

"Through Love Serve One Another"
Galatians 5:13-16,24-26

1. Christ did not save us to keep living for ourselves or do what we want. He saved us to die to ourselves and live for His glory.
2. All of us have the same capacity to love and be holy. It just will require more death, sacrifice, and discipline for some.

"But it (lord over people and use authority/power to get what you want) shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:43-45). "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4).

- "For you were called to *FREEDOM* brothers...." — *FREEDOM* from the Law:
 - Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law (Galatians 3:13).
 - We must stand against the temptation to become Legalists: to earn salvation by our works or to be made more righteous by keeping an unbiblical command (Galatians 5:1).
 - We live *FREE* from the Law in *TOTALITY* or we are *BOUND* to the Law *TOTALLY* (Galatians 5:3).
 - People are only saved by the Law being kept perfectly; either you must keep it perfectly or put your faith in the One who kept it perfectly, Christ. *"For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). "He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth" (1 Peter 2:22).*
- "Only do not use your *FREEDOM* as an opportunity for the flesh": (Galatians 5:16,24)
 - Romans 8:1-13:
 - The righteous requirement of the Law has been fulfilled in us so there is now no condemnation in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1,4).
 - There are two ways of thinking and two ways of living: fleshly or by the Spirit (Romans 8:5).
 - *Fleshly*: Hostile to God, does not submit to God's Law, cannot please God, conceited, envying, provoking one another, and biting, devouring, critical, negative, harsh, selfish, consuming one another; this all leads to death.
 - *By the Spirit*: Life, peace, serving, loving, sin-killing, self-less, and humbly dependent on the Spirit.
- "The whole Law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself':
 - This *FREEDOM* was not given so that we can sin and let grace abound (Galatians 6:1-2) or be Law breakers without consequence. But this *FREEDOM* was given so we can walk or live like Christ (1 John 2:3-6).
 - In Christ, we are no longer our own. We have been bought with a price, we no longer live for ourselves but for God's glory. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Peter 2:9-11).
 - The whole law was fulfilled in Christ (Matthew 5:17) and Christ is our example of how to love one another: A New Commandment! (John 13:34-35)
 - Just as Christ has loved us, we are to love one another. This is the premiere distinction of Christianity!

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Worship: Psalm 18 — Citizens

God Omniscient, God All Knowing — Matt Boswell

He Will Hold Me Fast — Norton Hall Band

Closing Song: I Stand Amazed — Norton Hall Band

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3: The Supremacy of Love.
 - Without love, skill and eloquence in preaching and teaching means nothing.
 - Without love, getting theology correct means nothing.
 - Without love, great faith means nothing.
 - Without love, sacrifice and martyrdom means nothing.

Account Balance: \$32,165.74 February Balance: \$32,188.61	Weekly Budget: \$3,290
Total Giving: March 5	\$2,690
Total Giving: March 12	\$4,865
Total Giving: March 19	\$2,847.24
Total Giving: March 26	\$1,007

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of April we will be collecting monetary donations for Heartbeats. Heartbeats is a life-affirming pregnancy resource medical center serving the people of our community with the love of Christ. For more information about Heartbeats and what they do, please see the board on the back table. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please just make sure to note that it is for Heartbeats.

★**EASTER SERVICES:**

- **We will NOT be having a worship service THIS Thursday, April 6th**
- *THIS* Friday, April 7th → Good Friday Service at 6:30pm > Communion and Fellowship Dinner
- *NEXT* Sunday, April 9th → Easter Sunday Service at 5:30pm
- * These are wonderful opportunities to invite friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to hear the gospel of Christ proclaimed.
- * *There will be NO children's ministry offered during the Good Friday Service and the Easter Sunday Service. The nursing room at the back of the sanctuary is available if needed.*

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner THIS Friday, April 7th, immediately following the Good Friday Service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**HEALTHTREE MOVES FOR MYELOMA:** We are putting together a team to participate in the 5K/1 Mile Walk happening on Saturday, June 3rd at Wolfe Park in Columbus, Ohio — the race starts at 9am, and the cost is \$35 per person. This event is to help fund critical HealthTree research in multiple myeloma. If you are interested in participating in this, please see the board on the back table for more information, or see Joel Decker for any questions you may have. To register for the event, you will need to go online and register with Team Legacy.