

"The Patience and Grace of God"

Genesis 6:1-8

"Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance. But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed" (Romans 2:4-5). "The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). "Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live? Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?" (Ezekiel 33:10-11).

- *"When man began to multiply...":* Mankind was multiplying on the face of the earth and they had no law. They had no organized authority above them; no Government to submit to and no interest in submitting to God, (Genesis 2:16-17; Romans 13:1-7; Judges 21:25; Matthew 18:15-18; Ephesians 6:4) but they were more than willing to enjoy the blessings of God (Genesis 1:28-29). *"For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened."* (Romans 1:21)
- The consistent mode of temptation: *"But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it is conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death."* (James 1:14-15)
 - Genesis 2:6 and Genesis 6:2
 - 1) "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes"...."the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were attractive"
 - 2) "She took of its fruit and ate"...."And they took as their wives any they chose."
 - There is a desire inside of humanity and some angels to live without the "restrictions" of God's Law. The desire to live according to their own wisdom and desires believing that they can escape the judgment of God.
- Who are the "sons of God" and "daughters of men"? (Three explanations:)
 - The "sons of God" were those who were from Seth's lineage and the "daughters of men" were from the lineage of Cain (Deuteronomy 7:2-5; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18).
 - The "sons of God" were angels and "the daughters of men" were human women. This is the most biblically consistent view. 1) Angels are called "sons of God" in other Old Testament passages (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7). 2) The passages in 1 Peter 3:18-20 and 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 1:6 seem to point to the flood narrative as the time of angels being punished for their actions. 3) The word Nephilim means "Giants" or "Fallen Ones". We see an example of the Nephilim being giants and mighty men in Numbers 13:31-33.
 - Demon Possession (Mark 5:1-4; Acts 19:15-16; Hebrews 1:14) or Angels taking the form of men (Genesis 19:1-3; Hebrews 13:2; Matthew 22:30)?
 - We see men are responsible for their actions in this context and we see that men are created from this union.
- *"My Spirit shall not abide in (or contend with) man forever":*
 - Despite the great wickedness of mankind (Genesis 6:5), God was going to give mankind 120 years to repent. Noah was a "herald of righteousness" while the ark was being built, (2 Peter 2:5) calling men to repentance! Despite the wickedness of man, God still showed grace....*"and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."* (Luke 6:35-36; cf. Romans 1:28-32). The world had gone from Genesis 1:31 to Genesis 6:5 because of the rejection of God and the embracing of sin.

Worship: God Is For Us (By: CityAlight)

God Omniscient, God All Knowing (By: Matt Boswell)

Be Thou My Vision (By: Norton Hall Band)

Closing Song: Bless The Lord O My Soul (Psalm 103) (By: Sovereign Grace Music)**Service Times:** Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- “The LORD regretted...it grieved Him to His heart.” (*Anthropomorphism*: the attribution of human characteristics given to God to help us understand, to our capacity, what God is exhibiting.)
 - Regretted means to have compassion and grief that demands action. God has emotion: Anger (Psalm 7:11); Compassion (Psalm 135:14); Love (John 3:16); Hate (Proverbs 6:16); Joy (Zephaniah 3:17).
 - Things to consider: 1) God does not change (Malachi 3:6). 2) God does not change His mind (Numbers 23:19). 3) God does not make mistakes because He knows all things (Psalm 147:5). 4) God knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:9-10). 5) Where sin increases God’s grace increases (Romans 5:20). 6) God is just (Romans 3:23-26).
 - *“But you have burdened Me with your sins, you have wearied Me with your iniquities” (Isaiah 43:24). “I have been broken over their whoring heart that has departed from Me and over their eyes that go whoring after their idols” (Ezekiel 6:9). “For forty years I loathed that generation and said, ‘They are people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways’” (Psalm 95:10).*
- “But Noah found favor (not earned favor) in the eyes of the LORD.”
 - We never earn anything from God. Everything is a gift from His hand. We are saved by His grace, not our works (Ephesians 2:8-9). *“Or who has given a gift to Him (God) that He might be repaid? For from Him (the source) and through Him (the means) and to Him (the aim) are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.” (Romans 11:35-36)*

→**Prayer Points for Day of Prayer (Wednesday, July 27th):**

- Pray for wisdom and steadfastness for our Elders and Deacons as they lead and serve our church body.
- Pray that we as individuals and as a church body would live holy lives before friends and neighbors so that our witness to the gospel will have a credible testimony.
- Pray that we as a church body will be committed to making true disciples of the next generation so that renewal continues.
- Pray that we as a church body would grow in our faith in and dependence on the Lord.

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of July we are collecting donations for Heartbeats. They are in need of: New SUMMER clothing only — size 3 months to 3T; Swim diapers ONLY (they are well stocked on regular diapers); and diaper bags. There is a tote in front of the back table to put your donations in! We are collecting donations for ONE more week!

★**KINGS ISLAND TRIP:** Christina Strawn is organizing a group trip to Kings Island on Saturday, August 13th. Group Admission tickets are \$42 each (minimum of 15 people). Please contact Christina (740-755-6512) if you would like to go or you have any questions!

★**PNEUMATOLOGY CLASS:** We will be offering a new class on Sundays, starting on August 14th. This class will be a study on the Holy Spirit — who is the Holy Spirit, what is the work of the Holy Spirit, etc. This class will be EVERY Sunday from 4-5pm. If you are interested in participating in this class, there is a sign-up list on the back table!

★**MEMBERS MEETING:** We will be having a short Members Meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, August 7th. If you are a church member, please plan on staying for that meeting!

★**CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER:** Our monthly day of prayer as a church body will be THIS Wednesday, July 27th. We ask that you set aside specific time on this day to pray for the leaders and the ministries of our church body. There are specific prayer points above the announcements.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, July 31st, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!