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# Redemption Bible Chapel Women's Ministry



# 1 Corinthians 15:14

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

### Why is it called Good Friday?

Linguists suggest a few possibilities.

During biblical times, "good" may have referred to "holy." The "good" may have also been derived from "God," as in "God's Friday." Around the world, Good Friday can be referred to as Sacred Friday, Passion Friday, and Long Friday.

What we do know is that Good Friday brought public mockery, sorrow, and death for Christ. Yet for those who believe in Him, it was the ultimate sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins, followed by the resurrection which meant victory over sin and death.

And that's truly "good" news!

Easter Weekend Services:

Good Friday: 9 am 11 am

Easter Sunday:

8 am 10 am

12 pm

# Hello spring!

Last weekend was Daylight Savings which means more light during the evening hours. It also means that spring is just around the corner!

Who doesn't love spring? In fact, it's my favourite season of all. I love the green grass, the early blooms, and the warmer temperatures. I love to pull out my garden furniture, clean off my front porch, and enjoy time out there sipping a coffee or reading a book.

For Christians, spring should be the most exciting time of all. Why? It's the time of year when we celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the very foundation of everything that we believe.

In 1 Peter 1:3-5, we read these words: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Peter goes on to explain that even amid suffering, we can still rejoice because of our salvation. Christ not only saves us but sustains us. Christ not only provides victory over sin during this lifetime but will one day have victory over sin and death forever.

What trial are you walking through today? Looking at our problems through the lens of the Gospel helps us to see things from God's point of view. Our circumstances may not change yet we can still know deep-seeded joy as the Lord grows and purifies our faith. One day our salvation will be made complete. The resurrection means that believers will experience a future resurrection when Christ comes again. This should incite us to spend our time on earth displaying the glory of God as we look ahead to our eternal hope.

So, as we approach Good Friday and Easter Sunday, we should do so with hearts full of thankfulness and praise. There's no better time of year for the Christian to celebrate! Because of Jesus, we are God's beloved children and heirs. God has given us everything we need to live this life with faithfulness and endurance as we look ahead to all He promises to those who follow Him.

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# Resource Recommendations

# Girls Gone Wise in a World Gone Wild

By Mary Kassien



Flourish: How the Love of Christ Frees Us from Self-Focus By Lydia Brownback



## The Bible Project Podcast



# What's happening in Women's Ministry?



"When you Pray" is a seven-session Bible Study which studies six prayers of the Bible, all taught by some of our favourite Bible teachers. The study runs from March 26th to May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Register here: www.rbclondon.ca/women



Our Spring Brunch event will be a morning of teaching, testimonies, singing, fellowship and some great food! We hope you can join us on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

Registration opens on March 21st.

# Save the dates!

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm

Mom's Nom's Night Out: "Making Friends, Keeping Friends" (Registration opens on April 4<sup>th</sup>.)

June 7th - 8th

Radiant Conference: "Abundant Life in Christ" (Registration opens on April 1st.)



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