

St. Patrick's Celebration

Romans 13:7

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- Our text teaches us to give “respect to whom respect is due and honor to whom honor is due.”
- What is it about St. Patrick that warrants a celebration day dedicated to him?
- Today, let us look at the perceived contributions that he made in his life to see if there are some spiritual lessons we can think about to utilize in our life.

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- *St. Patrick is credited with.....*

REMOVING SNAKES FROM IRELAND

- This is really a myth associated with the man; but, can we make a spiritual application anyway?
- Snakes, when mentioned in the Bible, are usually connected to something evil.
- Let's consider several Biblical examples of this.

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- **Gen 3- The serpent Satan, tempting Adam & Eve.**
 - **The snake/devil was guilty of misrepresenting God's word. Of course, we know he is a liar.**
 - **John 8:44**
 - **Rev. 12:9**

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- The wicked activities of men are linked to snakes:
 - Evil men having the “poison of vipers” on their lips- Ps. 140:3.
 - Of liars having “venom...like the venom of a snake- Ps. 58:4-5.

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- The wicked activities of men are linked to snakes:
 - In regards to alcohol eventually “biting like an adder”- Prov. 23:32.
 - Hypocrisy (esp. of Pharisees) caused John the Baptist and Jesus to call them a “brood of vipers”-Matt. 3:7; 12:34; 23:33.

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REMOVING SNAKES FROM IRELAND

- **Let's implement this extermination plan in our congregations.**
- **We need to remove snake like behaviors from our lives and religious communities.**
- **Let's get rid of the Snake (Satan) and his offspring from our midst.**

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CONVERTING DRUIDS TO CHRISTIANITY

- **Druids were the high ranking class in ancient Celtic culture. (Celtic religious leaders).**
- **In the 5th century, St. Patrick was very successful in pulling them out of paganism into a belief in Jesus Christ.**

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- **Regardless of all his doctrinal teachings, that we might disagree with, he was at least out there talking up Jesus Christ.**
- **Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could be remembered for having this kind of impact?**

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- **Acts 8:4-5, 35**
- **I Cor. 2:1-2**
- **II Cor. 4:1-6**
- **Eph. 2:11-13**

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EXPLAINING THE HOLY TRINITY USING THE SHAMROCK (CLOVER)

- **Demonstrating that, although part of the same plant; there were three petals.**
- **The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit are all deity but in three personalities.**

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- This is how we can understand that there is one God (Deut. 6:4) and yet God can say, let “US” make man in our own image- Gen. 1:26.
- There is one divine nature and three aspects of that divine nature.