



NEW TESTAMENT POSTCARDS

**A Balanced Walk**

2 John verses 4-6 • Message #2

**1. Christians Walk in the \_\_\_\_\_**

- a. Obedience brings \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Obedience is \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Christians Walk in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a. Love is part of \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Love is proven by one's \_\_\_\_\_.

**TAKE HOME TRUTH**

*God's children are to consistently live out the \_\_\_\_\_ while demonstrating his \_\_\_\_\_.*

So, what are we to do with this text?

- **Truth is rooted in the person of \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Love is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian.**



Next Week

*Protecting the Church, 2 John verses 7-13*

**Growing Deeper  
Questions for Small Groups**

1. Note the other “walks” Christians are to take and make proper application. 2 Cor 5:7; Gal 5:16; 25; Eph 4:1; Eph 5:2; 1 Pet 1:21; 1 Jn 2:6.
2. How would you respond to the argument that commanding obedience is legalistic? What is the difference between legalism and obedience?
3. Recall various verses that speak of the Christian’s love for other believers. How is this hard? Scripture?
4. How did this passage speak to you?

**Just a Moment**

with Pastor Fred

For centuries Christianity has held various opinions on the subject of war. Modern wars must not be confused with the wars fought by Israel in the OT. Today there is no nation acting as God’s representative. OT Israel was unique receiving special revelation. NT believers are never told to advance God’s kingdom by bloodshed.

Historically a minority of Christians have held to what’s been called “classic pacifism” – believing that sometimes war is necessary but Christians shouldn’t be engaged in it. That’s not what today’s pacifism teaches. Many peace marchers of today don’t believe in the depravity of humanity. These naively hold to the idea that we are inherently good. If we strive hard enough, we can achieve world peace. That isn’t what the Bible teaches at all. Now don’t misunderstand. We applaud all humanitarian efforts to end senseless killing. But as Christians we must accept the reality of evil in this fallen world.

Augustine’s *City of God*, he taught war could only be just: if declared by a legitimate government; if the war was to protect innocent life; national defense; not be waged unless the evils fought were grave enough to justify the taking of life; that the war would end more evil than it would cause; and that all peaceful alternatives had been exhausted. You and I will have to wrestle with whether or not current wars fit into this category. Regardless we must be respectful with those with whom we might disagree. We must always pray for our national leaders, be responsible and respectful to authority and remember our greatest war is spiritual, not physical.

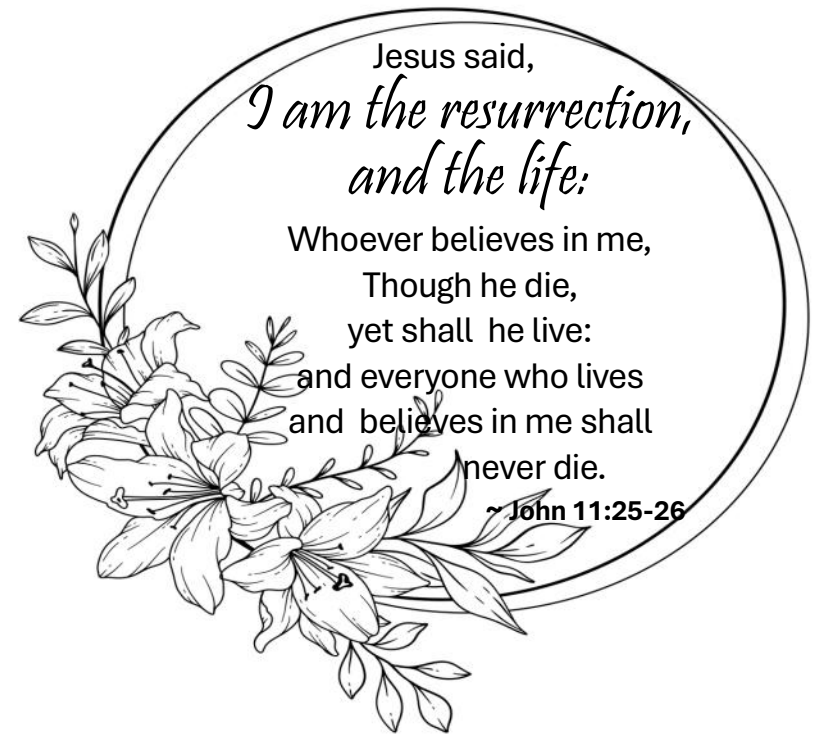


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Jesus said,  
*I am the resurrection,  
and the life;*

Whoever believes in me,  
Though he die,  
yet shall he live:  
and everyone who lives  
and believes in me shall  
never die.

~ John 11:25-26

- Prelude**
- Call to Worship**
- Rise With The Sun*
- Jesus Only Jesus*
- Missions Moment**
- Jesus Strong and Kind*
- Scripture Reading & Pastoral Prayer**
- A Balanced Walk*
- Pastor Fred Froman**
- Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

**Benediction  
Prayer Team**

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## THE LORD'S DAY

April 19, 2026

Worship is not something that arises from a feeling, it is rooted in a conscious act of the will, to serve and obey the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Philosophy of Worship

Our music aims to proclaim the glory of God and the greatness of the gospel.

### Nursery Schedule

#### Sunday School - ABF

Julie Rizzardi & Cindy Bettenhausen

#### Worship Service

Nursery: Randi Chaney & Karla Ruest

Toddler: Ronda VanSumeren, Kaylen Elliott & Kali Lange

Small Groups meet today & this week

#### Today

9:00am Coffee & Fellowship

9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship

10:30am Worship

#### Wednesday, April 22

10:30am Senior Saints Bible Study

7:00pm Praise Team

#### Saturday, April 25

8:00am Youth Haven Ladies Day

## Announcements

**Co-Laborer Challenge** at Camp Barakel is this Friday and Saturday. Pray for those involved in helping prepare the camp for the summer.

**Cinderella** will be presented April 24 & 25 at Lansing Christian School. Get your tickets soon! Detailed information is on the bulletin board.

### **Covenant Life Organ Recital**

Saturday, April 25, 5:00pm with Dr Dale Voelker. The music being played will include music by Bach, Langlais, Mozart and Widor.



**Spring Work Day** is Saturday, May 2 from 9am till noon. Bring a rake or pitch fork as we prepare the flowerbeds and spread mulch. There's some inside spring cleaning to be done as well. Many hands make light work.

**Mother & Daughter Brunch - "Jewels From Heaven, Trusting God's Promises,"** May 9th. Ages 4 to 104. Plan to join us! More details will follow.

**A Family Chat** will be held at 9:30am on Sunday, May 17 to discuss initiatives for our upcoming new Three-Year-Plan.

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Violet DeMass April 19

Joseph Cecil April 20

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Nathan & Brittany Taepke April 23

Herb & Rita Twichell April 23

"God so loved the world,"  
not because the  
world was lovable but  
because God is love.  
Christ did not die for us  
that God might love us;  
He died for us because  
God already loved us from  
everlasting. Love is not  
the result of redemption,  
it is the cause of it."  
~ A.W. Tozer

Give thanks to the LORD, for  
He is good, for His steadfast  
love endures forever."  
PSALM 136:1

"In conversion  
God takes you out  
of the mud.  
In sanctification  
He takes the mud out  
of you."  
~ John Piper

#### **Guest Services**

Today: Dan Cecil  
Next Week: Matthew Price

#### **Greeter's Next Sunday**

Barb Bush  
Michael & Sarah Winnie

## Prayer Requests

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*  
Colossians 4:2

### **General Requests**

- Josh & Carissa Bell - Senegal
- The Clark family
- Counseling Ministry - certification & weekly appointments
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually / to reach out to others
- Langes – house situation

### **Physical Needs**

- Amber Breinling (Lois Martin's niece) - cancer
- Gina Golden - diabetic & kidney issues
- Jason Rowntree - lymph node swelling in chest
- Kara deRoos (Ryan's mother) - recovery
- Kathy Lange (Anthony's mother) - lung cancer
- Mary Quick (Susan Froman's mom) - recovering from hip surgery
- Nic Martin - pain management injections at UMH Sparrow
- Richard Handziak (friend of Chaney's) - cancer

### **Chosen & Holy - Colossians 3:12-16**

Father, because of Your love You chose us to be holy, let us be a people clothed with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. May we make allowance for each other's faults and forgive those who offend us as You have forgiven us. Above all else, clothe us with a love that binds us together in perfect harmony. Let Your peace rule in our hearts as one body living in peace as You desire. Let us be thankful in all things allowing Your living Word to dwell in us richly. Amen

### **Prayer For Our Government Officials**

Vice President JD Vance

### **Missionary of the Week**

Dave & Jan Santos, Sao Paulo, Brazil

### **Prayer Individual of the Week**

Donna Kimmel

### **Shut in of the Week**

Joan Allen

"My command is this: Love each other as I  
have loved you." JOHN 15:12 NIV