

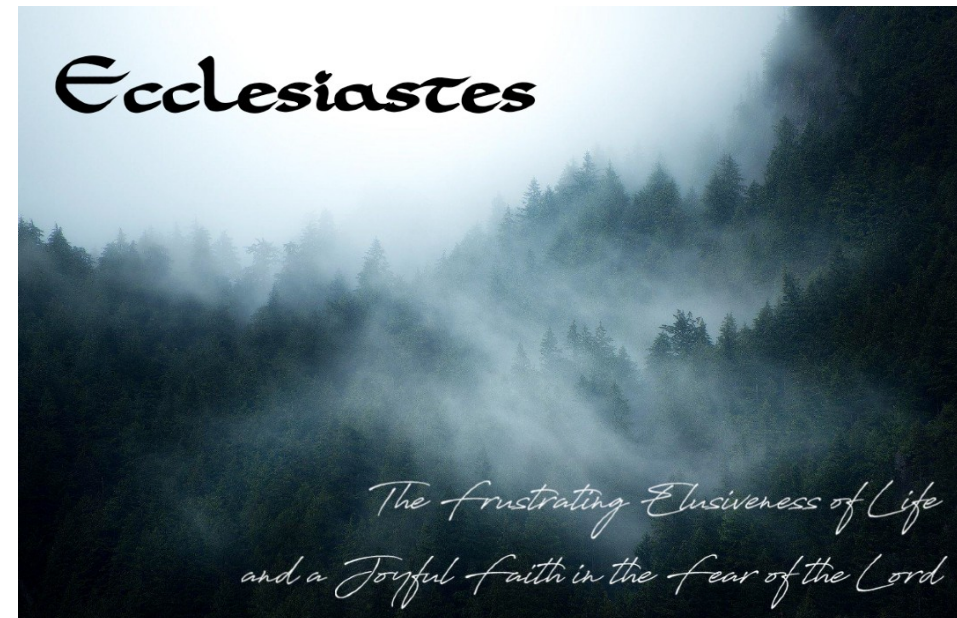
STAY *Connected* AT CCC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, MARCH 15

6th-8th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the **Searcys'** from **6:00 to 7:30**. Bring your Bible and see the SignUp Genius to bring a snack to share!

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCHEON WITH THE PASTORS

We will host a lunch for our college students on **Sunday, 3/22, after worship at the Skeen's house** at 985 Kennesaw Due West Rd, Kennesaw. We will need a rough head count by **Wednesday, 3/18**, to know how much food to get. Please contact Bonnie at bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org or 770-359-8745 if you plan to attend.



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OUR VISION:

TO SEE THE GOSPEL CHANGE HEARTS, LIVES, AND COMMUNITY
BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND

CHANGED HEARTS, CHANGED LIVES, CHANGED COMMUNITY

OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION
March 15, 2026

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 103:1-14**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

***Song of Preparation and Praise - From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)**

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Hebrews 9:23-28**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Songs of Comfort - Before the Throne of God Above
Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Jim and Shari Whittle, ELI India and
Grace Church, Canton**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - The Gatherer's Wisdom for Living in an Unjust World, Part 1
Ecclesiastes 3:16-22**

***Song of Response - Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me**

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Stand**

Giving boxes are located on the table inside the sanctuary by the doors and the welcome table in the lobby.

Response
SONG OF

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy,
My righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love,
My deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine,
I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh the night has been won,
And I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future, sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled
And suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said
That He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
[When the race is complete,
Still, my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me (3x)

“THE GATHERER’S WISDOM FOR LIVING IN AN UNJUST WORLD,
PART 1”

MATT O’SULLIVAN
ECCLESIASTES 3:16-22

Key Truth: God calls us to trust His judgment and to learn our mortal limits so that we can rejoice in the good work He gives us in Christ.

Introduction:

Q: If wickedness is everywhere, and death is inevitable, how should we live?

Ecclesiastes 3:16-22: God’s Judgment, Our Mortality, and Rejoicing in Our Work in Christ:

“It is indeed only as people live in joyful response to God that it is possible for any human being to ‘see’ immortality in any sense. It cannot be seen in the abstract. It can, however, be glimpsed in the concrete, as a resurrection life lived out in the present that makes obvious sense of who we are as God’s creatures, and thus confronts those living in rebellion against God with the irrationality and harmful consequences of their life-orientation. In this sense, ‘seizing the day’ is what Christians are called to do not only in our own interests, but also in the interests of others (Matt. 5:14-16).”

Iain Provan, *The NIV Application Commentary: Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs*

Application Questions:

1. *What good work has God given you in Christ? How can you cultivate your joy as you do this work in union with Christ?*
2. *How is your trust in God’s judgment (or lack thereof) affecting your ability to rejoice in the work God has given you in Christ?*
3. *How are your mortal limits affecting your ability to rejoice in the work God has given you in Christ?*

Application:

Ecclesiastes 3:16-22 teaches us that God calls us to trust His judgment and to learn our mortal limits so that we can rejoice in the good work He gives us in Christ.

Benediction: *Ecclesiastes 12:13*

CALL TO Worship

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- ² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love
and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like
the eagle’s.
- ⁶ The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.
- ⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to
our sins, nor repay us according to our
iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above
the earth, so great is his steadfast love
toward those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our
transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his
children, so the Lord shows
compassion to those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

Psalm 103:1-14

CONGREGATIONAL
Response

Heavenly Father,
We come this morning seeking You while
You may be found;
We call upon You while You are near;
We forsake our wicked ways, and our
unrighteous thoughts;
we return to You, O Lord, that You may have
compassion on us,
for You abundantly pardon in Christ.
Your thoughts, heavenly Father, are not our
thoughts, neither are our ways Your ways.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are Your ways higher than our ways and
Your thoughts than our thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down
from heaven and do not return there but
water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving
seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall Your word be that goes out
from Your mouth;
it shall not return to You empty, but it shall
accomplish that which You purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which You
sent it—our redemption in Christ.
For we go out in joy and are led forth in peace;
Creation breaks forth in a chorus of praise
and longed-for joy
At our revealing as Your sons and daughters.
May we bring everlasting praise to Your name,
O Lord.

Adapted from Isaiah 55:6-13

Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart

Pensive, doubting, fearful heart,
Hear what Christ the Savior says;
Every word should joy impart,
Change thy mourning into praise.
Yes, He speaks and speaks to thee,
May He help thee to believe;
Then thou presently will see
Thou has little cause to grieve.

Fear thou not, nor be ashamed;
All thy sorrows soon shall end,
I, who heaven and
Earth have framed,
Am thy Husband and thy Friend;
I the High and Holy One,
Israel's God, by all adored,
As thy Savior will be known,
Thy Redeemer and thy Lord.

For a moment I withdrew,
And thy heart was filled with pain;
But my mercies I'll renew;
Thou shall soon rejoice again;
Though I seem to hide my face,
Very soon my wrath shall cease;
Tis but for a moment's space,
Ending in eternal peace.

Though afflicted, tempest tossed,
Comfortless awhile thou art,
Do not think thou can be lost,
Thou art graven on my heart;
All thy wastes I will repair;
Thou shalt be rebuilt anew;
And in thee it shall appear
What the God of love can do.

SONG OF
Comfort

SONG OF
Comfort

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High Priest
Whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while
In heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

SONG OF
Praise

From the Depths of Woe

From the depths of woe
I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee?
O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy
And live alone by mercy

What though I wait
The live-long night,
And til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israels seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait til God appeareth
And wait til God appeareth

Though great our sins
And sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow
From all their sin and sorrow
From all their sin and sorrow

Confession OF SIN

Gracious and Merciful Father,

We come before you to confess our sin as Your redeemed and beloved children. May Your Spirit alone convict us of our sin and remind us of our pardon in Christ through repentance.

(Take a moment to silently confess.)

We confess that we don't really trust in the timing of Your judgment and try to ignore the limits of our mortality. **(Ecclesiastes 3:16-22)**

We confess these things before You because You are faithful to forgive us in Christ.

Bless us with the assurance of our pardon by Your Holy Spirit in Christ alone, by faith alone, through Your grace alone, from Your Word.

Amen.

Assurance OF PARDON

²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hebrews 9:23-28

(Leader) - And based on the gift of this assurance of pardon to us, God's people, we all can't help but say,

(Congregation) - Amen!