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Galatians 4 : 4 – 11

“...You observe days and months and seasons and years.”

‘paratereo’ - to inspect alongside, that is, note insidiously or scrupulously; to neglect nothing requisite to the religious observance of

### What is St. Patrick's?

St. Patrick's is the welcome sign of Spring after a long Winter. The day occurs just a few days before the first day of Spring. It is the day when we don something green in the celebration of Ireland and all things Irish. Where food, music, and the Irish culture take the stage for one special day.

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You probably didn't know

St. Patrick's day is regarded as a Holy Day celebrating the life and remembering the death of the "patron saint of Ireland."

St. Patrick, born Maewyn Succat, isn't Irish, he is British. His association with Ireland is a result of his "missionary work" riding Ireland of paganism.

According to legend, Patrick used the three leaves of the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. As a result, in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Irelands began to wear the green shamrock on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March to signify their Irish "Christian" pride. This tradition grew to the wearing of green clothing, which we keep today.

St. Patrick's Day occurs during lent, a time where certain religions give up their vices as penance. Yet the feast of St. Patrick serves as a reprieve, allowing the drinking of a pint or two.

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What does St. Patrick's bring?

A traditional day for spiritual renewal and offering prayer for missionaries worldwide.

A celebration of heritage.

“May the blessings of each day, Be the blessings you need most.”

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Remembering those laboring in the Faith

Through prayer

II Thessalonians 3 : 1 – 2

“...pray for us...that the word...may run swiftly...”

Ephesians 6 : 18 – 20

“...praying...for me...that I may...speak boldly...”

Colossians 4 : 2 – 4

“...praying...that God would open...a door for the word...”

Whether it be for safety, boldness, or opportunities to speak, we should constantly remember those who labor for the faith.

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Through resources

III John 5 – 8

“...you send them forward...they went...taking nothing from the Gentiles...”

II Corinthians 11 : 7 – 9

“...I robbed other churches, taking wages from them...”

Philippians 4 : 15 – 16

Those who labor for Christ are working. They need our support more than we can imagine.

“THE LABORER IS WORTHY OF HIS WAGES.”

Luke 10 : 7; I Timothy 5 : 18

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Celebrate your heritage!

### Heritage

Something that comes or belongs to one by reason of birth; an inherited lot or portion

In Scripture, the saints or people of God are called His heritage, as being claimed by Him, and the objects of His special care.

‘nachal’ (h) - ; to get as a possession, acquire, inherit, possess

Deuteronomy 4 : 20; 32 : 9

His people is His inheritance (His heritage – ESV)

Ephesians 1 : 11

“...we have obtained an inheritance...” (a heritage – ASV)

I Peter 2 : 9

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When do we remember those who are laboring?

I Thessalonians 1 : 2 – 3; 5 : 12 – 13

“We give thanks to God always for you all...”

“...recognize those who labor among you...”

When do we remember our heritage?

Acts 2 : 42, 46; 4 : 32

“...continue steadfastly...continuing daily...”

I John 1 : 3 – 4

“...may have fellowship with us...that your joy may be full.”