

# ***The Words of the Preacher: ECCLESIASTES***

***Life Under the Sun***  
*The Life that is Lacking*  
***Ecclesiastes 4:1-16***

## **PASTOR'S PRAYER**

Almighty God, Maker of heaven and earth. You are true, good and wise. You are infinite, eternal and unchanging in your being. Blessed be your holy name. We confess our attempts to draw our soul's joys and hopes and blessings from this world. The world, those things under the sun, are broken and filthy cisterns that are unable to give what they promise. The world's promised delights only make us more thirsty and cause our hearts to faint and fall exhausted. Lord Jesus grant us faith that we might turn to you our comfort and joy. Grant repentance that we might turn from the world's attempts to please and grant faith to cling to Christ in all his sufficient grace to satisfy. Do this by your Spirit and for your name's sake this morning. Amen & Amen

## **OUTLINE**

1. Oppression without Comfort (vv. 1-3)
2. Envy without Contentment (vv. 4-6)
3. Toil without Companionship (vv. 7-8)
4. Tragedy without Community (vv. 9-12)
5. Leadership without Council (vv. 13-16)

### ***Central Textual Truth***

*The Preacher confesses the world under the sun will always divide & disappoint.*

### ***Central Sermon Aim***

*I want SGBC to be satisfied in Christ as the world isolates humanity.*