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# THREE STREAMS OF GRATITUDE FOR JESUS

Mitt Romney

Note from the editors: *In remembrance of the Easter celebration of Jesus' victory over death, we are pleased to offer this specially written contribution from Mitt Romney.*

Three streams of gratitude for Jesus have arisen during my lifetime. The first crested when as a child, fearing polio or tornadoes or intruders, I learned that “Jesus loves me.” Not only did “the Bible tell me so,” but also my mother and my Bishop. I felt Jesus looking down on me, protecting me, caring for me, answering my prayers. As life progressed, I came to learn that Jesus would not always intervene to shield me from the trials and travails of life, but I knew that He loved me and cared.

As a young man, it was the felicity of His gospel that grew in my heart. I was poised to make choices that would determine my mortal happiness. He had taught that love, family, friends, and service were the real currency of joy. With faith in that gospel, I married, raised children, nourished friendships, and endeavored to serve. And so the wealth in my heart grew beyond my imagining.

Now, approaching my autumn years, it is His victory over death that most captivates me. For sixty or so years of Easter Sundays, I have sung “He is Risen,” but for most of those years, I somehow felt that there was no real end in sight to my earth-bound life. Now, however, His condescension to live in mortality, to carry my sins, and then to rise to immortality is no longer just a chapter of doctrine, it is a gift of such magnitude that I cannot find sufficient words to express my gratitude. From the dark of never-ending nothingness, of eternal blindness, and of infinite absence from my family, He opens my eyes, my mind, and my heart. That He rose from the dead is His greatest gift of all.

**Mitt Romney** graduated from Brigham Young University in English, earned degrees from Harvard Business School and Harvard Law School, served as chief executive officer of Bain & Company, and then co-founded and led Bain Capital. After leading the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, he was elected Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In 2012, he was nominated by the Republican Party for the presidency of the United States of America.







