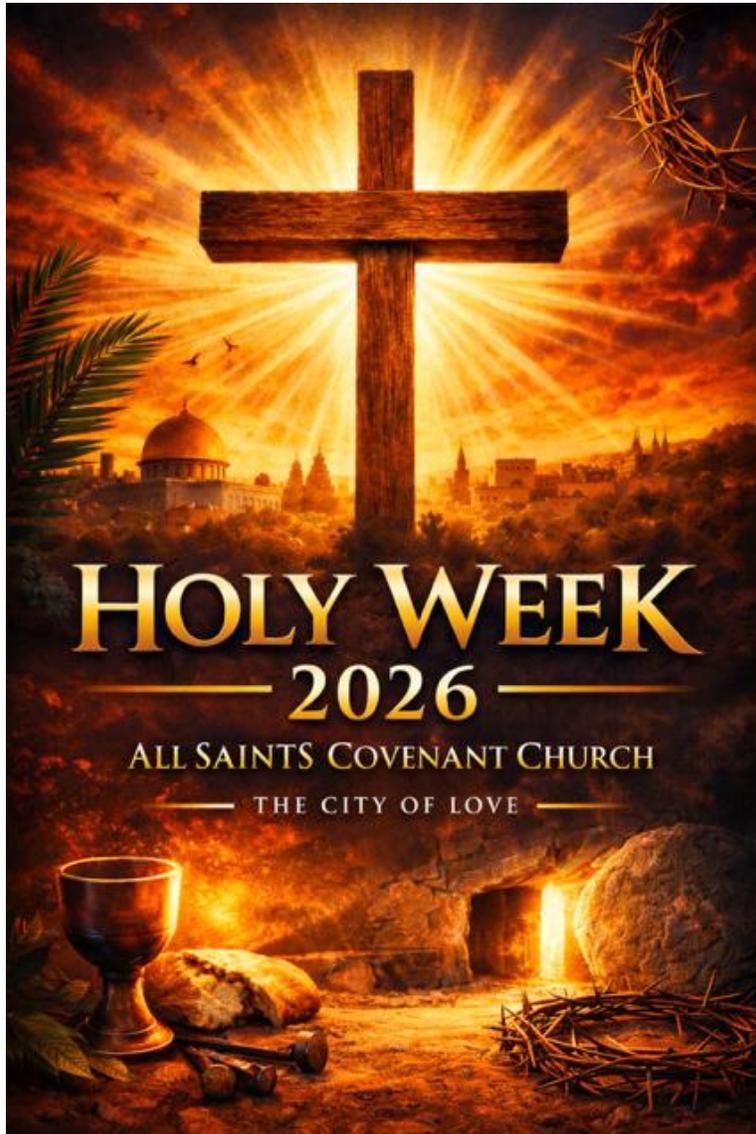


ALL SAINTS COVENANT CHURCH

HOLY WEEK 2026

*The Cross as the Throne: A Covenant Journey Through
Sacrifice & Sovereignty*



"We Love God. We Love Our Neighbors. We Maximize Purpose."

PASTORAL EXHORTATION

Beloved Covenant Family,

Holy Week is not a holiday. It is a *holy recalibration*.

This is the week where heaven's governance system confronts human rebellion. The week where sacrifice becomes sovereignty. The week where the **Cross** — Rome's symbol of humiliation — is revealed as heaven's throne of redemption. We do not observe this week casually. We walk it covenantally.

From **Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday**, we do not merely revisit a story. We re-enter the narrative. We align ourselves again under the **Kingship of Christ**. We examine our loyalties. We confront our idols. We crucify our flesh. We renew our hope.

The **Cross** was not an accident. The **Tomb** was not a defeat. The **Resurrection** was not symbolic. This is the week that *secured your identity, paid your debt, and established your dominion*.

Therefore, approach this journey with sobriety and expectation.

- **Pray deliberately.**
- **Fast intentionally.**
- **Reflect honestly.**
- **Worship boldly.**

Because when sacrifice becomes sovereignty — nothing remains the same.

— **Pastor Darrian L. Hill, Sr.**

WHY HOLY WEEK MATTERS THEOLOGICALLY

A Doctrinal Clarification for Covenant People

Holy Week is not sentimental remembrance. It is the doctrinal center of the Christian faith. If Holy Week collapses, Christianity collapses. The events from Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday secure and reveal the foundational doctrines upon which the Church stands.

What occurred this week was not symbolic theater. It was redemptive history unfolding according to eternal decree. Below are the theological pillars Holy Week affirms and secures.

I. The Incarnation and the Hypostatic Union

At the heart of Holy Week stands the Person of Jesus Christ. The Council of Chalcedon (A.D. 451) confessed that Christ is:

- **One and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, acknowledged in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation.**

This is the doctrine of the **Hypostatic Union**.

Christ is:

- **Fully God (*vere Deus*)**
- **Fully Man (*vere Homo*)**
- **One Person (*μία ὑπόστασις*)**
- **Two distinct natures**

His divine nature is not diminished by His humanity. His humanity is not absorbed into His divinity.

Why does this matter? Because only One who is fully God can satisfy divine justice. And only One who is fully man can represent humanity.

If Christ is not fully God, the Cross lacks infinite value. If Christ is not fully man, the Cross lacks representational legitimacy. Holy Week is the demonstration that the Incarnate Son truly entered history to redeem it.

II. Penal Substitutionary Atonement

Good Friday is not moral inspiration. It is judicial transaction.

Scripture declares:

- **“He was pierced for our transgressions” (*Isaiah 53:5*)**

- **“The LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:6)**
- **“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us” (2 Corinthians 5:21)**

This is not metaphor. It is substitution. Christ stands in the place of sinners. The wrath of God against sin is not dismissed. It is satisfied. Justice is not ignored. It is fulfilled.

The Cross accomplishes:

- **Propitiation — the appeasement of divine wrath (Romans 3:25)**
- **Expiation — the removal of guilt**
- **Reconciliation — restoration of covenant relationship**
- **Redemption — the purchase of freedom through blood**

Tetelestai — it is finished. The penalty has been borne. The debt has been paid. The Law’s curse has been exhausted (**Galatians 3:13**). Without substitution, grace becomes sentimental. With substitution, grace becomes magnificent.

III. Covenant Fulfillment

Holy Week is the climax of redemptive covenant history.

Christ is:

- **The true Passover Lamb (Exodus 12; John 19:36)**
- **The greater Moses**
- **The obedient Second Adam (Romans 5)**
- **The true Temple (John 2:19–21)**
- **The mediator of the New Covenant (Hebrews 9)**

The tearing of the veil is not dramatic imagery — it is covenantal shift. Access to God is no longer mediated through temple sacrifice. It is mediated through the crucified and risen Christ. *The Old Covenant* pointed forward. *The New Covenant* is secured in blood. Holy Week marks the transition from shadow to substance.

IV. The Defeat of Principalities and Powers

The Cross is not only vertical (*God and humanity*). It is cosmic.

Colossians 2:15 declares:

“Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”

Satan's accusation is silenced. Sin's legal claim is nullified. Death's dominion is broken. The Cross appears weak. But in divine paradox, it is conquest. The enemy is not negotiated with. He is defeated.

V. The Bodily Resurrection

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not spiritual metaphor.

It is:

- **Physical**
- **Historical**
- **Verifiable**
- **Transformative**

The same body that was crucified was raised — glorified, yet continuous.

This affirms:

- **The goodness of creation**
- **The defeat of death**
- **The future resurrection of believers**

As Paul declares in **1 Corinthians 15**:

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile. Resurrection is not an appendix to the Gospel. It is its vindication. If the Cross is payment, the Resurrection is proof.

Death does not have the final word. The grave does not hold ultimate authority. Christ rises as the *First-fruits* — the guarantee of what is to come.

VI. Eschatological Hope

Holy Week does not end in a garden tomb. It points toward a restored garden-city (**Revelation 21–22**). The resurrection inaugurates new creation.

What began on Easter morning will culminate in:

- **The resurrection of the dead**
- **The renewal of creation**
- **The visible reign of Christ**

Christian hope is not escapism. It is resurrection realism. Because He lives, we await the consummation of His Kingdom.

VII. Why This Matters for Covenant People

Holy Week demands response. Because Christ is fully God and fully man — we worship Him. Because atonement is substitutionary — we trust Him. Because the covenant is fulfilled — we enter boldly. Because principalities are defeated — we stand confidently. Because resurrection is bodily — we live victoriously. Because the Kingdom is coming — we endure faithfully.

Holy Week is not inspiration. It is **foundation**. *Remove it* — and faith collapses. *Receive it* — and life is reordered.

COVENANT DISCIPLINE GUIDE

Fasting & Corporate Alignment Rhythm

Holy Week is not merely remembered — it is embodied.

As covenant people, we engage our spirit, soul, and body in alignment. Fasting disciplines the flesh. Silence trains the heart. Generosity expresses gratitude. Celebration declares victory.

This rhythm is not legalism. It is intentional formation.

Monday–Wednesday (March 30th – April 1st)

6AM to 12PM – Partial Fast – water only

During these days, we abstain from food until 12PM, allowing physical hunger to remind us of spiritual dependence. This fast is not punishment. It is posture.

As Christ approached the Cross, He walked in obedience and restraint. In these early days of Holy Week, we quiet appetites that often govern us and reassert that “man shall not live by bread alone” (**Matthew 4:4**).

Use hunger as a prayer trigger. When you feel it — pray. When you desire — surrender.

Spiritual Intention:

- **To discipline the flesh and heighten spiritual awareness as we prepare our hearts for the gravity of the Cross.**

Good Friday (April 3rd)

6AM to 3PM – Corporate Fast – water only

On Good Friday, we extend our fast until 3PM as a corporate act of solemn remembrance. This is the day justice was satisfied. The day wrath was absorbed. The day redemption was secured.

Our extended fast reflects reverence — not ritual. It reminds us that the Cross was costly. Throughout the day, pause intentionally. Read Scripture. Reflect on **Isaiah 53**. Consider the weight Christ carried.

Spiritual Intention:

- **To align our bodies with the seriousness of the atonement and to approach the evening service with humility and gratitude.**

Holy Saturday (April 4th)

12–1PM – Silent Reflection Hour

Holy Saturday represents the silence between promise and fulfillment.

The tomb was sealed. Heaven appeared quiet. Hope seemed suspended.

From 12–1PM, we enter intentional silence. No music. No media. No distraction.

Sit with Scripture. Sit with stillness. Sit with the tension of waiting.

Silence is not emptiness — it is attentiveness.

Spiritual Intention:

- **To cultivate trust in God during seasons when He seems silent and to rehearse faithful waiting.**

Resurrection Sunday (April 5th)

Celebration & First-fruit Offering

Resurrection is not subdued. It is triumphant. On Resurrection Sunday, we celebrate visibly, audibly, and generously.

The First-fruit Offering is not fundraising. It is theological declaration. In Scripture, first-fruits symbolize gratitude, trust, and acknowledgment that all provision flows from God (**Proverbs 3:9–10**).

Because Christ is the “first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep” (**1 Corinthians 15:20**), our giving mirrors resurrection hope.

Spiritual Intention:

- **To honor the risen Christ with joyful worship and tangible gratitude, declaring that our lives and resources belong to Him.**

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

- **Set aside 20–30 minutes daily**
- **Read slowly and deliberately**
- **Journal honestly**
- **Participate corporately**
- **Speak the Covenant Declaration aloud**

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE 2026

Palm Sunday – March 29th @ 10AM

Corporate Prayer (*teleconference*) – Tuesday, March 31st & Thursday, April 2nd @ 6:30AM

WOW Bible Study (*Zoom*) – Wednesday, April 1st @ 7PM

Children’s Church (*In Person*) – Saturday, April 4th @ 5PM

Resurrection (Easter) Sunday – April 5th @ 10AM

THE HOLY WEEK ROADMAP

From Humility to Victory

A Progressive Revelation of the King

Holy Week is not a collection of disconnected events. It is a theological progression.

From the ***Triumphal Entry to the Empty Tomb***, we witness the unfolding revelation of ***Christ's Kingship*** — not merely over Jerusalem, but over *sin, death, and every principality*.

Each day builds upon the previous one. This is not random narrative. It is redemptive architecture. Below is the covenant journey we walk together:

Palm Sunday

The Humble King

Christ enters Jerusalem not on a war horse, but on a donkey.

Focus:

- **We confront our expectations of Jesus and receive Him as sovereign — not as strategist for our preferences.**

Theme:

- **Submission of Expectation.**

Monday

The Cleansing King

Jesus overturns tables in the temple.

Focus:

- **We allow Christ to confront and cleanse internal disorder, removing whatever hinders authentic worship.**

Theme:

- **Purification of the Heart.**

Tuesday

The Confronting King

Jesus exposes religious hypocrisy and defines covenant love.

Focus:

- **We examine whether our faith is performance or transformation.**

Theme:

- **Integrity of Devotion.**

Wednesday

The Worthy King

A woman offers extravagant worship while betrayal quietly advances.

Focus:

- **We evaluate our valuation of Christ — devotion or calculation?**

Theme:

- **Costly Worship.**

Maundy Thursday

The Serving King

The King kneels. The Covenant is instituted. The Garden prayer is prayed.

Focus:

- **We embrace surrendered obedience and servant leadership.**

Theme:

- **Submission of Will.**

Good Friday

The Sacrificial King

The Cross becomes the throne of redemption.

Focus:

- **We meditate on substitutionary atonement and the completion of justice.**

Theme:

- **Satisfaction of Justice.**

● Holy Saturday

The Silent King

The tomb is sealed. Heaven appears quiet.

Focus:

- **We practice trust in the silence between promise and fulfillment.**

Theme:

- **Faithful Waiting.**

🌅 Resurrection Sunday

The Victorious King

The tomb is empty. Death is defeated. New creation begins.

Focus:

- **We step into resurrection identity and authority.**

Theme:

- **Dominion & New Life.**

The Arc of the Week

Submission → Cleansing → Integrity → Devotion → Obedience → Redemption → Trust → Victory

Holy Week is *formation*. It trains us to:

- **Submit our expectations.**
- **Surrender our will.**
- **Receive atonement.**
- **Walk in resurrection authority.**

We do not simply observe these days. **We align with them.**

PALM SUNDAY – March 29th

The Humble King

Primary Text: Matthew 21:1–11

Historical Context

Jerusalem swelled during Passover with national anticipation. Roman occupation pressed heavily upon the people. Messianic expectation was politically charged and emotionally volatile.

The crowd anticipated a militant liberator. They expected a war horse. Instead, Jesus entered the city seated upon a donkey — fulfilling **Zechariah 9:9**.

This was not weakness. It was prophetic intentionality. The King arrives — but not as they imagined.

Doctrinal Weight

Christ's triumphal entry reveals the nature of divine Kingship. He is righteous. He is victorious. He is humble.

The Kingdom of God does not advance through coercion but through covenant obedience. "**Hosanna**" means "**Save now**." Yet the crowd misunderstood the depth of their need.

They desired political relief. He came for spiritual redemption. The Cross, not the sword, would secure victory.

Covenant Implication

If Christ is King:

- **He defines salvation.**
- **He defines victory.**
- **He defines expectation.**

Covenant alignment requires surrendering our preferred outcomes in exchange for His sovereign will.

Reflection Questions

1. Where have I shaped Jesus into my expectations rather than submitting to His authority?

2. What desires must I lay down in order to follow Christ faithfully?

3. Do I celebrate Christ when He aligns with my preferences — or because He is Lord?

Journaling Space

Prayer Focus

Lord, reveal where my expectations have eclipsed Your authority. Teach me to receive You not as consultant, but as King. Align my heart with Your mission.

Corporate Application

As a congregation, we lay down personal agendas and declare Christ's sovereign authority over our church, our families, and our future.

Covenant Alignment Declaration

I receive Christ as King — not advisor.

I surrender my expectations to His authority.

I will not reduce Him to my agenda.

I bow before the Humble King.

MONDAY – March 30th

The Cleansing King

Primary Text: Mark 11:15–19

Historical Context

The Court of the Gentiles — the only space designated for non-Jews to worship — had become a marketplace. Commerce displaced prayer. Convenience replaced reverence.

What was meant for intercession had become transactional. Jesus enters the temple and overturns tables. This was not uncontrolled anger. It was prophetic judgment.

Doctrinal Weight

Jesus quotes **Isaiah 56:7** and **Jeremiah 7:11**.

God’s house was to be a house of prayer for all nations. Instead, it had become a “***den of robbers.***”

Judgment begins at the temple. Under the New Covenant, believers are the temple (**1 Corinthians 6:19**). Christ’s cleansing is not limited to architecture — it is spiritual purification.

Holiness is not aesthetic. It is structural alignment with God’s presence.

Covenant Implication

If Christ reigns as King, He reserves the right to cleanse what belongs to Him. We cannot invite His presence while protecting hidden disorder.

Reflection Questions

1. What spiritual clutter has crowded my interior life?

2. Where has performance replaced prayer in my walk with God?

3. What table might Christ be overturning in my life right now?

Journaling Space

Prayer Focus

Lord, search my heart and cleanse what dishonors You. Reorder my priorities so that my life becomes a house of prayer.

Corporate Application

As a church, we renounce hollow religiosity and recommit to authentic worship, repentance, and intercession.

Covenant Alignment Declaration

Search me. Cleanse me. Reorder me.

My life will be a house of prayer.

TUESDAY – March 31st

The Confronting King

Primary Text: Matthew 22–23

Historical Context

Religious leaders attempt to trap Jesus through political and theological disputes: taxes to Caesar, the resurrection, the greatest commandment.

Their questions were strategic. His answers were sovereign. Each response exposed superficial religion.

Doctrinal Weight

Jesus summarizes the Law:

- **Love the Lord your God with all your heart.**
- **Love your neighbor as yourself.**
- **Orthodoxy without obedience is empty.**

Religious display without internal transformation invites judgment. The woes of **Matthew 23** are covenant indictments against hypocrisy.

Covenant Implication

God is not impressed by religious fluency. He examines the heart. Covenant fidelity requires internal integrity.

Reflection Questions

1. Where might I be maintaining religious appearance without inward alignment?

2. Do I love God with total devotion — or partial convenience?

3. How is my love for others reflecting my love for God?

Journaling Space

Prayer Focus

Father, purify my motives. Align my heart so that my love for You produces authentic obedience.

Corporate Application

As a covenant community, we reject performative religion and pursue sincere devotion and relational integrity.

Covenant Alignment Declaration

I reject hollow religion.

I choose heart alignment.

I love God fully.

I love my neighbor faithfully.

WEDNESDAY – April 1st

The Worthy King

Primary Text: Matthew 26:6–16

Historical Context

A woman anoints Jesus with costly perfume — worth a year’s wages. Judas calculates the waste. She discerns His worth. Her worship is extravagant. His betrayal is transactional.

Doctrinal Weight

Worship reveals theology. Thirty pieces of silver — the price of a slave (**Exodus 21:32**).

The anointing anticipates burial. Two responses stand side by side: *devotion and betrayal*. Christ is worthy — whether acknowledged or rejected.

Covenant Implication

What you sacrifice reveals what you value. Devotion is measured not by convenience, but by surrender.

Reflection Questions

1. What is my “alabaster jar” — something precious I hesitate to surrender?

2. Where might calculation be replacing devotion in my life?

3. Does my worship reflect Christ’s true worth?

Journaling Space

Prayer Focus

Lord, guard my heart from betrayal disguised as practicality. Cultivate extravagant devotion within me.

Corporate Application

As a church, we choose costly devotion over comfortable Christianity.

Covenant Alignment Declaration

Christ is worthy of costly devotion.

Nothing surrendered to Him is wasted.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 2nd

The Serving King

Primary Text: John 13; Matthew 26:36–46

Historical Context

On the night of betrayal:

- **The King washes feet.**
 - **The Lamb institutes the New Covenant meal.**
 - **The Son prays in agony in Gethsemane.**
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Doctrinal Weight

The Eucharist transforms Passover into covenant fulfillment. The bread signifies His body. The cup signifies His blood. In Gethsemane, the Second Adam submits where the first rebelled. **“Not my will, but Yours.”** Obedience advances redemption.

Covenant Implication

True authority in God’s Kingdom flows through surrendered obedience.

Reflection Questions

1. Where is God calling me to deeper surrender?

2. Do I resist submission while desiring authority?

3. How does Christ’s humility redefine leadership for me?

Journaling Space

Prayer Focus

Father, strengthen me to submit where my flesh resists. Teach me to lead through humility.

Corporate Application

As a congregation, we commit to servant leadership and covenant faithfulness.

Covenant Alignment Declaration

I choose obedience over control.

I serve because He served.

I surrender because He surrendered.

GOOD FRIDAY – April 3rd

The Sacrificial King

Primary Text: John 19

Historical Context

Rome intended crucifixion to humiliate and intimidate. What empire staged as defeat, heaven ordained as redemption.

Doctrinal Weight

Tetelestai — Paid in Full.

The Cross accomplishes:

- **Propitiation**
- **Substitution**
- **Reconciliation**
- **Redemption**

Divine justice is satisfied. The Law's curse is exhausted. The veil is torn. This is not tragedy. It is transaction.

Covenant Implication

If justice is satisfied, condemnation has no authority (**Romans 8:1**). You are justified — declared righteous.

Reflection Questions

1. Where am I still living as though the debt remains unpaid?

2. How does the Cross reshape my understanding of grace?

3. What shame must I release because Christ bore it?

Journaling Space

Prayer Focus

Thank Christ for absorbing the justice you deserved and granting the righteousness you could not earn.

Corporate Application

Approach Communion with reverence and gratitude, remembering that redemption is complete.

Covenant Alignment Declaration

Because it is finished, I live free.

Because justice is satisfied, I reject condemnation.

Because the veil is torn, I enter boldly.

HOLY SATURDAY – April 4th

The Silent King

Primary Text: Matthew 27:57–66

Historical Context

The tomb is sealed. Guards stand watch. Heaven appears silent.

Doctrinal Weight

Silence does not signal absence. Hiddenness does not signal defeat. Resurrection often incubates in obscurity. God’s promises remain active even when unseen.

Covenant Implication

Waiting seasons test trust — but do not nullify covenant.

Reflection Questions

1. How do I respond when God seems silent?

2. Where do I need renewed trust in unseen faithfulness?

3. What promise am I tempted to abandon prematurely?

Journaling Space

Prayer Focus

Lord, teach me to trust You in silence and to remain faithful in waiting.

Corporate Application

As a church, we commit to patient endurance, trusting God's unseen work.

Covenant Alignment Declaration

In silence, I trust.

In waiting, I remain faithful.

The promise is not dead.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY – April 5th

The Victorious King

Primary Text: John 20

Historical Context

The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. The grave clothes remain. The same body that was crucified is raised — glorified yet continuous.

Doctrinal Weight

The resurrection is bodily, historical, and triumphant. If the Cross satisfies justice, the Resurrection defeats death. Christ rises as the First-fruits (**1 Corinthians 15**).

Sin's penalty was removed Friday. Sin's power is broken Sunday. Death no longer holds dominion. New creation has begun.

Covenant Implication

You are not merely forgiven — you are raised to newness of life (**Romans 6**). Resurrection is present power, not only future hope.

Reflection Questions

1. Am I living as one raised — or merely forgiven?

2. How does resurrection reshape my view of suffering and death?

3. Where is Christ calling me to walk in new life?

Journaling Space

Prayer Focus

Risen Lord, empower me to walk in resurrection authority and renewed identity.

Corporate Application

As Resurrection people, we proclaim Christ's victory and live under His sovereign reign.

Covenant Alignment Declaration

I am not defined by the tomb.

I walk in resurrection authority.

The Cross governs me.

The Spirit empowers me.

Christ reigns.

RESURRECTION LIVING CHARGE

Now What? Resurrection is not a moment we celebrate once a year. It is a reality we live every day. The empty tomb is not merely proof that Jesus lives. It is a declaration that death no longer governs.

Because Christ is risen:

- **Sin no longer has dominion.**
- **Shame no longer has authority.**
- **The past no longer has final say.**
- **The enemy no longer has legal standing.**

We do not merely believe in the Resurrection. We are commanded to live from it.

I. Resurrection Identity

You are not defined by what died. You are defined by what God raised.

Your old identity was crucified with Christ. Your new identity is secured in Christ.

Therefore, reject every label that contradicts redemption. You are not condemned. You are not disqualified. You are not abandoned. You are raised.

II. Resurrection Discipline

Resurrection power is not permission for disorder. It is empowerment for holiness. Grace does not excuse the flesh. Grace governs the flesh.

Therefore, we practice covenant discipline:

- **We steward our minds.**
- **We govern our emotions.**
- **We discipline our appetites.**
- **We regulate our speech.**
- **We pursue purity without compromise.**

Resurrection living is not loud talk. It is submitted practice.

III. Resurrection Authority

The Resurrection was not only victory over death — it was victory over dominions. Christ rose as the conquering King. Therefore, you do not live as a spiritual victim. You live under the authority of the Risen Lord.

Stand in prayer. Resist temptation. Reject accusation. Advance in obedience. Not with arrogance — but with assurance.

IV. Resurrection Witness

If He is risen, the Gospel cannot stay private. Resurrection produces mission.

We are called to:

- **Love our neighbors visibly**
- **Serve with humility**
- **Speak with clarity**
- **Invite others into covenant life**

The world does not need more religious noise. It needs resurrection people.

Corporate Closing Charge

We are not Easter observers.

We are Resurrection people.

Governed by the Cross.

Empowered by the Spirit.

Commissioned for the world.

Covenant Commissioning Prayer

Risen Lord Jesus, seal this Holy Week in us. Let the Cross govern our love. Let the Resurrection govern our lives. Make us faithful witnesses—disciplined, aligned, and courageous.

In Jesus' name, Amen.