

# TRUMPET CALL

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WELCOME TO THE UPTOWN CHURCH!

# MATTHEW 28:1-8

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Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel...



# MATTHEW 28:1-8

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said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.



# PASSING THE PEACE

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## Unity & Reconciliation

*Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:11-12;  
1 Thessalonians 5:26; 1 Peter 5:14; Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15*

# PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS

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Worshipping and praising the Lord in song together.

*Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16*

# PRAYER OF ADORATION

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A pastoral prayer of invocation, adoration, thanksgiving, and illumination.

*Psalm 67:1-2, 105:4*

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# READING OF SACRED SCRIPTURE

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Harmonization of the Gospel Resurrection Accounts

*John 20:19-29, Luke 24:36-49, Mark 16:15-16, Matthew 28:18-20*

# JOHN 20:19

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On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”



# LUKE 24:37-39

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But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”



# LUKE 24:40-43

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And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.



# LUKE 24:44-46

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Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them,



# LUKE 24:47-49

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“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”



# JOHN 20:21-23

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Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”



# JOHN 20:24-25

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Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.”

But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”



# JOHN 20:26-27

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Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”



# JOHN 20:28-29

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Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”



# MARK 16:15-16

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And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”



# MATTHEW 28:18-20

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“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



# PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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A pastoral prayer of invocation, adoration, thanksgiving, and illumination.

*Psalm 67:1-2, 105:4*

# BLESSING & DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN

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Call children to the altar for prayer and blessing.

*Matthew 18:1-14, 19:13-14*

# CALL THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH

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Prayer in the aisles — altar call, confession of sin, anointing of the sick,  
pastoral intercession, along with prayer, praise, and worship.

*James 5:13-16; Psalm 103:2-5*

# PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS

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# DECLARATION OF THE LAW

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The Greatest Commandment with a supplementary passage.

*Mark 12:29-31; Matthew 22:35-40; Luke 10:25-28;  
John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-8,21; Romans 13:9-10; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8  
Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18*

‘Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

And you shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, and with all your  
strength.’



This is the first and great commandment.  
And the second is like it:  
‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’  
On these two commandments hang all  
the Law and the Prophets.



Whoever keeps His commandments  
abides in God, and God in him.

And by this we know that He abides in  
us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.



Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.



In this, the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.

And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.



For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.





# THE LIVING CROSS

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*The wonderful burden of our call to live the gospel!*

# JUSTIN MARTYR (AD 100–165)

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Justin Martyr, *Dialogue with Trypho (Chapters 40)* (c. AD 155–160)

- “The mystery, then, of the lamb which God enjoined to be sacrificed as the Passover, was a type of Christ; with whose blood, in proportion to their faith in Him, they anoint their houses.... that lamb which was commanded to be wholly roasted was a symbol of the suffering of the cross which Christ would undergo...



# JUSTIN MARTYR (AD 100–165)

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Justin Martyr, *Dialogue with Trypho (Chapters 40)* (c. AD 155–160)

- For the lamb, which is roasted, is roasted and dressed up in the form of the cross. For one spit is transfixed right through from the lower parts up to the head, and one across the back, to which are attached the legs of the lamb.”



# THE CROSS AND THE TREE OF LIFE

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- **1 Peter 2:24-25** — “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” (cf. **Isaiah 53**)



# THE CROSS AND THE TREE OF LIFE

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- The cross is a symbol of death, shame, and humiliation!
- **Deuteronomy 21:22-23** — “And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God.”
- **Galatians 3:13-14** — “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” — so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.”



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- Sin/Satan have stolen who you are from God, enslaving your desires and thoughts inclined to futility, vanity, depravity, idolatry—enmity with God.
- Because Christ, the sinless sacrifice, suffered on our behalf for what we deserve, we can now freely lay our sin, suffering, and sorrows on Him, and He will heal us.
- **This means your suffering and sorrows have a reason, a purpose — it's not meaningless...**

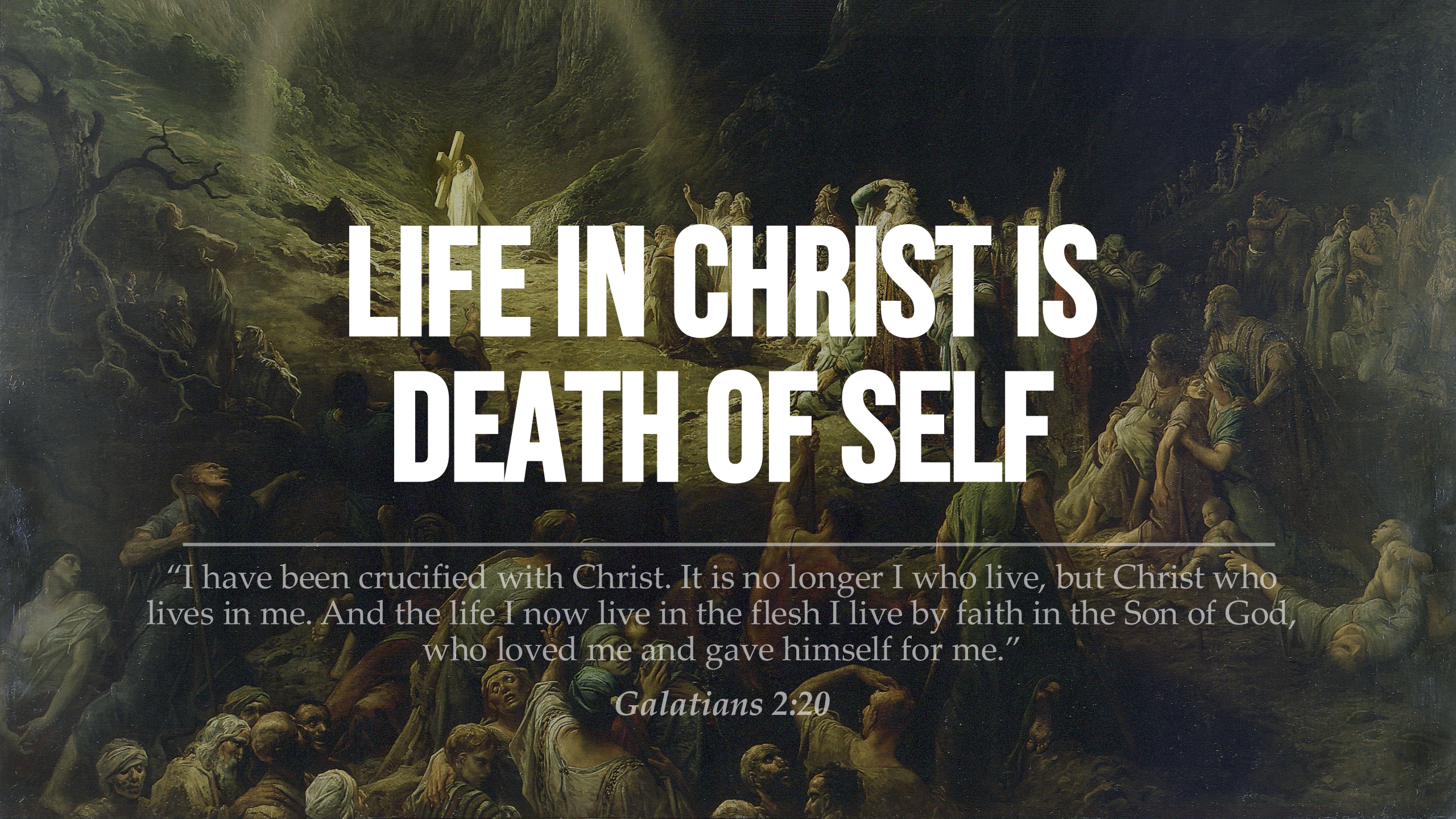


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- Yet, Christ commands you to bear your own cross like Him!
- **Luke 9:23-24** — “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.”
- **Luke 14:27, 33** — “Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple... So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.”





# LIFE IN CHRIST IS DEATH OF SELF

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“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

*Galatians 2:20*



# CROSS BEARING IS IMAGE BEARING

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*Galatians 2:20*

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

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For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.



## 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-17

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From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation.** The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.



# NEW CREATION

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Christ death and resurrection on the third day is the order of creation:

- **Day 6** — God breathed life into Adam, Christ breathed His last
- **Day 7** — God rested on Sabbath, Christ rested in the tomb
- **Day 8 (1)** — God separated the light from the darkness, Christ rose from the dead and separated children of light from darkness...
- So that you may become a new creation in Christ, to be fruitful and multiply, bearing good fruit and sowing seeds of the tree of life, that is the Gospel, across all creation.



# NEW CREATION

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Christ death and resurrection on the eighth day redeems creation:

- **Gospel meaning of the crown of thorns:**  
**Genesis 3:17-19** — And to Adam he said... cursed is the ground because of you... thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you... By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
- God is redeeming all creation through the second Adam!  
(**Romans 8:19**)



# NEW CREATION: THE FRUIT OF THE CROSS

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Likewise, the cross is the new tree of life that bears good fruit for eternal life.

- **Romans 7:4** — Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.



# NEW CREATION: THE FRUIT OF THE CROSS

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Likewise, the cross is the new tree of life that bears good fruit for eternal life. What are some of the fruit of the cross in your life?

1. **Words** — **Matthew 12:33-37**
2. **Works** — **Colossians 1:9-10,13-14**
3. **Worship** — **John 4:23-24, Luke 4:8, Hebrews 12:28-29**
4. **Witness** — **Acts 17:30-32**



# NEW CREATION: THE FRUIT OF THE CROSS

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- Do people know you belong to Christ?
- Or do people know you were raised a Christian?
- Do you care if people know?



# NEW CREATION: THE FRUIT OF THE GOSPEL

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- The gospel is the cross.
- The cross reconciles you with God and one another.
- Therefore, you must love one another, especially those in Christ who are bearing their own cross and loved by God, as part of the gospel call.
- **Galatians 6:2** — Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- That is part of your cross — living out the gospel.





# THE FRUIT OF THE CROSS BEARS GOOD FRUIT

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“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.”

*Matthew 12:33*



# ARE YOU BEARING MUCH FRUIT?

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“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.”

*Matthew 12:33*

# JOHN 15:1-4

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“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and **every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.** Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me



# JOHN 15:5-8

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I am the vine; you are the branches. **Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.** If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.



# JOHN 15:9-11

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As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.



# THE CROSS AND THE TREE OF LIFE

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- Because you are like Christ, conforming to His image, you will be persecuted, mocked, scorned, disliked, belittled, like Christ — to varying degrees per person.
- Why? Because darkness hates the light ([John 3:19-20](#)). Do not be ashamed of the gospel!
- Loving (forgiving) people, even those who do not deserve it, through trials, tribulation, and suffering is God giving you assurance of your resurrection life in Christ. Praise God!



# THE CROSS AND THE TREE OF LIFE

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- Outside of Christ, suffering and sorrow is turning the soil of your hardened heart to hear the gospel message, so the seeds can take root and grow.
- In Christ, suffering and sorrow, trials and tribulations, help grow more fruit of the Spirit — God is pruning you — to prove to you that you are His disciple, that you are being sanctified in His image:

**James 1:2** — Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.



# THE CROSS AND THE TREE OF LIFE

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- **John 16:33** — “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”
- **Philippians 1:6** — “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”



# 1 PETER 1:3-6

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials...



# 1 PETER 1:7-9

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so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



# 1 PETER 1:22-25

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Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.”  
**And this word is the good news that was preached to you.**





# THE GOSPEL IS THE TREE OF LIFE IN YOU

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“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

*1 Peter 2:24*

# PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

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Pastoral Prayer of Application of God's Word.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Corporate prayer of our covenantal commitment with our Heavenly Father through the Son of God, which encourages the confession of sin together.

*Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Our Father,  
who is in heaven,  
holy is Your Name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.



Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against  
us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.



For Yours is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
forever and ever.

*Amen.*

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# HOLY COMMUNION

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The Lord's Supper of thanksgiving.

*Matthew 26:26–29, Mark 14:22–25, Luke 22:14–20; Acts 2:42  
1 Corinthians 10:14–21, 11:23–32; 2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 Timothy 4:4–5*

# 1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17

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The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.



# 1 CORINTHIANS 11:27-28

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Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.



# 1 CORINTHIANS 11:29-32

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For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.



# 1 CORINTHIANS 5:6-8

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Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.



# 1 JOHN 1:8-9

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If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



# 2 CORINTHIANS 13:5; ROMANS 14:24

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*Therefore:*

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.



# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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Prayer of thanksgiving and participation in the body and blood of Christ.

*Matthew 26:26–29, Mark 14:22–25, Luke 22:14–20; Acts 2:42  
1 Corinthians 10:14–21, 11:23–32; 2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 Timothy 4:4–5*

# THE SENDING SONG

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The final song of service before the Lord sends us out.

*Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:18-20; Psalm 103:1-5, 150:1-6*

# DOXOLOGY

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

# **DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen!



# BENEDICTION

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Priestly Blessing

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May the glory and love of God the Father,  
And the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the power and communion of the Holy Spirit,  
Conform you into the image of His Son this week  
Go in the joy that surpasses all understanding.  
*Amen.*

*2 Corinthians 13:14, Philippians 4:7*



# FELLOWSHIP

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Please check your bulletin for services this week.

