THE BRIGHT LIGHT OF GOD'S GRACE

Proclamation Life Groups; Genesis 4:1-6:8; Week of Sunday, February 26, 2017; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: As the darkness of sin grows and the curse of death reigns, the light of God's grace shines bright in pointing to the One to come who will offer rest for our weary souls and eternal life to all those who embrace Him by grace through faith.

I.   **THE GENERATIONS OF CAIN – (Genesis 4:1-26)**
   A.   What strikes you about God's interaction with Cain and Cain's decision to kill his brother?

   B.   Read Genesis 4:6-7. What do you think it looks like to rule over sin? How do Jesus' words in Matthew 5:21-26 help us as we think about the realities of anger and disagreements?

   C.   As you think about Lamech (Genesis 4:19-24), how would you describe his character?

   D.   How does Genesis 4:25-26 serve as a light of God's grace in the midst of this darkness?

II.   **THE GENERATIONS OF SETH – (Genesis 5:1-32)**
   A.   What do you think is the significance of Adam being made in the likeness of God and Seth being made in the likeness of Adam? How is the difference highlighted in this chapter?

   B.   What patterns do you notice in Genesis 5? Which generations deviate from this pattern?

   C.   What does it means that "*Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him*" (v.24)? How does this ray of light point us forward to Jesus? How does He fulfill this picture?

   D.   How is Lamech's hope for Noah linked with God's curse on mankind back in Genesis 3? How does this ray of light point us to Jesus and how does He actually fulfill that hope?

III.   **THE CULMINATION OF DARKNESS – (Genesis 6:1-8)**
   A.   Who do you think are the sons of God, the daughters of men, and the Nephilim?

   B.   What observations do you make about the sinfulness of mankind from verse 5? How do verses 6-7 help us understand the seriousness of sin as we look at God's response to it?

   C.   What practical things can you do to grow in grieving over your own sin?

   D.   How is the reality of God's grace in the midst of judgment an encouragement to you (v.8)?