(ROMANS 10:10-11)**

**SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 12:25**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation upon which sincere and meaningful repentance must be built.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"