



Easter Sunday
Freedom Through The Empty Tomb
Mike Higley/Lead Pastor — April 1, 2018
Key Passage: Luke 24:1-12

AS A BELIEVER IN JESUS, YOU ARE A NEW **CREATION!**

2Co 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

2Co 5:18 *All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ Jesus... (NIV)*

AS A BELIEVER IN JESUS, YOU ARE GIVEN A NEW **FAMILY!**

Eph 2:19 *So then you are no longer foreigners and noncitizens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household...*

AS A BELIEVER IN JESUS YOU ARE GIVEN A NEW **FREEDOM!**

Rom 6:17 *But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance.*

Rom 6:18 *You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.*

And in a contrast--

Rom 6:20 *When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.*

John 8:36 *So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*

Satan's Roadblocks

DOUBT

FEAR

Luke 12:32 *"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father is well pleased to give you the kingdom."*

2 Timothy 1:7 *"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (ESV)*

SHAME

Rom 7:24 *What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death[and slavery]?*

Rom 7:25 *Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

GUILT

Rom 4:25 *He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*

UNFORGIVENESS TOWARD OTHERS

Mat 6:14 *For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

Mat 6:15 *But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

PEER PREASURE

Galatians 1:10 *"Am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ."*

1 Thessalonians 2:4 *"As we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts."*

