

The Words of the Preacher: ECCLESIASTES

Life Under the Sun

A Life of Joy

Ecclesiastes 11:7-10

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God, apart from you we have no good. You alone are the source of all light and all delight. You make known to us the paths of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; and at your right hand are pleasures forevermore!

Blessed by your name. We confess this morning that we all have pursued these pleasures, delights and joys by fixing our hopes on everything that is set before us in this world & in our lives. We have even taken the good gifts you provide for us to enjoy & be reminded of your goodness and we have clung to the gifts instead of rejoicing in you the Giver. Oh open our eyes this morning to the vanity of all earthly attempts to know joy and satisfy our desperate hearts. And turn us this morning by the preaching of your Word & through the working of your Spirit to cling to Christ that our hearts may know the good, joy and blessing that only comes from your hand. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our blessed Redeemer. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. A Life of Faith (11:1-6)
 2. A Life of Joy (11:7-10)
 - A. The Substance of our Joy (v. 7)
 - B. The Urgency of our Joy (v. 8)
 - C. The Call to our Joy (v. 9)
 - D. The Hindrances to our Joy (v. 10)
3. A Life of Remembrance (12:1-8)

Central Textual Truth

The Preacher calls Israel to a life of joy in God.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to live a life of joy through faith in Christ.