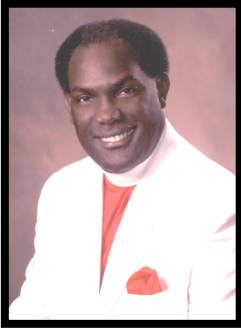


Ask Bishop Dennison



Q. *Easter is fast approaching and to be completely honest, I do not understand the celebration. I know that in this country we celebrate church, dyed eggs and big dinners. What is the significance of this holiday and how should Christians view and approach it?*

A. The most celebrated Sunday in the church is Easter Sunday. It has been said that more people attend church on this Sunday than any other Sunday. The name Easter (Ishtar) is attributed to a female goddess, the goddess of fertility. Easter celebration is the tradition of men and includes Easter clothes, candy, parades, bunnies and of course Easter-morning-onlians (those who attend church only on Easter Sunday). Satan uses these tactics to divert our attention from the center of all Christian doctrines and beliefs.

According to the scriptures, Jesus was crucified and buried and on the third day He arose from the grave with all power in His hand. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life," (new life). He is our salvation, our hope, our redeemer, our deliverer, our Savior. The Resurrection is the gospel of Christ. So anyone can celebrate Easter, but only true believers can celebrate Resurrection. So beginning this year, do not focus on the tradition of men (Easter), but rather on the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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