



New Life Christian Community

Join Us As We Celebrate
Only Jesus

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

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Pastoral Pondering

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"From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!'" Revelation 4:5-8.

The book of Revelation is awesome! I don't mean "awesome" in the overused, casual sense which has made the word mostly devoid of meaning. I mean in the truest sense of the word—that which causes awe. I imagine if you have spent any time in this book, you know precisely what I'm getting at.

The astonishing, and at times terrifyingly strange images and creatures portrayed in Revelation, (and other apocalyptic portions of the Word), attempt to give us a small glimpse of the Heavenly realm, things which are largely indescribable and beyond our ability to even put into words. In them we see the greatness and the glory of the Lord, and we recognize that He is "other."

The living creatures here, as in **Isaiah 6**, repeat **"holy"** three times to emphasize the perfect and complete holiness of the Lord. His holiness is inseparable from the essence of his being. He. Is. Holy. There is no ambiguity here concerning His divine purity or perfection.

Concerning Jesus, John writes,

"...and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades'" Revelation 1:13-18.

You may need a deep breath (or two) after reading that passage. Wow!

We see Jesus Christ in full majesty and resplendent glory. The brightness of his face is as the full sun. He is exceedingly beyond the merely physical and natural. He exists apart from and above the material universe, outside of space and time itself. He is transcendent.

But why is it so important that we see and understand His holiness and His transcendence?

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Because we see that He is worthy of all praise and glory. And that drives us to worship Him, and it changes us. Our response should be like John when he says, **"When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead."** The living creatures near the throne never cease to cry out praise because they are in His presence.

Yet, in this vision when John fell at Christ's feet as though dead, Jesus put His right hand on him and told him to fear not, reminding John that He has conquered death. Jesus, sovereign over all things, of the same essence as His Father, condescended to redeem His creation. He came to pay the debt for our sin. Our Lord, though holy and transcendent, is not far from those who call upon Him.

How great and awesome is this grace given that we might be saved and inherited eternal life, freely given to those that believe by faith, though at an uncountable cost to the King. He deserves all praise and glory forever.

Brian Gates



If you are a visitor this morning or have only been coming to New Life for a few months, we are glad you are joining with us! If you would like to learn more about New Life, be sure to stop by the Resource Center in the front foyer to pick up a welcome bag we have for you. Please join us for fellowship *and a meal* after service today where we would love to meet and get to know you and for you to get to know us more.



If you haven't visited the Resource Center lately, a new children's book has landed in the Resource Center for Easter! *"The Friends and the Traveler"* tells the story of the risen Christ walking on the Emmaus Road with two of His followers in a beautifully written (and illustrated) way! Parents and kids will enjoy this story. Come check it out! Our shelves hold so many great books to help you grow in your knowledge of and love for God and to help guide you in your daily walk with Him. Perhaps you'll find a book to read with a friend or form a book group with! Come check us out after service today.

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This Week's Scheduled Events:

Tues Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am

Tues Young Adults Study– 6:30 pm

Wed Immerse– 6:15 pm

Thurs Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am

Thurs Ladies Bible Study– 10:30 am

Thurs Ladies Bible Study– Noon

Thurs GriefShare– 6:30 pm

Thurs Women's Study– 6:30 pm

Thurs Men's Bible Study– 6:30 pm

October Memory Verse:

Hebrews 13:8 (ESV)

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday
and today and forever."*

October Fellowship Tip:

Make sure to seek out someone
new today and introduce yourself,
and let them know you are glad
they are here.

Sunday Meals and Fellowship:

Oct 12 Meal Team 4 ~Rice & Beans

Oct 19 Meal Team 5 ~Breakfast

**Contact Barbara Judkins if interested in being on a
meal team or a helper.**

Check Out New Life Online
newlifechristiancommunity.org

➤ **Rice and Beans Sunday:** Today we are highlighting one of our missionary families, the Miron's, with a video update shared at the close of the service. Please take a moment this week to reach out to them or any of the missionary's on our wall to invest in and pour into them with support as God would call you. A simple card, video call, or email letting them know you are praying for them and care about them goes further than you can imagine. At New Life we desire to cultivate with our missionaries deep ongoing relationships, fellowship, and mutual participation in the ministry of Jesus Christ partnering together to see His Gospel go to the ends of the Earth.

➤ **Immerse: Wednesday Night Immerse** Classes are in full swing. Take advantage of this opportunity to participate in these classes **6:15-7:30pm**. These nights are one of many ways at New Life to invest in the lives of this local body (children and adults); together being taught, equipped, and sharpened in the Word as well as opportunity for inter-generational relationships to be formed.

➤ **Young Adults Study:** The Genesis study is back up and running for the season and we would like to invite you to join us as we study the last few chapters of Genesis. If you are a young adult, or would like to help to mentor our young adults, we invite you to join us on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month. Consider signing up to host the study at your home (signup is on the welcome table in the foyer). Please pray for our young adults - and again, consider joining with us as we study God's word together. Our next gathering is at the Minell home, **Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30pm** --2212 73rd Ave. Osceola.

➤ **Young Ladies Study:** We are continuing the Young Ladies study that we began this summer. This time going through a study together called **Becoming a Woman of Freedom** based on Hebrews 12:1-2. *"Laying aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangled, let us run the race marked out for us fixing our eyes on Jesus the Author and Perfector of our faith."* We will plan to meet the opposite Tuesdays of Young Adults so we will meet next **Tuesday, October 21st**. Please feel free to call or text with any questions or to let me know you would like a book. Katie Severson 715-417-1595. Eager to study with you.

➤ **NLCC Cookbook:** We are taking pre-orders for the NLCC cookbook which is titled *"Fellowship Feasts and Treats."* You can find us at the resource center where there will be signup and prepay for your very own copy. We are charging \$12 per book with **all profits** going back into the church. Thank you!


Busy Bags
Available by the Door



Jesus

Proclaimed
to the
Colossians

Today's Passage:

Pastor Tony's message is from the
New Testament book,
Colossians 1:1-2

SERMON NOTES: