

This Year Resurrection Sunday Fell On April Fool's Day

"The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."... (from Psalm 14:1)

This is April Fool's Day around the world. The origin is vague at best, with many stories and legends put forth as truth. One consistent theme apparently stems from people doing things to "prank or fool" people as far back as the 18th century. People were tricked into believing something was real that was, as we might call it today, "fake news". For the most part, in fun, people did, and still do, their best to deceive others to make them look foolish.

It may seem odd, even irreverent to some, to call attention to April Fool's Day on this Resurrection Sunday. I believe the Holy Spirit brought this to mind to remind all of us on this holiest of days that brings eternal hope to all who have received Him, there still exists in this world a fierce, real enemy whose aim is to make us look foolish by convincing people his lies are the truth and that God's truths are lies.

Jesus warned His followers about the devil and his armies on numerous occasions – calling him the prince of lies, father of lies (deception), and one who came to steal, kill, and destroy. He is clever and cunning, yet holds no power over true believers who can call on the name of Jesus and power of the Holy Spirit to resist and prevail.

If you are one of the billions of people who have been "fooled" into denying the truth of God's love for you and believing the lies of Satan, I plead with you today to turn and see the empty cross and tomb and receive your salvation bought by the precious blood of Christ. He said these words Himself.

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

No matter how big a fool you have been or how many foolish things you have done, know this: God loves you. Christ died for you. And He wants you to come to Him now, just as you are...

No fooling,

Walter