

Reverend: The “Meaning of Easter” Is “We Can Save Ourselves”

Newly elected US Senator “Reverend” Warnock claims we can save ourselves through helping others - a repudiation of the gospel of grace.

What is the meaning of Easter? For most professing Christians, that’s an easy one to answer: it’s a celebration of Jesus’ substitutionary death on the cross for us and His triumphant resurrection from death. In a nutshell, it’s a time to remember the gospel message. Well, according to a US senator and “reverend,” Raphael Warnock of Georgia, the meaning of Easter is “more transcendent” than that.

In a now-deleted tweet, Sen. Warnock wrote, “The meaning of Easter is more transcendent than the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Whether you are Christian or not, through a commitment to helping others we are able to save ourselves.”

In an attempt to make the Easter holiday “more transcendent,” (i.e., “inclusive”), this “reverend” denied the truth, power, and exclusivity of the gospel message. It’s nothing short of heretical. It’s an illustration of the sin nature of man as described in Genesis 3:1: “Did God really say...?”

We in Adam gave in to the devil's temptation not to trust God's Word. Our sin nature is such that we would rather trust the word of others instead of the Word of God.

It’s also an illustration of mankind succumbing to the devil’s temptation that “you will be like God” (Genesis 3:5). We want to be our own god, to decide “truth” for ourselves. Genesis 3 sums up the sinful nature of man as a result of trusting the devil's word not God’s, just as this “reverend” did in this tweet.

So did God actually say that we are sinners who can’t save ourselves? That we’re hopelessly lost apart from Christ? That no amount of good works - like “helping others” - will merit us anything with God? Yes - absolutely yes, He did.

I’ll leave you with some Scripture, as God’s Word - not man’s ideas (as he tries to be his own god) - is the ultimate authority and the only absolute truth:

For by grace you have been saved through faith. This is not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

He saved us, not because of any righteous works that we have done but because of His mercy, through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:5-7)

There is also salvation in no one else. For there is no other name under heaven that has been given among human beings by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

Jesus told him, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. They are justified freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23-24)

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I tell you, unless anyone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3)

I suggest that this “reverend” and prominent politician needs to study his Bible to understand the true gospel.