

Spring is in the air! Bulbs push through the soil. Flowers colour the garden. Birds return. Nature surrounds us with new life, hope and promise.

The world seems to be looking forward, not backward: and Easter has come.

Our lives are like the seasons; sometimes dull and overcast like winter. At other times bright and sunny like summer; but when we can look forward to something better, something new, then it is like spring.

So it's Easter: and what else do we think about? Jesus' death and resurrection! And this is very good news, for not only did He die and was buried but after three days He came back to life.

Here is what the disciple John wrote, "On the evening of that first day of the week,, when the disciples were together...Jesus came and stood among them and said, `Peace be with you!' After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord." This proved to the disciples that after His death, Jesus came back to life. The disciple Paul also wrote about this, "Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised on the third day".

These quotes from the Bible remind us that the death and resurrection of Jesus bring knowledge of sin and the offer of forgiveness from God. Jesus Himself spoke about being "born again". Like spring it is a new birth, a new beginning and a new life with purpose, hope and the promise of God; something better for each of us who trust in Him.

Again Paul writes "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." Jesus Christ.

Bible quotations from: John 20:19-20; I Corinthians 15:3-4;
2 Corinthians 5:11; John 10:10.

And the good news is that we can all have something to look forward to.

Promise!
Hope!
New life!