

"When anyone is united to Christ, (there) is a new world! The old order has gone, and a new order has already begun" - II Co 5:17 (NEB)

Becoming Christian Involves a Radical Move from One "World" to Another
...a very real world of life together with God and with one another

The Easter World Is the World of Oneness with God - I Co 6:17

- In Christ we find the power that joins us to God - Jo 17:24
...we enter into the world of God life as God's life enters into us - Jo 1:12
- In Christ we find the power of indestructible life - Heb 7:16,25
...the life that overcomes death and conquers evil - Acts 2:24; Ga 1:4; II Tim 4:18; I Jo 5:18

The Easter World Is the World of Indwelling God Life - Col 1:27; Ga 2:20

- In God's economy, identity is determined by spiritual nature - Eph 2:3;; II Pet 1:4
...we are always what God says we are
- A change in nature requires a death and a life - Ro 6:3-11
...the word of the cross: "Let there be death"
...the word of the resurrection: "Let there be life"

The Easter World Is the World of the Church - I Co 12:13-14; I Cor 12:27

- The church is an earthly community - Matt 6:10
...a passion for what is possible on earth because Christ is with us
- The church is an ethical community - II Co 5:14
...our motive for how we live is love - I Jo 4:7-8

The Easter World Is the World of Purpose and Meaning - Ro 8:28

- Nothing is wasted - Ps 119:91; Eph 5:20; Ja 1:2-4
...God is making Himself known to and/or through us
- Each of us has a meaningful vocation - Jo 20:21
...to tell His story with our life - Acts 1:8