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**I am he that liveth,  
and was dead; and,  
behold, I am alive  
for evermore,  
Amen; and have the  
keys of hell and of  
death.**

**Revelation 1:18  
(King James Study Bible)**



## **EASTER BREAK APRIL 10 – 14, 2006**

As we celebrate this miraculous time of year, let's also not forget the awesome price that Jesus Christ of Lord paid for us – paid for the redemption of our sins.

**Thank you God!**

**TLBC Offices** will be closed April 10 – 14 to allow the staff to work on several special projects.

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## **Easter, What Does It Mean To You?**



My thoughts on Revelation 1:18,

By Denise Thurman

Jesus stepped out of Glory and onto the cross (**died**) for me, and you. He who was without any sin, walked this earth and watched sin. He witnessed poverty, sickness, hatred, adultery, and murderers. He witnessed everything that He was against. He saw **Me** before the foundation of the world and said, **"I Love her"** in all of her sinful ways; lying, cheating, hatred, hurting, bitterness, jealousy,

envy, backbiting, fornicating. He hung on the cross for **me** and took a beating that I could not even image or think of bearing. Then **He rose** from the dead; went to hell and snatched the keys so that I (me & you) would choose life (HIM).

Am I worthy, you ask? Are you? Jesus lived, died, and rose again so that we may live with him forever and ever if we chose Him. So, when He chose to step down from glory we were made worthy.

## **God's Love**

by Inoke Waqavesi

When we look at the world around us, sometimes it's difficult to understand the unfairness of life. It's not fair that the young should suffer. It's not fair that the innocent should go hungry. Nor is it fair that a God should have to come to earth and hang on his own cross to protect us from the evil one. It's not fair . . . but that's love. And, that's God.

God's love for you is not dependant on how you look, how you think, how you act or how perfect you are. His love is absolutely non-negotiable and non-returnable. Ours is a faithful God. No matter what you do, no matter how far you fall, no matter how ugly you become. God has a relentless, undying, unfathomable, unquenchable love for which you cannot be separated. Ever.

Run to Jesus. Jesus wants you to go to him.

He wants to become the most important person in your life, the greatest love you'll ever know. He wants you to love him so much that there's no room in your heart and in your life for sin. Invite him to take up residence in your heart. (Max Lucado.) It was once said, "oh, to be so young again and to know what I know now." Such is the repetitiveness of life. To know this God that we serve is to love him, and to love him is to know him.

For you, the youth of today, God's love is never ending, you may have questions right now in your life that are unanswered, but rest assured that "He knows your name, He knows you're every thought, He sees each tear that falls, and He hears you when you call." In going through your journey as a youth, be rest assured that God is looking for you to fall in love with him.

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## DEATH OF A CHRISTIAN: DISMISSED

By Paul Pellandini



(AP Photo/Ariana Television via AP Television News)

*Abdul Rahman, an Afghan man who converted from Islam to Christianity.*

(CBS) KABUL, *Afghanistan*. The courts dismissed the case against Abdul Rahman, an Afghan man who converted to Christianity 16 years ago. The prosecutors wanted to sentence Abdul to death based upon Islamic law that forbids changing their faith, but the constitution of Afghanistan states religious freedom. A freedom which is a vital part of democracy.

“The court dismissed today the case against Abdul Rahman for a lack of information and a lot of legal gaps in the case,” an official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. There was also talk that Abdul Rahman has mental problems. This information was given out by one of Rahman’s daughters. This mental issue will allow the Afghan courts to “save face” by having him declared incompetent before being released and flown out of the country.

In the meantime, Rahman is under high-security, as inmates have threatened to kill him.

Here is the cool part. This man has given his life to Christ. He knew the penalty was death. He didn’t care. Abdul Rahman even stated, “If I must die, I will die. Somebody, a long time ago, did it for all of us...” **GOD TOOK CARE OF THIS MAN. HE WAS READY TO DIE FOR JESUS! Are you??**

We here in America don’t have persecution like this. **BUT GET READY BECAUSE JESUS SAID HE WOULD RETURN** and the whole world could go nuts tomorrow and you might be asked to die or denounce your faith. Are you as strong in your faith as Abdul? I hope I am!

Italy granted asylum Wednesday to Rahman, and the Italian premier said he had arrived in Italy earlier in the day.

## Broken Open

By Cathrine Whalen

Jesus suffered excruciating pain just for us. The Roman soldiers whipped him unmercifully and nailed him to the cross. According to the “Crucifixion of Jesus” (<http://www.allaboutjesuschrist.org/crucifixion.htm>) during the scourging, “his skin was ripped from his back exposing (a) bloody mass of tissue and bone.” These whips weren’t ordinary whips; they had pieces of bone and metal on the tips in order to shred the skin. The object was to make the victim suffer without any relief. The nails that were used weren’t ordinary nails. They were “7 inches long and 3/8 of an inch in diameter.” These spikes were not driven into his palms. “When the spikes were driven into Jesus’ wrists, they would hit the median nerve, causing shocks of pain up the arms to the shoulder and the neck.”

What horrible pain that he endured just because he loved us so very much. We know how pain affects us and how all we can think of at the time is for the pain to cease. How much more did Jesus go through when he could have had God rescue him at any time? Dear friends, think about his sacrifice and the brokenness he experienced just so he could set us free.

When Jesus was resurrected from

the dead, his scars remained. These scars are a reminder of the hell he went through while wearing human flesh. He understands us because he knows what it is to hurt and feel human pain.

Jennifer Kennedy Dean states in [When You Hurt and When He Heals](#), “Hurting people are doubting the life of Christ in us, you and me... unless I see your scars I cannot trust your message of hope and resurrection.” God gave me a vision where I saw myself covered with cracks. Out of my broken places seeped the oil of anointing. It is through our brokenness and past pains that we are able to minister to others. Healing for them is able to take place when we are willing to lay open and bare our pain. It is in the places where I am broken that the power of Christ is authenticated in me for others... I can say “Look at my wounds, touch my scars. I have death wounds but I am alive.” Not only are we alive but also we have an awesome testimony to give unto others about how he pulled us through and his greatness through many trials. Allow you broken to be seen, so that the oil of the anointing can pour out of our “cracks” to heal the cracks in others.



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## God's Love, *continued from page 1*

Just as your attraction is for the opposite sex is in the "natural" apparent to one, so is the attraction for God in the "spiritual" to be apparent to you and others.

### Natural

1. Loss of appetite
2. Inability to sleep
3. Loss of all other interests.
4. Desire only for the companionship of the loved one.
5. Others will easily notice a lovesick person.

### Spiritual

1. Fasting
2. Enthusiasm (zeal)
3. Focused on God.
4. Prayer
5. To see Jesus in you.

When you're feeling like you've lost all sense of

hope, and you think that nobody knows or cares about you, he cares and he knows. And I would just like to encourage you, the young woman that is reading this right now, the young man that is reading this right now, wait for him! It easy right now for you in your life to know what God wants for you in your life. But less can be said of knowing God's time for those things in your life. I would like to encourage you right now by quoting from the book of Isaiah 40:31:

"But those who wait on the Lord  
Shall renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
They shall run and not be weary,  
They shall walk and not faint."



## The Crucifixion and The Resurrection

By Andrew D. Johnson

In this time of year, we celebrate the two most important events in history. We celebrate the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross, and His resurrection. As students of Scripture, we hopefully know the significance of these events.

Christ's death on the cross did much more than animal sacrifices that merely covered a person's sins. His death paid in full the price of our sin and appeased God's wrath against our sin. Christ's death was not just another sacrifice made under the old covenant system; rather, it was the inauguration of the new covenant, making the ceremonial and harsh judicial ordinances of the old covenant obsolete (Hebrews 8-10). The author of Hebrews pictures Jesus offering His own blood in a "heavenly sanctuary", that is "heaven itself." (NIV) Rather than offering His blood repeatedly, "Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of the people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him." (Hebrews 9:28 NIV)

That Christ rose from the dead showed that the offering of His blood pleased the Father. In Paul's words, "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification." (Romans 4:25 NIV) Had Jesus not risen then, as Paul asserts in 1 Corinthians 15, our faith is in

vain. Not merely because it would expose Jesus as just another false messiah, but because as Paul indicates above, our justification is dependent on whether Christ rose. Without the resurrection, there is no real hope. For if God had not raised Christ, how could we be confident that God would raise us? How could we have any sense of justification if Jesus did not rise? Yet because Jesus did rise, and is alive to this day, we can be confident without doubt that God will also raise us up at the Lord's return. Not only so, but we can be assured that Christ's offering of Himself was sufficient to take away sin, and effective in making us righteous before God.

Some may emphasize one event over the other, but the truth is that both the death and resurrection are equally vital to the gospel. Without His crucifixion, our sins could not be taken away "once for all." Of course, without a death, there is no rising from death. Yet, if Jesus had died as He did and not risen, then His death was for nothing. Without either event, our faith would be misplaced. However, because Jesus did die and because He did rise, our faith is well placed in Him. Take time during the week to reflect on what these events mean for you. Consider what Christ suffered for all of us on the cross. Then consider and rejoice in the glory of His resurrection.



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## Call To Action!

Gay and Lesbian Day Of Silence?  
By Jennifer Johnson

While listening to a morning talk show hosted by Eric Hogue, I was shocked by what he was saying. On April 6, 2006 Sacramento Unified School District will vote to elect April 26 as the *Day Of Silence*, "to recognize the silencing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning people due to discrimination everyday in our society."

If you live within the Sacramento Unified School District, especially if you have school-aged children, you need to attend this meeting. The Sacramento Unified School District's phone number is 916 643-7400, the meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> will be at 6:00pm and will be held in the Serna Center Community room at 5734 - 47<sup>th</sup> Ave. This is our chance; no this is our responsibility to say that we do not want this kind of behavior in our public school system.

## Bible-based Truth

By Temesha Koontz

Tell the truth; and, yes, start with yourself. If you are struggling in area, repent and then work on it. Have you ever counseled with someone and you can sense in your spirit that they are not telling the truth? The biggest problem the people face in counseling sessions is the truth. Some of them distort the truth and lie to themselves. Some of them believe it's easier to believe the lie rather than deal with facts and truth. As Christians, we are called to preach and minister the word in truth and in love. When trying to reach the truth, those being counseled may respond by saying that you don't love them, and it's because they don't want to face the truth. If we remain Bible based and Spirit-focused they may accuse you of being judgmental; but you still need to speak out in love and remain confident when God speaks.

There are people who believe the Bible, as a whole, is not true; and, if we believe in the Bible, then we are crazy. We can't let any opposition stop us from preaching the Bible in its entirety. I am so happy God gives me peace when I obey him. I want to encourage every reader to TELL THE TRUTH AND DON'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR IT. You maybe called radical by onlookers. You maybe mistreated. But, tell the truth. Jesus Christ was called a radical, and crucified on the cross for what he said. Most of the original disciples were labeled heretics and also put to death for spreading the truth of God's Good News [the Gospel]. So, what are a few mild words and accusations compared to that? Tell the truth. Don't wavier in your faith. Don't let your feelings control you. Just let the spirit of the living GOD be your guide!

## Word Find Puzzle

Called to Be Holy

1 Peter 1:13-25

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ADDRESS	FLOWER	IMPARTIALLY
BELIEVERS	FOREFATHERS	INHERITED
COMPLETELY	FOREKNOWN	MINDS
CONFORMED	FOUNDATION	OBEDIENCE
ENDURES	FUTILE	PERISHABLE
ENDURING	GRASS	