

"Complaining or Contentment; Grumbling or Praising: The Heart of Worship"
Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Corinthians 10:6-12; James 5:7-11

"You don't need to know what God is doing if you know God." (Paul Washer)

"For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:34b,36-37). "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29). "Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips" (Psalm 141:3).

- 1 Corinthians 10:6-12 (temporal consequences)
 - Twice we are told in this text, *"these things took place/happened as examples to us"*.
 - We are told about these sins: *"Do not be idolaters"; "We must not indulge in sexual immorality"; "We must not put Christ to the test"; "We must not grumble"*.
 - The consequences: *"Twenty-three thousand fell in a single day"; "Some were destroyed by serpents"; "Some were destroyed by the Destroyer"*.
 - *"Grumbling and complaining must be taken incredibly seriously in the Christian life. I would say that the Christian sinning is worse than the unbeliever sinning because we have been forgiven, have the Holy Spirit, understand God's Word, and have godly examples." (Warren Weirsbe)*
- James 5:7-11 (eternal consequences)
 - There are four tools in battling the sin of grumbling or complaining.
 - Patience with people and our circumstances.
 - Establishing our hearts in the truth of God's Word.
 - The Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10).
 - The reality that God is merciful and compassionate; God's character.
- Philippians 2:14-16 (eternal joys)
 - *"Do all things without grumbling* (a negative emotional response to something unpleasant, inconvenient, or disappointing, thinking that it is undeserved) *or disputing* (negative thinking about God or a person in an unpleasant, inconvenient, or disappointing situation).
 - Four reasons:
 - Because as Christians we are called to live holy lives.
 - Complaining and Wrong Thinking does not show the power of God in salvation to unbelievers.
 - It confuses people about the truth of God's Word.
 - For the eternal joy of your Pastor or Elders.

Worship: Grace Alone — Dustin Kensrue

Jesus, Thank You — Sovereign Grace Music

Before The Throne Of God Above — Sovereign Grace Music

Closing Song: All Glory Be To Christ — Kings Kaleidoscope

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

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** This is our last week for collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. For more information about HeartCry, please see the board in the back of the sanctuary! There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also donate through Venmo, please be sure to note that the donation is for HeartCry!

★**EASTER SERVICES:** Mark your calendars —

•Thursday, April 6th → **No** Thursday Worship Service

•Friday, April 7th → Good Friday Service at 6:30pm ► Communion and Fellowship Dinner

•Sunday, April 9th → Easter Sunday Service at 5:30pm

*These are wonderful opportunities to invite friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to hear the gospel of Christ proclaimed.

**There will be NO children's ministry offered during the Good Friday Service and the Easter Sunday Service.*

The nursing room at the back of the sanctuary is available if needed.

★**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!

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next baptism service will be **NEXT** Sunday, April 2nd. If you are interested in being baptized or have any questions about baptism, please see Pastor Jeremy or one of the Elders!

★**CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER:** THIS Wednesday, March 29th, will be our monthly day of prayer as a church body. We ask that everyone set aside a specific time of prayer on this day to pray for the leaders and ministries of our church body, as well as lifting up one another in prayer. There are specific prayer points below. ↓

→**Prayer Points for Day of Prayer (Wednesday, March 29th):**

•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 God would work in us a joyful, cheerful heart to obey Him. (Philippians 2:12-13)

•Pray that God would grant us opportunities to share the gospel of Christ in the mission fields of our daily lives. (Colossians 4:3-4)

•Pray that God would give us an inclination to His Word and not money or fame or power. Pray that God would open our eyes to see wonderful things when we read His Word and to have hearts united in the fear of God rather than fragmented over a dozen concerns. Pray that we would be satisfied in His steadfast love. (Psalm 86:11; 90:14; 119:18,36)