“Only this resurrection faith explains how the small motley, demoralized group which Jesus left on earth after his reported ascension could have developed the enthusiasm to sweep all obstacles before them in their bold world-wide mission.”

Eerdman’s Handbook to the History of Christianity, p. xiii
For several years, I have subscribed to a newsletter from TrendWatching. These articles highlight trends that are influencing global consumerism and marketing. In their most recent post, the researchers comment: “Amid all the change and uncertainty of this moment, a set of core truths about our shared future are as relevant as ever.”

The core truths that are influencing buyers and sellers in 2017 -- **Transparency.**  
**Aspiration.**  
**Positive Impact.**  
**Tolerance.**  
**Empowerment.**

**Rev. Dr. Gordon Marchant**

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**DOUBLE DOUBLE giving**

Give any amount. 100% of the funds will be used for our Reseda church’s Madagascar mission.

On Sunday, April 9th one donor will be selected to receive a new Keurig coffeemaker and 4 boxes of coffee. **YET, there is one condition!**

That donor must give away the coffee machine to someone else who doesn’t regularly attend any church.

**Pay it forward with double acts of giving**

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**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Friday, April 14th**

Good Friday meal at 6 pm and worship at 6:45 pm

**Everyone Invited!**
Palm Sunday Worship Service,  
April 9 at 10:15 am  
Following the service, our congregation will be gathering in the west patio for a group photo and then, we will enjoy a Madagascar Mission lunch together.

Easter Sunrise Service,  
April 16 at 7 am  
We will be meeting outdoors in the east patio. Please plan to stay for breakfast!

At first, this list of core truths do not seem all that revolutionary. Nevertheless, here’s an experiment for you to try. Open a magazine and take a closer look at the advertisements. Or, pay attention to some of the commercials on T.V. For example ...

Coke’s newest tagline is: “Taste the Feeling.” Drinking their product is marketed as an “experience”. We are aspired to “explore” Coca-Cola and empowered to earn “drink rewards”. Consumers can go online and input the name of your friend to be printed by Coke on a personalized bottle - just for you to give! 

NOW consider the glory of Easter. 

The truth of Jesus’ resurrection. His unfathomable love for us. The joy and brutality of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. The eternal victory achieved for all people of every language and culture. 

Isn’t it awesome to be united with Christians globally in our Easter celebration of the King of Kings. Listen to Handel’s “Messiah,” that concentrates on the Passion of Jesus and ends with the “Hallelujah” chorus. 

Be filled with God’s Holy Spirit in heartfelt praise. 

The core truths of our salvation in Him exalted!
The Easter Story
by Roxie Carroll
akidsheart.com

Across
3 It means "A place of a skull" where He was crucified
4 These guys were crucified on each side of Him.
6 And He was numbered with the _________
7 Jesus was anointed in preparation for His _______________
11 This part of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom
15 The sixth hour was come, there was ___________ over the whole land.
18 This Roman said, "Truly this was the Son of God."
19 The high priest who said it was expedient that one man die for all
21 The _______ of blood was purchased with the betrayal money
22 The disciple that took Mary home as his own mother
23 He appeared first unto Mary ______________
26 "Father, _______ then; for they know not what they do."
27 He shed His blood so our _____ would be forgiven
28 The Last Supper was a celebration of this Jewish holiday
30 The ruler of Galilee
31 This was sent to strengthen Him when He was praying in the garden
32 This apostle denied that He knew Jesus three times
33 This wealthy man of Arimathea buried Him
37 The doubtful apostle
38 "A spirit has not ________ and bones as ye see me have”
40 And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet ____________
42 They gave Him this to drink when He was on the cross

Down
1 The father-in-law to the high priest. Jesus was first brought to him.
2 Another name for the place of His crucifixion
3 The garden where Jesus prayed before He was arrested
5 And it was the third hour, and they _________ Him
8 This was written and set over His head: “____________ of the Jews”
9 Judas betrayed Jesus with a __________
10 "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every ____________
12 Joseph took His body down and wrapped it in fine ________
13 The prisoner released by Pilate instead of Jesus
14 The Pharisee that brought spices for His burial
16 The apostle who betrayed the Christ
17 "Why seek ye the __________ among the dead”
18 He was taken up; and a _________ received Him out of their sight
20 Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of ______________
24 And they crucified Him, and parted His _________, casting lots
25 He appeared to two disciples on the way to this village
29 Jesus told Peter to feed His ______________
34 The Roman Governor who washed his hands of the whole affair
35 This was rolled in front of the tomb and then sealed
36 and His sweat was as it were great drops of ______________
39 The soldier pierced His side with this
41 He is not here; for He is _______________ as He said