

# ***The Words of the Preacher: ECCLESIASTES***

***Life Under the Sun***

***All is Vanity!***

***Ecclesiastes 1:1-3***

## **PASTOR'S PRAYER**

Almighty God, Maker of heaven and earth. You are our Creator. We are your creation. You are infinite, eternal, unchanging. You possess all wisdom, power, holiness, justice and goodness. You are true and all you are and all you do arise from your own perfect being. We confess our constant attempts to validate ourselves. We desperately run around and busy ourselves with daily toil to justify our value and worth to those around us. Lord, we confess our constant striving is always about our own wants, our own kingdom, our own glory. Lord Jesus, grant us your Spirit this morning that we might hear the Preacher of Ecclesiastes. Oh that we might see the extent of all vanity under the sun and turn to fear & worship you our Savior & LORD as we obey your commandments with joy and great hope as we await our great treasure to come in heaven. Apart from your Spirit our hearts will despair this morning LORD. Cause the truths of this book to expose our true treasure, our sincere joys, our heart's greatest glory. And cause us to see by faith that Christ is our great comfort, our soul's delight, our all in all. Triumph over our hearts of despair and weariness to accomplish these things for your name sake in our midst this morning, LORD Jesus. We ask these things in the authority of your name. Amen & Amen

## **OUTLINE**

1. Who Wrote Ecclesiastes?
2. How is Ecclesiastes Structured?
3. What are the main Themes?
4. Why Study Ecclesiastes?

### ***Central Textual Truth***

*The Preacher calls all humanity to affirm the vanity of hope in this life alone.*

### ***Central Sermon Aim***

*I want SGBC to endure the vanity of life & embrace the promises of Christ.*