

HOLY (WHOLE) WEEK

**"FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN, AND HOLINESS,
WITHOUT WHICH NO MAN SHALL SEE THE LORD."
HEBREWS 12:14**

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14

Apostolic greetings to the royal house of Calvary and welcome to Holy (Whole) Week and the fast of the wholeness of holiness!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to a week with the Wonderful One!

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called (WONDERFUL Counsellor) The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 KJV

In the midst of our very busy lives with all of its responsibilities, activities and distractions, Holy (Whole) Week gives us a much needed opportunity to take a Selah moment and focus our hearts and minds upon that which is of the utmost importance and that is the immeasurable sacrifice Christ made at Calvary to secure eternal life for all who will believe and receive Him as Lord & Savior.

Holy (Whole) Week should not be observed out of religious ritual but out of hearts seeking the opportunity to journey with Jesus in the closeness the events of this week bring to all who believe in the sacrificial salvation Christ died to give us. For those curious to know more about Jesus, observing Holy Week is a good opportunity to ask questions and seek answers about who He is, what His sacrifice means, and how His gift affects humanity. When blood washed believers observe Holy Week, we set ourselves apart for Him and dedicate our time to Him. Our observation of Jesus and meditations upon His grace and goodness gives Him the glory and honor that He deserves, for the gift of life he literally died to secure for us.

Before Holy Week, Jesus spent Friday, one week before His crucifixion, with Mary, Martha and Lazarus (John 12:1) and then observed the Sabbath on Saturday with His friends. He rested before He began His final steps to journey to the cross. Imagine the anticipation He felt, knowing in one week's time, everything would change. Our God is not a God of coincidence. The entire Bible tells the story of our Savior, and the events of Holy Week is the centerpiece.

Holy (Whole) Week reminds us how intentional Christ was and is about loving us. We should be equally intentional about dedicating ONE WEEK OF UNINTERRUPTED consecration, worship and praise, to the one who rescued our souls from eternal destruction.

This Holy (whole) week, may we come to know fully and never forget the lengths Jesus went to save us. Jesus sought and saved the lost AT ALL COST!! May the steps of Jesus we will follow this week to the cross move our hearts closer to Him and direct our lives to bring honor to his name.

Pray this prayer with me; Lord Jesus, help us to follow Your new command of love. Help us to understand and receive Your love and teach us how to love the people in our lives well. Lord, bless this week, and may many new souls come to receive Your grace. In Jesus' Holy and incomparable Name, Amen.

Let us begin this journey with Jesus and may His grace and glory rest upon us all.

Because of the cross,
+Bishop C. Shawn Tyson

FASTING AND PRAYER INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

Monday & Tuesday: one meal a day anytime between 5pm and midnight. (Drink water and herbal teas with no caffeine at any time on Monday and Tuesday)

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: Beginning at Midnight Wednesday morning we will be fasting ABSOLUTE until Friday at 12 noon. (Absolute = absolutely No food and no beverages, Wednesday through Friday until 12 noon)

Special note: ***Be sure to consult your doctor, especially if you have any medical condition. For those who cannot go for 3 days absolute, due to medical conditions, continue with one meal a day or whatever your eating directives are as given by your doctor.

Second special note: We will also be abstaining from social media, television, and all unnecessary texting and phone calls. And married couples abstain from conjugal communications until after the conclusion of Resurrection Sunday service.

PRAYER TIMES: Monday – Friday 5am – 6am

Mt. Calvary Pentecostal Facebook live or Call (917) 900-1022 Access Code: 8923928

Monday - Thursday – 6pm – 6:30 pm

In person or MTC Youngstown FB Live or YouTube Calvary Ministries International

BIBLE STUDIES- Tuesday at 12:00 pm (online or in-person)

Monday – Thursday- 6:30 pm -7:00 pm EST

In- Person or FB Live or YouTube

FOOT WASHING – Thursday- 7:00 pm

COMMUNION – Friday, March 29, Prayer 7 pm-7:30 pm

Service- 7:30pm

RESURRECTION SUNDAY – 10 AM

PLEASE NOTE: We are limiting all social interaction & dialogue; meaning we are abstaining from all unnecessary conversations, phone calls, social media, texting, tweeting, etc. Married couples abstain from conjugal communications until after the conclusion of Resurrection Sunday services. (We are concentrating on spending focused time with God) for the entire period of consecration before the Lord.

- **Check & return pertinent business-related messages.**
- **Watch the news so you may know how to pray- you may watch religious programming.**

We encourage you to avail yourself to God in this special time of consecration. Make special effort to press your way into the presence of God each day thru prayer and teaching.

BEFORE, DURING, AND BREAKING THE FAST

Planning Your Fast

Pre-plan your meals; and a daily schedule and list of juices you may find useful and satisfying.

"Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." Joshua 3:5

Pray—Spend time reading the Bible before the fast. Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance in your prayers. Write down your faith goals and specific prayer requests for your family, friends, church, and nation.

Commit—Pray about the fast you will undertake and commit to it ahead of time. Ask God for grace to help you follow through with your decisions.

Act—Start eating smaller portions a few days before the fast. Avoid food high in sugar and fat—plan to limit physical and social activities during the fast. Ask someone to be your prayer partner throughout the fast.

While Fasting

[Jesus] answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4

Focus—Set aside time to work through the devotionals. Be ready to respond to God's Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Pray—Intercede for your family, church, pastors, nation, campuses, and missions throughout the fast.

Replenish — During mealtime, read the Bible and pray. Drink plenty of water and rest as much as you can. Be ready for temporary physical weakness and mental annoyances like impatience and irritability.

Stick to a Schedule -

For maximum spiritual benefit, set aside ample time to be alone with the Lord. Listen for His leading. The more time you spend with Him, the more meaningful your fast will be.

•Morning

- Begin your day in praise and worship.
- Read and meditate on God's Word
- Pray for His vision for your life and empowerment to do His will.
- Invite God to use you. Ask Him to show you how to influence your world, your family, your church, your community, your country, and beyond.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to work in you to will and to do His good pleasure according to Philippians 2:13.

•Noon

- **Return to prayer and God's Word.**
- **Take a short prayer walk.**
- **Spend time in intercessory prayer for your community's and nation's.**
- **leaders, for the world's unreached millions, and for your family or special needs.**

•Evening

- **Get alone for an unhurried time of "seeking His face."**
- **If others are fasting with you, meet for prayer.**
- **Avoid television, internet or any other distraction that may dampen your spiritual focus.**

Longer periods of time with God in prayer and study of His Word are often better spent alone.

Breaking the Fast

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him." 1 John 5:14-15

Eat—Reintroduce solids gradually. Your body will need time to adjust to a normal diet. Eat small portions throughout the day.

Pray—Do not stop praying! Trust God's faithfulness and timing. Carry your newfound passion for God throughout the year. Be in faith for God to answer your prayer.