

“Joy: Our Great, Good, Generous God”  
Genesis 8:22-9:28

*“Joy is a quiet gladness of heart as one contemplates the goodness of God's saving grace in Christ Jesus” (John Calvin)*

*“What is sin? It is the glory of God not honored. The holiness of God not revered. The greatness of God not admired. The power of God not praised. The truth of God not sought. The wisdom of God not esteemed. The beauty of God not treasured. The goodness of God not savored. The faithfulness of God not trusted. The commandments of God not obeyed. The justice of God not respected. The wrath of God not feared. The grace of God not cherished. The presence of God not prized.*

*The person of God not loved. That is sin.” (John Piper)*

- Nature declares the faithfulness of God (Genesis 8:22).
  - *“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.” (Psalm 19:1-2; cf. Jeremiah 33:20-21)*
  - *“Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep....” (Psalm 36:5-6)*
  - *“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23; Matthew 6:33-34)*
- God's goodness and wisdom in giving and taking (Genesis 9:1-4).
  - Thankfulness for the generosity of God is seen in obedience to His Word (Genesis 2:16-17; Genesis 9:3-4; 1 Timothy 4:1-5). The Lord, is His infinite wisdom, gives and takes away.... *“...The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.” (Job 1:21b)*
  - *“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life” (Leviticus 17:11). “...we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all....But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God....For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified” (Hebrews 10:9-14).*
- Capital Punishment demonstrates God's love for mankind and that God is just (Genesis 9:5-7).
  - Capital punishment was given to mankind to restrain sin (Genesis 6:5,11-12) and to show the preciousness of human life (Exodus 20:13; 21:28-29). This value of human life is ultimately seen in being image bearers (Genesis 1:27).... *“He (Christ) is the image of the invisible God....” (Colossians 1:15).* The idea of capital punishment is supported in both the Old and the New Testament (Acts 25:11; Romans 13:1-7).
- God's faithfulness to His Word/Covenants (Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 2:14-15).
  - *“God is a covenant maker as part of His personal commitment to man. He is a promiser who makes covenants. From now on, throughout the entire Bible, God is known as a covenant-making God who is faithful to keep His covenant. God gives a covenant and He at times gives a sign of that covenant.” (John MacArthur)*

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**Worship:** Glorious Christ (Sovereign Grace Music)

His Mercy Is More (Matt Boswell)

Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call (Matt Boswell & Matt Papa)

**Closing Song:** God Is For Us (CityAlight)

**Service Times:** Sundays: Pneumatology Class 4/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 Abrahamic Covenant* (Genesis 12:1-3,6-7; 13:14-17; 17:1-14; 22:15-18) was the covenant through which the Scriptures and the Savior would come; the sign of this covenant was circumcision. *The Davidic Covenant* (2 Samuel 7:8-16) was the covenant through which the Messiah would come and establish the glory of His Kingdom. *The New Covenant* (Jeremiah 31:31-34) was the covenant through which forgiveness of sins would come, namely, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. *The Mosaic Covenant* (Deuteronomy 11; Exodus 20) was the covenant that would bring the Law that would enable people to see their sin, the holy standard of God, and see their need for a Savior; the sign of this covenant was the Sabbath.
- *The Noahic Covenant* was a covenant of common grace, that is temporary, that had the sign of the rainbow. The bow (the weapon) in the sky is a reminder of God's coming judgment of sin; this life is a time of peace and patience that should lead to repentance; and that God is merciful and gracious.
- Treat others as God has treated us (Genesis 9:18-28).
  - Noah was not saved by his works, he was saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8-9). Noah fell into sin and one of his sons wanted to bring shame to Noah, his other sons wanted to cover up his failures and shortcomings with grace. The way that we deal with others' sins says a lot about our understanding of what has been done for us.
    - *"Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:1-2). "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother" (Matthew 18:15).*

→**Prayer Points for Day of Prayer (Wednesday, August 31st):**

- Pray for wisdom and steadfastness for our Elders and Deacons as they lead and serve the church body. (1 Corinthians 15:58; James 1:5)
- Pray that our city will not throw up obstacles to the spread of the gospel as God grants boldness to His saints to proclaim His Word. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
- Pray that as a church body we would each grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. (2 Peter 3:18)
- Pray that as a church body we would grow in humility, gentleness, patience, and unity. (Ephesians 4:1-3; Colossians 3:12-17)

**Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** *Thank you to all of those who donated to Vertical 196 this month!* Throughout the month of September we will be collecting monetary donations for the Bobbs, a global missionary family that we financially support as a church body.

★**CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER:** Our monthly day of prayer as a church body will be THIS Wednesday, August 31st. 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 on the back of your sermon notes.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**COMMUNION:** We will be partaking of and celebrating Communion together NEXT Sunday, September 4th.