

“God’s Grace In/Through Tragedy/Judgment”
Luke 21:1-6 (Luke 19:41-48)

“Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.” (1 Corinthians 10:6,11-12)

● **The Temple:**

- The destruction of the Temple would have a massive effect on the Jewish people.
- The Temple was destroyed in 586 BC by the Babylonians (Jeremiah 25:3-11) and in AD 70 by the Romans (Luke 19:41-44). *In both cases it was because of the disobedience of the Jewish people towards God.*
- The Temple was the centralized place of worship for the Jewish people and the Temple symbolized God’s presence among the people.
- The destruction of the Temple ended the sacrificial system and it led to the dispersion of the Jewish people.

● **The Reason for Judgment/Calamity:**

- *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and **you were not willing!**” (Matthew 23:37)*
- *“And I have spoken persistently to you, but **you have not listened.** You have neither listened nor inclined your ears to hear, although the LORD persistently sent to you all His servants the prophets, saying, ‘Turn now, every one of you, from his evil way and evil deeds....’” (Jeremiah 25:3-5)*

● **The Purpose of Judgment/Calamity:**

- *“I gave you lack of bread (famine)...I withheld the rain (drought)...I struck you with blight and mildew....I sent among you a pestilence....I overthrew some of you....yet **you did not return to Me, declares the LORD.**” (Amos 4:6-11)*
- *“No, I tell you; but **unless you repent,** you will all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:5)*
- *“When God saw what they did, how **they turned from their evil way,** God relented of the disaster that He had said that He would do to them, and He did not do it.” (Jonah 3:10)*

● **What is Repentance?**

- *“‘Yet even now,’ declares the LORD, ‘return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.’ Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.” (Joel 2:12-13)*
- Repentance says, “I am broken, I’m angry at sin, and I want to kill my sin.”
- Repentance is seeing sin as evil, ugly, and horrific and seeing God as great, glorious, and better than sin.
- Repentance is a change of mind, a change of disposition, a change of purpose.
 - *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.” (1 John 1:9-10)*

Worship: I Stand Amazed — Norton Hall Band
Before the Throne of God Above — Sovereign Grace Music

God Omniscient, God All Knowing — Matt Boswell
Closing Song: His Mercy Is More — Matt Boswell

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9am/Prayer 9:45am/Church 10:30am; Mondays: Legacy Practicum **ON SUMMER BREAK**
Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30pm/Men 7pm; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20pm/Church 7pm

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Please see the July Newsletter for information about our Donation Collection for July. ***NEXT Sunday is the LAST day for this collection!***

★**CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** Our Monthly Church Game Night is TONIGHT Andy's house (1062 National Road SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. Please bring your favorite board game or card game to play, and a food item to share with everyone. EVERYONE is invited to join us for this great time of fun and fellowship!

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, July 26th, 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 fellowship with us!

★**MARRIAGE/PARENTING CLASS:** NEXT Sunday, July 26th, and on Sunday, August 23rd, from 4-7pm, we will be offering a 2-course (6 hour) Marriage Class on having a healthy marriage, along with a Parenting Class on "Raising Your Children to Have a Biblical Worldview." So many parents and future parents feel unequipped to train and instruct their children in the Bible. As a Church, we want to offer parents and future parents the equipping they need to be able to honor the Lord in the home. If you are interested in this course, we ask that you clear out your schedule to be able to attend these incredibly important courses. The information learned in this course will be invaluable. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, TODAY is the last day to sign up if you are interested in participating! *There will not be childcare offered for this Class!*

★*For all other announcements, please see the July Newsletter!*