

April 2010

"...your life is hidden with
Christ in God."

Colossians 3:3b

Upcoming Events

April 4th
*Resurrection
Sunday*

April 5th-9th
*TMS Spring
Break*

**Looking
Ahead...**

May 9th
*TMS
Graduation*

May 22nd
*GCC Women's
Spring Event*
Speaker:
Mary Mohler

Register at
www.gracechurch.org

the distaff

"She stretches out her hands to the distaff..." Proverbs 31:19a

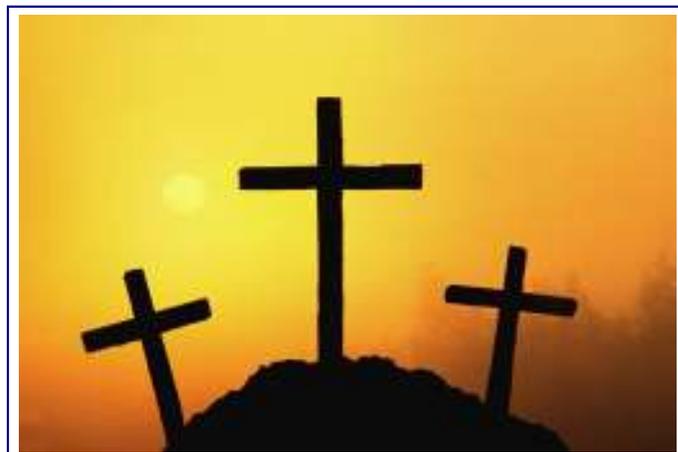
Behold The Lamb

By Mark Altrogge

Behold the Lamb,
Silent before His accusers
As thorns are pressed into His brow.
They lift Him up,
Oh, see the spikes that hold Him,
Redeeming blood flows down.
But look again,
The cross stands empty now
And He is risen.

Behold the Lamb,
Carrying all our transgressions,
He freely takes our place;
Endures the lash,
The mocking and the laughter
Of those He dies to save.
But look again,
The cross stands empty now
And He is risen.

Behold the Lamb,
See Him crowned with glory.
Behold the Lamb,
Cast your crowns before Him
Crying, "Holy , Holy is the Lamb."



Recipes

Reuben Party Spread

Submitted by Alicia Bauer, wife of TMS student Eric Bauer

1 pound fully cooked ham, chopped
4 cups (1 pound) shredded Swiss cheese
1 can (8 oz.) sauerkraut, drained
½ cup Thousand Island salad dressing
Cocktail rye bread

In microwave-safe bowl, combine the ham, cheese, sauerkraut and salad dressing. Cover and microwave on high for one to one and a half minutes or until cheese is melted, stirring once. Serve on rye bread. Yield: 6 cups



Foolproof Fudge Cut-Outs

Submitted by Judi Dunham, wife of TMS student Kyle Dunham

3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 can sweetened condensed milk
dash salt
1 cup walnuts (optional)
1 ½ tsp. vanilla extract

Line 13x9x2 pan with foil, extending foil over edges of pan; set aside. In saucepan over low heat, melt chips with sweetened condensed milk and salt (or microwave). Remove from heat; stir in walnuts and vanilla. Spread evenly into prepared pan. Refrigerate 2 hours or until firm. Use foil to lift fudge out of pan; place on cutting board. Peel off foil; cut into shapes with cookie cutters. Store tightly covered in a cool, dry place. Yield: About 2 pounds fudge.



“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Easter Celebration Ideas

Here are some ideas to help your family celebrate Easter in a meaningful and memorable way!

- **Find books!** Select books about the resurrection of our Savior to read together as a family. The Girltalk Blog has two book suggestions, one for adults and one for children:

<http://www.girltalkhome.com/blog/in-time-for-easter>

- **Find recipes!** Bake Resurrection Rolls or Resurrection Cookies and explain to your children how the ingredients relate to various details of Christ's resurrection. Check out the recipes at these links:

<http://www.cookingcache.com/breads/resurrectionrolls.shtml?rdid=rc1>

<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Resurrection-Rolls/Detail.aspx>

<http://www.kids-cooking-activities.com/Resurrection-cookies.html>

- **Find eggs!** Purchase or make Resurrection Eggs which are filled with small objects that help to tell the Resurrection story. Add Scripture verses and candy. To order:

<http://www.shopfamilylife.com/resurrection-eggs.html>

To make your own, see the next page or the following link:

<http://www.livingonadime.com/recipes/resegs.html>



“He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.”
Matthew 28:6

“We are adopted into God’s family through the resurrection of Christ from the dead in which he paid all our obligations to sin, the law, and the devil, in whose family we once lived. Our old status lies in his tomb. A new status is ours through his resurrection.”

- Sinclair Ferguson, *Children of the Living God*

Resurrection Eggs

Adapted from “Easter Lesson” by Danika Barrick

Preparation:

Make a card or cut a piece of paper for each verse, numbered according to the order of the script below. Place with respective item in a plastic egg, and hide for hunt. In subsequent years, the eggs could be prepared for the hunt ahead of time with the children, as they learn the story, talking about one aspect each day before Resurrection Sunday.

- 1) Cracker—represents the Last Supper (Luke 22:19-20)
- 2) 3 Dimes—represents the 30 pieces of silver Judas received to betray Jesus (Luke 22:47-48)
- 3) Toy Soldier—represents the soldiers (or armed temple police) who arrested Jesus (John 18:3-5)
- 4) Feather—represents the rooster that crowed three times (Luke 22:54-62)
- 5) Thorn (or thumb tack)—represents the crown of thorns Jesus wore (Matthew 27:26-32)
- 6) Dice—represents the lots the soldiers cast for Jesus’ clothing (John 19:23-25)
- 7) Black Cloud (fabric/paper)—represents the “shadow of darkness” that covered the earth (Matthew 27:45-46)
- 8) Sponge soaked in vinegar—represents the sponge that was dipped in vinegar when Jesus said “I thirst” (John 19:28-30)
- 9) Cross—represents the cross on which Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27:50-54; John 19:31-37)
- 10) Cloth—represents the cloth in which Joseph wrapped the body of Jesus (John 19:38-40)
- 11) Rock—represents the stone that protected the entrance to the tomb, which was rolled away (Matthew 27:60,62-66)
- 12) Empty—represents the empty tomb; Jesus is risen! (Matthew 28:1-8)



Great Is His Faithfulness

Submitted by Michelle Gregory, wife of TMS Student Rich Gregory

As I reflect upon our time here at The Master's Seminary, I am reminded of how God has provided for our every spiritual and physical need. When my husband, Rich, and I moved to California to follow God's call in our lives to attend seminary, we arrived with no jobs, no friends, no home, but with a great desire to grow in our love for Jesus Christ through the training that we would receive at both The Master's Seminary and Grace Community Church.

Rich immediately began looking for a job. Although he sent out many applications, he did not get any of the jobs that he had applied for. Instead, God brought a job opportunity right to our home. Because Rich needed cable to fill out applications on-line, we called a technician from our local cable company to our home to set up the internet. In God's faithful plan, this technician was looking to hire another technician, who turned out to be Rich. Although Rich only worked at this job for a couple of months, God used the funds to provide for our physical needs.

In the meantime, I sent out several teaching applications to schools in the area desiring to be a light in the public school system but, yet again, God had different plans in store. Knowing the convenience of the school's location next to the seminary, I also placed a teaching application at Grace Community School. Soon I was hired as an English teacher at Grace Community School, and have been teaching there for the past three years. I absolutely love it! The school has both a high view of the Word of God and high academic standards. I am thankful that God in His faithfulness did not give me what I originally wanted. I have grown so much through the godly leadership of the school's administrator. Like I have heard many parents say about child-rearing, through my teaching experience God has taught me more about my own heart than the hearts of my students.

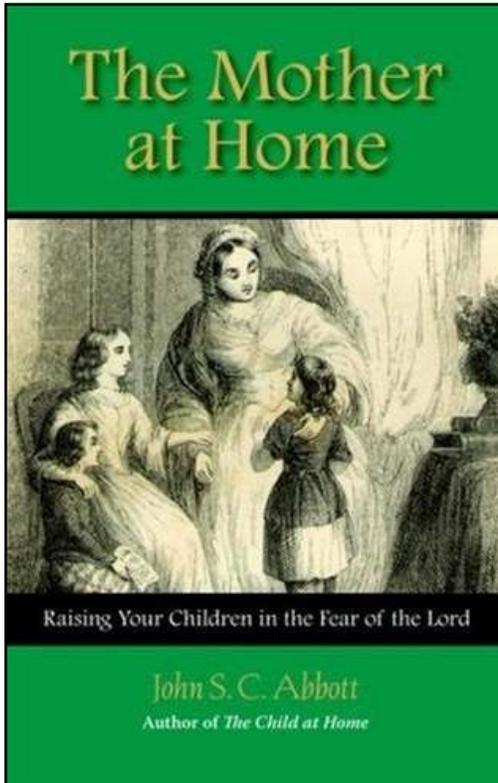


Both of these examples are just a small glimpse of how God has been faithful to provide for us. When people ask me about California, I tell them how much I love it here! Of course, who would not love the beautiful weather and easy access to the beach? But really, I love it here because of how God has worked in Rich and me to conform us more to the image of Jesus Christ. We have been filled by the faithful teaching of God's Word through Pastor MacArthur, and we have been discipled by faithful saints! We are so thankful for God's faithfulness in our lives, and we are excited to be called out of darkness to proclaim the light that God offers through Jesus Christ.

"Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness; Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!"

Book Review: *The Mother at Home*

Submitted by Nelly Feldi, wife of TMS Student Matt Feldi



I have a dear friend who also happens to be a wonderful, godly mother. I have spent a fair amount of time with her and her children and have been consistently impressed by the kindness and love she demonstrates as she plays with, trains, and corrects her children. When she recommended *The Mother at Home* to me, I knew that I had to read it. The book did not disappoint and is fast becoming one of my favorites.

The author, John C. Abbott, and his wife had nine children of their own. Abbott wrote *The Mother at Home* in 1833 and intended it to serve as a practical guide to the mothers of his day. While society and culture have changed much since the writing of this book, the biblical principles and applications of those principles found in this text are as relevant, helpful, and necessary as ever. No other parenting book has caused me to be so aware of my own need for growth and change as this one.

In his book, Abbott stresses the high duty that a mother has in addressing the heart of her children as she seeks to lovingly train them in the admonition of the Lord. When he writes of the necessity of parental authority, and of prompt obedience on the part of children, he reminds the mother to carefully consider each child's unique disposition and the heart issues at hand when correcting a child. He also warns of common pitfalls in the way that

mothers treat their children and the sinful heart attitudes mothers may have when training them. He reminds us to "cherish in our bosoms those virtues we would foster in theirs" and that, "next to the Bible, as a means of religious influence, we must place the careful culture of our own hearts" (53, 77). The writer gives much attention to biblical principles, and he addresses the way in which this training is reinforced as a godly mother lives out the fruit of biblical truth before her children. While very little Scripture is quoted, biblical principles are constantly referred to and upheld. Abbott supplies many practical and eminently helpful examples of how a godly mother might put all of his advice into practice.

This book is a treasure and will play a significant role in equipping and assisting you to be a mother who honors the Lord.

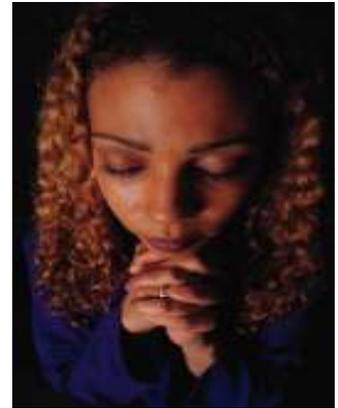
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Wise Words for Wise Women

Submitted by Kate Dube, wife of TMS Student John Dube

"I believe that the highest, purest happiness is known only to those who have learned Christ in sickrooms, in poverty, in racking suspense and anxiety, amid hardships, and at the open grave. To learn Christ, this is life!" Elizabeth Prentiss, *Stepping Heavenward*

This quote reminds me that I will learn the depths of Christ most during the trials in life. It encourages me to press forward without fear, no matter what the Lord has prepared for me.



“Now after Christ died
He was placed in a tomb,
Which first was a grave,
but then served as a womb,
Travailing and quaking
the day He was raised
And brought forth by God
to be handled and praised.
The Firstborn from death
on that day emerged He
With power to save
to the utmost degree.”

Milton Vincent, *A Gospel Primer*

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While we recommend many different resources for your consideration, we also encourage you, the reader, to be like the Bereans who could receive a message with eagerness and then examine the message against the truth of Scripture. ~ Acts 17:11