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Grace Notes Radio Program
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INTRO: What does Easter mean to you? Is it a time to get out the Easter baskets, shop for clothes, and have your kids' picture taken with the Easter Bunny? Well, that may be what some people do, but the actual meaning of the 'Easter' is 'a day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ'. Today, on Grace Notes, Barbara Sandbek will share some important information about this special day. So stay tuned, it could change your life.

***** WAS IT A MORNING ** 3:16**

Spring is my favorite season - a time of new beginnings. Winter's drudgery is behind us and there are signs of life again – baby animals, birds returning, budding flowers. In fact, both of my children were born in the spring.

But the most important blessing of spring is Easter - God's provision of a new beginning for mankind.

You see, what man needs most is to be forgiven by his Creator – to be spiritually reborn.

Roman 3:23 says...

For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God.

Romans 6:23 says...

The wages of sin is death but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 3:16 speaks of this GIFT. It says...

For God so loved the world that He GAVE His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

We've all turned our backs on God. There's nothing we could, or even would do, to merit God's love. But God commended His love to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

The apostle Peter is a picture of us all. He lived with Jesus for three years during His earthly ministry. He heard His profound words - he saw His miracles, yet even he denied Him. Peter needed forgiveness, but more than that, he needed proof that Christ had the power to forgive his sin. He found that proof through Christ's resurrection. Listen to his story...

**** HE'S ALIVE *** 4:25**

The difference between Christianity and all other religions is that we serve a LIVING SAVIOR - not a dead leader.

Jesus said in John 11:25...

"I AM the resurrection and the life, he that believes in Me, though he were dead yet shall he live, and whosoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

If Christ wasn't raised from the dead, we'd be lost in our sin..unforgiven. When we believe in Jesus, Romans 5:9-10 says...

- . We're JUSTIFIED by Christ's BLOOD (Just as if we've never sinned)**
- . We're RECONCILED to God by Christ's DEATH**
- . We're SAVED because CHRIST ever LIVES to make intercession for us.**

We become part of God's family. John 1:12 says...

But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name.

**We are God's gift to Jesus, for His work on Calvary!
I never realized how much it meant to Jesus until I read Luke 15:10.
It says...**

**There is rejoicing in the PRESENCE of the ANGELS of God over ONE
sinner who repents.**

**Jesus didn't die for ANGELS - they can't appreciate salvation.
So who's rejoicing? It's JESUS in front of the angels! And over EACH
person who receives Him!**

**Won't you join His family today by asking Jesus to be your Savior?
Easter will never be the same for you again. You can celebrate your
resurrection to new life.**

**The angels told the glorious news on that Easter morn, but I bet Jesus
was ringing the bells for sure!**

***** EASTER SONG *** 2:24**

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