

TRUMPET CALL

WELCOME TO THE UPTOWN CHURCH!

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-53

Behold! I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.



GOOD MORNING! MARANATHA!

Please check your bulletin for more announcements and information.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

Psalm 25:4-5, 67:1-2, 105:4, 116:2, 119:18

Matthew 18:20, 28:19-20; Luke 24:32,45; Ephesians 1:17–19; 1 Corinthians 2:14

PASSING THE PEACE

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; Leviticus 19:17-18*

MATTHEW 5:23-24, 18:15

If you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
hallowed be 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.



PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS

Praising and glorifying our Lord and Saviour in song together.

Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Psalm 150

RESPONSIVE READING OF ROMANS

Renewal of Your Mind

Romans 12:1-2, 9-21, 11:36

PASTOR

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good, acceptable and



MEN

Let love be genuine.

WOMEN

Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.



MEN

Love one another with brotherly affection.

WOMEN

Outdo one another in showing honor.



MEN

Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit.

WOMEN

Serve the Lord.



MEN

Rejoice in hope

WOMEN

Be patient in tribulation



MEN

Be constant in prayer.

WOMEN

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.



MEN

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

WOMEN

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.



MEN

Live in harmony with one another.

WOMEN

Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.



MEN

Never be wise in your own sight.

WOMEN

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.



PEOPLE

If possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all.



PASTOR

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To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”



PEOPLE

Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.



EVERYONE

For from Him
and through Him
and to Him
are all things.
To Him be glory forever.
Amen.



PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer

Isaiah 50:10

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-6

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all.



BLESSING & DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN

Call children to the altar for prayer and blessing.

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

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DECLARATION OF THE LAW

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; Matthew 7:12
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.



For the commandments,
“You shall not commit adultery,
You shall not murder,
You shall not steal,
You shall not covet,”



and any other commandment,
are summed up in this word:

“You shall love your neighbor as
yourself.”

Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:9-10



NO MURDER

Understanding the Decalogue, Part VI

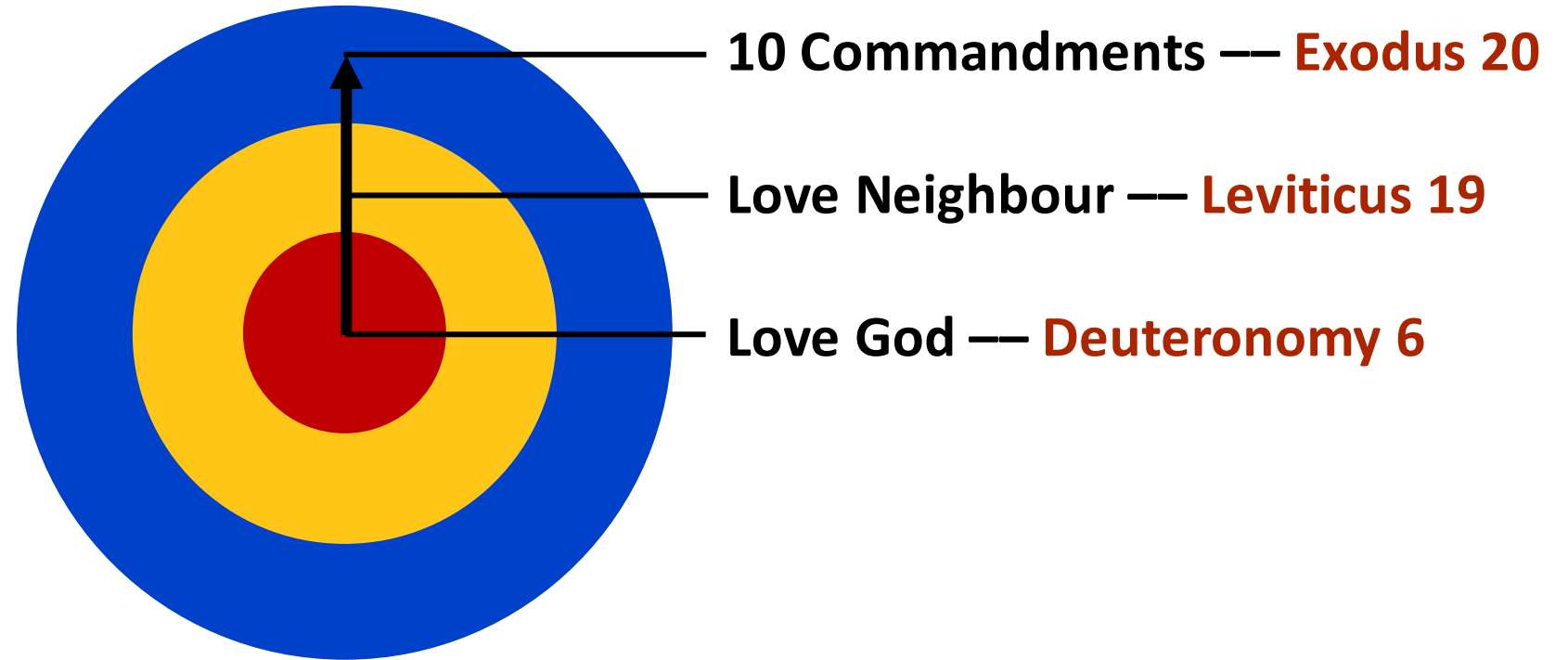
In Loving Memory
of
GEORGE THOMAS CHIRMAN
BORN OCTOBER 16TH 1845
DIED APRIL 18TH 1920
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IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF
MARY CAROLAN
THE BELOVED WIFE OF JOHN KIRBY
WHO DIED JANUARY 15TH 1920
Aged 55 Years
"Peace shall be still"

Also of
JOHN KIRBY
HUSBAND OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED AUGUST 28TH 1920
Aged 72 Years
"The work is done"

Also of
ANNA MARY KIRBY
WIFE OF JOHN KIRBY
WHO DIED JANUARY 19TH 1920
Aged 77 Years
"O Lord abide with me"

EXODUS 20 – 10 COMMANDMENTS



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1. **No other gods:** Worship only the one true God.
2. **No idols:** Do not make or worship images/idols.
3. **No misusing God's name:** Do not carry God's name falsely.
4. **Keep the Sabbath (No working):** Set aside a day to worship and rest in God.
5. **Honor parents:** Respect your father and mother.
6. **No murder:** Do not kill people unjustly.
7. **No adultery:** Be faithful to your spouse.
8. **No stealing:** Do not take what belongs to others.
9. **No lying:** Do not give false testimony (lie).
10. **No coveting:** Do not desire, envy, or crave what belongs to your neighbor.



NO MURDER

Exodus 20:13 — You shall not murder [*ratsach*].

Deuteronomy 5:17 — You shall not murder [*ratsach*].

- In Hebrew, murder refers to “unlawful or unjust killing”
- Therefore, murder does not include “lawful or just killing”



MURDER V. KILL

Murder does not include “lawful or just killing”

1. **Capital Punishment** — lawful death executed by the state
2. **Self-Defense** — protecting oneself from harm or death
3. **Just War** — saving/sparing innocent blood



MURDER V. KILL

Murder does not include “lawful or just killing”

- **Genesis 9:5-7** — “And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. **Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in His own image.** And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.”



The background of the image is a photograph of several gravestones in a cemetery. The stones are weathered and have some inscriptions, though they are mostly obscured by the large white text overlay. There are some small white flowers and green plants growing around the base of the stones. The overall tone is somber and reflective.

MURDER MUTILATES THE IMAGE OF GOD

And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 1:28

NO MURDER

Murder refers to “unlawful or unjust killing”

- 1. Premeditated** — deliberate, planned; assassination, serial killing
- 2. Passion** — intentional, impulsive; “heat of the moment”
- 3. Recklessness** — unintentional, accidental; “manslaughter”.

Death caused by indifference, carelessness, or negligence.

Deuteronomy 22:8 — “When you build a new house, you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring the guilt of



NO MURDER: HATE IN HEART

Murder refers to “unlawful or unjust killing”

- Deeper Reason: By nature, humanity is hostile to God, enmity against the source of moral law: God (**Romans 8:7; James 4:4**).
- If hatred of God, then hatred of God’s image (**Matthew 15:18-19**).
- Murderous proclivities are characterized by certain kinds of cold, hardened, hatred in the heart — malice, vengeance, negligence — for human life (image of God) and God Himself



NO MURDER: HATE IN HEART

This hostile hatred of God and neighbour (God's image) expresses itself in various, even uncontrollable, ways...

- **Bitterness** (unresolved conflict, no forgiveness)
- **Rage** (impulsive, explosive)
- **Insults** (express severe indignity)



MATTHEW 5:21-22

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’

But I say to you that

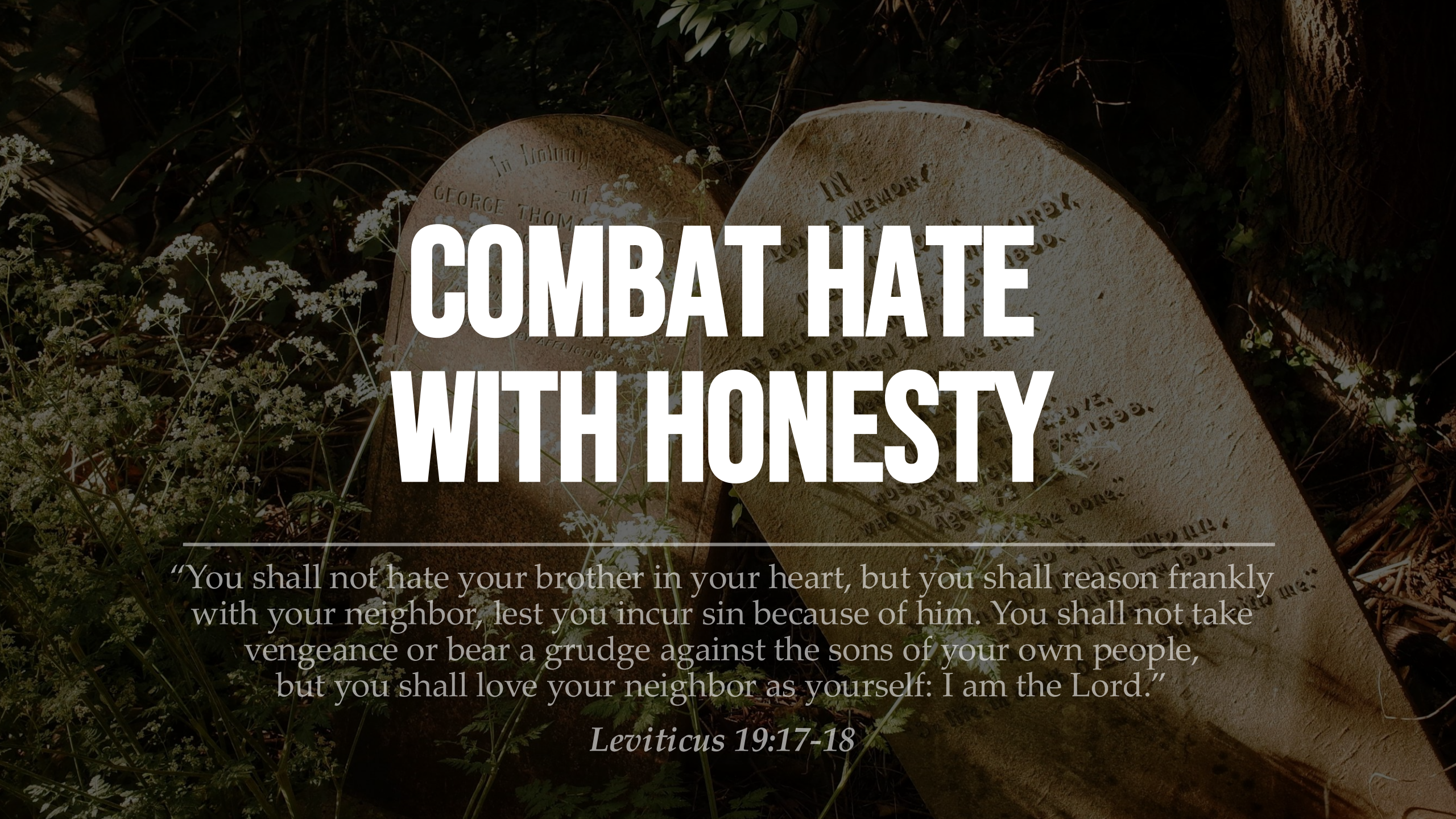
- a) everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment;
- b) whoever insults [*raca*] his brother will be liable to the council;
- c) and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fi



MATTHEW 5:23-26

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”



The background of the image shows two large, weathered gravestones in a cemetery. The stones are light-colored and have some inscriptions, though they are partially obscured by a dark, semi-transparent overlay. The surrounding area is filled with green foliage and small white flowers. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

COMBAT HATE WITH HONESTY

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

Leviticus 19:17-18

The background of the image shows several weathered, light-colored gravestones in a cemetery. The stones are partially covered by green weeds and small white flowers. The text is overlaid on the central part of the image.

COMBAT HATE WITH HONESTY

“Moreover, if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.”

Matthew 18:15

JOHN 8:44

“You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

- **Being honest with yourself** — juxtaposing your character to the truth (God) — so that you are not self-deceived or deceiving others, intentionally or ignorantly, prevents the seeds of murder from taking root: malice, vengeance, bitterness, bearing a grudge, rage, verbal/physical abuse,



NO MURDER: WHAT HATE IS NOT

- Cultural slogan: “Hate Has No Home Here” ... this statement is deceiving... what does “hate” mean in this context?
- You must affirm my truth and my lifestyle or you’re hateful...
- By shutting down the conversation about objective morality (right/wrong conduct) before it can even begin... it means honesty is not the best policy.
It kills honest conversation before it can happen...



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COMBAT VENGEANCE WITH PATIENCE

“Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

Romans 12:19

The background of the image is a photograph of several large, weathered gravestones in a cemetery. The stones are made of light-colored material, possibly marble or granite, and are partially covered in ivy and other climbing plants. The scene is dimly lit, with a dark, moody atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this background.

COMBAT VENGEANCE WITH PATIENCE

“To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”
Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Romans 12:20-21

1 JOHN 3:12-15

“We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”



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COMBAT MALICE WITH MEEKNESS

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:31–32

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COMBAT MALICE WITH MEEKNESS

“But the meek shall inherit the earth,
And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.”

Psalm 37:11

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer of Application of God's Word.

Ephesians 6:18; 1 Timothy 2:1

CALL THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer in the aisles — confession of sin, anointing of the sick, and pastoral intercession alongside communal prayer, praise, and worship.

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

PSALM 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits,



PSALM 103:1-5

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.



JAMES 5:13-16

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.

Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.



JAMES 5:13-16

And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.



THE SENDING SONG

The final song of service before we are sent out to spread the good news.

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

BENEDICTION

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

Please check your bulletin for services this week.

