## "The **Physical Blessings** of the New Covenant and the Millennial Kingdom" Ezekiel 34:25-31; 36:8-15

"Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace." (2 Peter 3:14). "They (animals) shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea." (Isaiah 11:9). "'I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land I have given them,' says the LORD your God." (Amos 9:14-15). "The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as He took delight in your fathers." (Deuteronomy 30:9).

- Why is their physical suffering (death, pain, sickness, hardship, conflict)?
  - o Genesis 3:16-19; Romans 8:18-23
  - Amos 4:6-11:
    - Famine is evidence of the effects of sin and man's need for repentance and faith in God.
    - Drought is evidence of the effects of sin and man's need for repentance and faith in God.
    - Natural disasters are evidence of the effect of sin and man's need for repentance and faith in God.
    - **Disease and sickness and death** are evidence of the effect of sin and man's need for repentance and faith in God.
    - War and conflict are evidence of the effects of sin and man's need for repentance and faith in God.
- How do we live out and show our hope for a future where the consequences of sin, physically and spiritually, are completely defeated by the work of Christ?
  - Habakkuk 3:17-19:
    - "Yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation."
    - "God, the LORD, is my strength (not the temporal delights of this world)."
  - "So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." (2 Corinthians 4:16-17)
  - "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (Romans 8:18)
- We look forward to the Millennial Reign of Christ and then the New Heaven and New Earth where sin and its effects will be removed from all creation!
  - o Isaiah 65:17-25:
  - "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."
    (Revelation 21:4)

## **Announcements:**

- **★**DONATIONS: Please see the June Newsletter for more information about our June Donation Collection for Heartbeats. *THIS Sunday is the LAST day for this collection!*
- ★VOLUNTEERS: The Cleaning Ministry is looking for a few more volunteers to join the ministry. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about the ministry, please see Krystal.
- -The <u>Children's Ministry</u> is looking for a few more volunteers to join the ministry. If you are a Church Member and you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about the ministry, please see Kalen and Courtney.
- ★CANOE/KAYAK TRIP: Please see the June Newsletter for more information about this event.
- ★FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, June 15th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.
- ★MEN OF LEGACY LUNCH: Please see the June Newsletter for more information about this event.
- **★NEW MEMBERS' CLASS:** Please see the June Newsletter for more information about this upcoming class.