

The Words of the Preacher: ECCLESIASTES

Life Under the Sun

The Vanity of Folly

Ecclesiastes 10:1-20

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God, you alone are true, good and perfect in wisdom & glory. You uphold, direct, dispose and govern all creatures and things from the greatest to the least by your most wise and holy providence. Blessed be your name. We confess, this morning Lord, our foolishness. Our hearts are given to every impulse and impression the world spins up and our day's strength is often foolishly spent on earthly ambitions and temporary pleasures instead of looking to you our great joy, the everlasting satisfaction of our souls. Oh that you will grant us faith this morning to trust Christ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. May our trust be fixed on Christ our wise prophet who declares all wisdom. Our wise priest who intercedes for us in our need for wisdom and discipline. Our wise king who reigns and rules when our foolishness overwhelms us in weariness and weakness. May faith in Christ come now as your Word is declared and Christ is set forward as our necessary wisdom in this foolish world around us and often sadly within our own hearts. We ask these things in the name and authority of Christ our wisdom. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Foolishness in Perspective (10:1-3)
2. Foolishness in Authority (10:4-7)
3. Foolishness in Vocations (10:8-11)
4. Foolishness in Conversation (10:12-15)
5. Foolishness in Governance (10:16-20)

Central Textual Truth

The Preacher calls Israel to avoid folly in this world of time & chance.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to trust Christ as our wisdom in this fallen world of folly.