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The Greatest Joy

Free Grace Presbyterian Church

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities

Isaiah 53:11

God is the highest good of the reasonable creature. The enjoyment of him is our proper; and is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied.

Jonathan Edwards

18th century American Congregational pastor and theologian

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:32

Now we shall possess a right definition of faith if we call it a firm and certain knowledge of God's benevolence toward us, founded upon the truth of the freely given promise in Christ, both revealed to our minds and sealed upon our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

John Calvin

16th century French Reformer, pastor, and theologian

For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

If in our arrogance we insist that God has to meet our own intellectual standards, we will never be saved.

Philip Ryken

Presbyterian pastor and theologian, president of Wheaton College

I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

John 17:26

The Lord is the giver of our songs; He breathes the music into the hearts of His people; He is the creator of their joy.

Charles Spurgeon

19th century English Baptist pastor and preacher widely known as the "Prince of Preachers."

GOD SUMMONS US BY HIS GRACE

Leader: You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven.

People: **We have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things.**

Leader: You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness.

People: **Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Hebrews 12

Psalms 95

We rejoice in the faithfulness of our great God!

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther;
2. Sun-der and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest,
3. Par-son for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,

there is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est
sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove, join with all
thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to-

not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not; as thou has been thou for-
na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness,
day and bright hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten-

ev-er wilt be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
mer-cy, and love thou-sand be-side!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed— Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy
 2. Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer; hi - ther by thy help I'm
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dail - y I'm con - strained to

grace; streams of mer - cy, ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est
 come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at
 be; let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to

praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 home. Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering
 thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the mount! I'm fixed up -
 from the fold of God: he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love: here's my heart, O take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dang - er, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

I will sprinkle clean
 water on you, and
 you shall be clean
 from all your
 uncleannesses,
 and from all your
 idols I will cleanse
 you. And I will give
 you a new heart,
 and a new spirit I
 will put within you.
 And I will remove
 the heart of stone
 from your flesh
 and give you a
 heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:25-26

GOD SANCTIFIES US BY HIS GRACE

God proclaims that we are blinded in our sin– not seeking him for help

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

John 1

None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.

Romans 3

We confess that we need his grace to open our eyes to our sin and to his mercy

We use this time in God's presence to confess our sins and our need for God's grace, silently, personally, before him alone. We invite you to join us in sorrow over your sin and joy in his grace and mercy in Jesus Christ.

Repentance means turning from as much as you know of your sin to give as much as you know of yourself to as much as you know of your God.

J.I. Packer

God assures us that it is his good pleasure to reveal Christ to us, opening our eyes to him, and pardoning our sin

To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth... For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace... For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

John 1

Colossians 1

We rest in the great joy which is offered to us in Christ

"Satisfied"

1. All my life long I had pant - ed
 2. Feed - ing on the filth a - round me
 3. Poor I was and sought for rich - es,
 4. Well of wa - ter ev - er spring - ing,

3 for a drink from some cool spring
 'till my strength was sat - most gone.
 some - thing that would is - fy.
 Bread of Life so rich and free,

5 that I hoped would quench the burn - ing
 Longed my soul for some - thing - bet - ter,
 But the dust I gath - ered 'round me
 un - told wealth that ne - ver fail - eth,

7 of the thirst I felt with - in.
 on - ly still to hun - ger on.
 on - ly mocked my soul's sad cry,
 my Re - deem - er is to me!

9 Hal - le - lu - jah! He has found me,

11 the One my soul so long has craved! Je - sus sat - is - fies

14 all my long - ings; through his blood I now am saved.

Last time only:
 17 through his blood I now am saved.

For He satisfies the
 longing soul, And
 fills the hungry
 soul with
 goodness.
 Psalm 107

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GOD SPEAKS WITH US BY HIS GRACE

Luke 10:17-24

[17] The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" [18] And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. [19] Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. [20] Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

[21] In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. [22] All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

[23] Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! [24] For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Greatest Joy

That You May Be Certain

Intro:

Rejoice that the Father has revealed Christ as...

1) **The Victorious King** (v17-20)

2) **The Eternal Son** (v21-22)

3) **The Long Awaited Blessing** (v23-24)

We burst forth with the joy of knowing Christ who heals our blindness

"Hide Away in the Love of Jesus"



1. Come wea - ry saints though tired and weak; hide a - way in the
 2. Come wan - dering souls and find your home; hide a - way in the
 3. Come guilt - y ones weighed down with sin; hide a - way in the



love of Je - sus. Your strength will re - turn by his qui - et
 love of Je - sus. He of - fers the rest that you yearn to
 love of Je - sus. The free - dom you long for is found in



streams; hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.
 know; hide a - way in the love of Je - sus. To CHORUS
 him; hide a - way in the love of Je - sus. To CHORUS

CHORUS



Hear him call - ing your name; see the



depths of his love in the wounds of his grace. Hide a - way.



4. Come hope - less hearts do not des - pair; hide a - way in the



love of Je - sus, for ten thou - sand joys a - wait you



there; hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.

You cannot sin so much as God can forgive. If it comes to a pitched battle between sin and grace, you shall not be so bad as God shall be good. I will prove it to you. You can only sin as a man, but God can forgive as a God. You sin as a finite creature, but the Lord forgives as the infinite Creator.

Charles Spurgeon

GOD STRENGTHENS US BY HIS GRACE

We celebrate the Lord's supper, strengthened as our eyes are opened to the presence of Christ

We celebrate God's free grace to us in Jesus Christ by observing the Lord's Supper each Sunday. We invite to the Lord's Table all who are baptized followers of Jesus Christ under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to one of the elders after the service.

"Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)"



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us,
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you,
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you,
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond



and we re-mem-ber the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for -
eat and re-mem-ber; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the
drink and re-mem-ber; He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
and to re-mem-ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His



give - ness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
ceive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
bo - dy here on earth. As we share in his suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will



sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace a-round the ta-ble of the King.
sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of love a-round the ta-ble of the King.
sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of grace a-round the ta-ble of the King.
come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a-round the ta-ble of the King.

Do not judge by
the taste, but draw
from your faith
unhesitating
confidence that
you have been
granted Christ's
body and blood.
Cyril of Jerusalem

We profess our commitment to one another, and REJOICE in the fellowship Christ has given to us:

Membership Vows
Book of Church Order 57-5

- 1) Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- 2) Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- 3) Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- 4) Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- 5) Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

I am convinced
that the greatest
need of the church
is the prayer of her
ministers.
Robert Murray M'Cheyne

In prayer, we ask God to open our eyes, to see as he sees

*During this time we live in faith, trusting in the power of his grace,
placing our lives and our church in his hands.
We ask that he would work in us and through us for his glory.*

GOD SENDS US BY HIS GRACE

We go out in the fullness of JOY!

"Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"

1. Praise the Sav - ior, now and ev - er; — praise him, — all be - neath the skies;
2. Man's work fail - eth, Christ's a - vail - eth; — he is — all our righ - teous - ness;
3. Sin's bond — sev - ered, we're de - liv - ered; Christ has — bruised the ser - pent's head;
4. For his — fa - vor, praise for - ev - er, — un - to — God the Fa - ther sing;

pros - trate ly - ing, suf - fring, dy - ing, — on the cross, a sac - ri - fice.
he, our Sav - ior, has for - ev - er set us free from dire dis - tress.
death no lon - ger is the — stron - ger; hell it - self is cap - tive — led.
praise the Sav - ior, praise him — ev - er, Son of God, our Lord and — King.

9
Vic - t'ry — gain - ing, life ob - tain - ing, — now in — glo - ry he doth rise!
Through his — mer - it we in - her - it — light and — peace and hap - pi - ness.
Christ has — ris - en from death's pri - son; o'er the — tomb he light has shed.
Praise the — Spi - rit; through Christ's mer - it — he doth — us sal - va - tion bring.

There is no
permanence in
anything human,
but if God speaks
a promise, that
"word" will stand,
and nothing
earthly can alter it.
John N. Oswalt

God declares his peace upon all who see Christ as their salvation

Leader: Depart in peace, according to God's word; for your eyes have seen his salvation that he has prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to his people Israel.

People: Amen

Please stay and join us for a time of enjoying each other's company.

*This is a time to share in life together as the gospel calls us
as we reconnect with those we know, and as we meet someone new.*

Luke 2



Welcome to Free Grace

We are a broken church full of broken people. We know we need God's free grace. Some of us have accepted this grace, some are exploring what it's all about. All of us are still trying to understand it. We are a church that seeks to proclaim this free grace of God with both our words and our lives. Not satisfied with simply talking about it, we want to live it out. We invite you to come, explore, and live God's free grace with us.



Our Connections

Free Grace is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a family of churches that seeks to be faithful to the Scriptures, true to the Reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

Our Leadership

Free Grace is lead by her elders, men called by God and set apart by the church to care and lead her as individual members, families, and as a whole. Our elders are:

Rev. Dr. Per Almquist
Brian Cosgrove
Rev. Adam Lee
Ken Morris
Ben Van Dyke



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Our Daily Worship

A through-the-week devotional



The following pages are provided for you with a desire to “lead you beside still waters”.

May they assist you in your walk with Christ through week, as you practice his presence, feed upon his word, and reflect upon how both impact your weekly life.

WHY MEMORIZE THE CATECHISM?

From time to time I am asked, "Why encourage memorizing the Catechism instead of Scripture?" The answer is simple: we are not choosing between them. We encourage both. One of the great strengths of the Catechism is that it teaches us to ask questions we might not think to ask on our own. Many Christians have memorized Bible verses, which is a wonderful thing. Yet it is possible to know Scripture without ever stopping to ask how those passages answer the practical and theological questions of the Christian life. The Catechism helps us make those connections.

For example, many Christians have heard the phrase, "sin is sin," and would assume that all sins are equal in every respect. Yet when the Catechism asks, "Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?" the answer may surprise us. The beauty of that moment is that one who is working through the catechism should ask, '*Wait, what? Why?*' And then proceed to look up the Scripture references.

The Catechism is not a replacement for the Bible. Rather, it is a guide that helps us organize, understand, and apply the Bible's teaching to the whole of life. For that reason, every answer is supported by Scripture references.

As you work on memorizing this week's question and answer, take time to study the passages listed below and see how what we confess is derived from God's Word. **If you do not have a copy of the Catechism with Scripture proofs, please speak with an elder and we will gladly provide one.** It will be easier to have a copy because these verses will all be printed out in their entirety.

Deuteronomy 6:4

Isaiah 44:6

Isaiah 45:21-22

1 Corinthians 8:4-6

Jeremiah 10:10

John 17:3

1 Thessalonians 1:9

1 John 5:20

SUNDAY

Scripture – *Luke 10:21–22*

Reflection: Jesus rejoices because the Father has revealed the Son. What greater reason could there be for joy? We naturally rejoice when God blesses us with answered prayer, fruitful ministry, restored health, or daily provisions. Yet Jesus teaches us that the greatest blessing is not what the Father gives, but whom the Father reveals. Through the Son, we come to know the Father Himself. This is the fountain from which every other blessing flows. But was this always God's desire? Did God always intend for His people to know Him and delight in His presence? As you dig deeper today, notice that God's heart has never been merely to provide for His people, but to dwell with them. Before sin entered the world, the greatest joy of Eden was not the garden itself, but the God who walked there with His people.

Our Common Weakness: We often rejoice more in God's blessings than in the God who graciously gives them.

Christ Connection: Christ rejoiced in the Father's gracious will and came to restore the fellowship with God that sin had broken.

Start digging here- Read Genesis 2:15–17; 3:8

What responsibilities and privileges did God give Adam in the garden? What do these tell you about God's generosity?

What do these verses suggest about God's relationship with Adam and Eve before they sinned?

How does God's fellowship with Adam and Eve help you understand why we say “Man’s chief and highest end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever?”

Prayer Heavenly Father, we praise You because it has always been Your gracious desire to make Yourself known to Your people. Thank You for creating us to enjoy fellowship with You and for never abandoning that purpose, even after sin entered the world.— Amen

<<<<Catechism Corner>>>>

Q. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

Adults: Read the Q/A aloud three times. Do not try to memorize it yet. Simply listen for the main truth being taught.

Parents: Read it with your child. Ask if they have questions. Explore those together, and let their questions guide your study this week.

MONDAY

Scripture: Luke 10:23–24

Reflection: Jesus tells His disciples, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see." They are blessed because they have come to know the One whom prophets and kings longed to behold. Yet from the very beginning, humanity has struggled to treasure that blessing. Like Adam and Eve, we are often convinced that something else will satisfy us more than fellowship with God. We chase success, comfort, recognition, security—even good things—as though they could become our greatest joy. But every time we exchange God for something less, we discover that lesser joys can never satisfy the heart He created. The good news is that God did not abandon His people to that tragic exchange. Even in the midst of judgment, He spoke a promise of One who would crush the serpent and restore what had been lost. As you read today's passage, marvel that God answered humanity's rebellion, not by abandoning His purpose, but by promising the Savior who would one day be revealed.

Our Common Weakness: We are easily distracted in lesser joys that can never satisfy.

Christ Connection: Christ resisted every temptation to seek joy apart from His Father and fulfilled God's promise to crush the serpent and restore to His people to the Father.

Start digging here- [Genesis 3:1–15](#)

What lies about God does the serpent persuade Eve to believe? How do those same lies still tempt us today as it relates to joy?

After Adam and Eve sinned, how do you see both God's justice and His mercy displayed?

How does Jesus' response to temptation (Matthew 4) relate to the promise made in the garden?

Prayers: Heavenly Father, we confess that our hearts are so easily drawn to lesser joys. Like our first parents, we often believe that something besides You will satisfy us more. Thank You that You did not abandon Your purpose when we rebelled against You. Keep our eyes fixed upon Christ, in whom every promise is fulfilled and every lasting joy is found. Through Him we pray. Amen.

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Q. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

Adults: Read the Q/A several times. Look up a couple Scripture proofs and meditate on it this week.

Parents: Explain one key word, then say the answer together.

TUESDAY

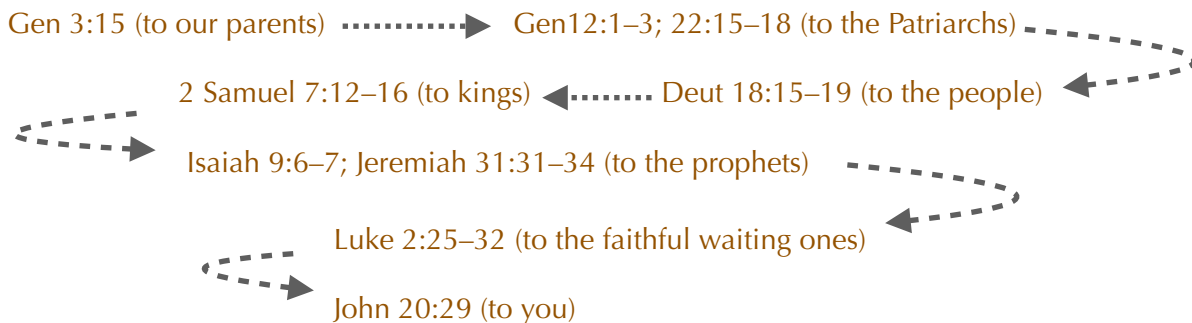
Scripture: Luke 10:23–24

Reflection: Jesus tells His disciples that prophets and kings longed to see what they now saw. Think about that for a moment. Generation after generation trusted God's promises without seeing their fulfillment. They believed that one day the serpent would be crushed, the nations would be blessed, the righteous King would reign, and God would dwell with His people once again. They waited through centuries of hardship, exile, and silence, clinging to the hope that God would keep His word. Then, at last, the promised Savior came. The disciples were blessed because they saw with their own eyes what countless believers had only anticipated by faith. We are blessed as well, for the Christ they longed to see has now been revealed to us in the gospel. As you trace God's promises through today's passages, rejoice that every one of them finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ, and rejoice that you are among those Jesus calls blessed.

O.C.W: We lose sight of God's promises because His timing is not our own.

Christ Connection: In Christ every promise of God is fulfilled.

Trace God's promise from the garden to Christ. Notice how faithfully He kept every word across generations. Then do what Jesus did: rejoice. Praise the Father, who never abandoned His purpose, but graciously revealed His Son in the fullness of time.



Prayer: Heavenly Father, we rejoice with Your Son that You have kept every promise You have ever made. From the garden to the patriarchs, through Israel's kings and prophets, You faithfully revealed Your plan until Your Son came into the world. Thank You that we live in the days of fulfillment and have come to know the Savior generations longed to see. Receive our praise and thanksgiving through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Adults: Write the answer twice. Notice the commas and use them to break the answer into smaller parts. Work on one part at a time and bring each new part in as you are ready.

Parents: Write the answer with one word missing. Let your child fill it in. Repeat with different words.

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Luke 10:17-20

Reflection: Jesus did not tell His disciples to stop rejoicing. Casting out demons, seeing sinners set free, and watching God's kingdom advance were wonderful reasons for joy. Instead, He redirected their joy to something even greater. Ministry victories, answered prayers, restored health, and many other blessings are gracious gifts from God, but they belong to this life and can change. There will be days of fruitfulness and days of disappointment. If our deepest joy rests in changing circumstances, our hearts will rise and fall with them. Christ calls us to anchor our joy in something that never changes: that we belong to Him and our names are written in heaven. Asaph learned this same lesson centuries earlier. His circumstances had not changed, but when his eyes were lifted to God, everything else was seen in its proper place. As you read today's passage, notice what became Asaph's greatest joy.

Our Common Weakness: We allow shifting circumstances to determine the depth of our joy.

Christ Connection: Christ endured the shame of the cross for the joy set before Him.

Start digging here- Read Psalm 73

As you read verses 1–16, what circumstances caused Asaph's joy and confidence in God to begin fading?

Where do you see the turning point in the psalm? What happened that caused Asaph's perspective to change?

Compare verses 25–28 with the opening of the psalm. What became Asaph's greatest joy, and how does that relate to Jesus' words, "Rejoice that your names are written in heaven"?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us an unshakable joy through Your Son. When our circumstances are difficult and our hearts are tempted to become discouraged, remind us that our names are written in heaven and that nothing can separate us from Your love. Lift our eyes, as You did Asaph's, to see You as our greatest treasure. Grant us grace to rejoice in You, not only in seasons of blessing, but also in seasons of trial. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Adults: Write the first letter of each word on paper. Use those letters as prompts and see how far you can get without looking at the answer.

Parents: Have your child draw a picture of one truth contained in the Q/A. Discuss it together, then recite the answer.

THURSDAY

Scripture – *Luke 10:21–22*

Reflection: Jesus rejoiced because the Father delights to reveal Himself through the Son. That gracious will was first seen in the garden as we have seen, did not begin in Bethlehem, nor will it end when this age is over. From the garden of Eden to the New Jerusalem, God's desire has always been to dwell with His people. Sin interrupted that fellowship, but it never changed His purpose. Every promise, every covenant, every sacrifice, and every act of redemption moved history toward one glorious end: a people who know their God and rejoice forever in His presence. One day, faith will become sight. The joy Christ spoke of in Luke 10 will be complete, for God's people will dwell with Him forever. As you read today's passage, lift your eyes to the day when God's gracious purpose is finally and perfectly fulfilled.

Our Common Weakness: We become so focused on the present that we lose sight of the eternal joy God has prepared for His people.

Christ Connection: Even on the night of His betrayal, Jesus looked with joyful anticipation to the day when He would feast again with His redeemed people in His Father's kingdom.

Start digging here- Read Revelation 21:1–7; 22:1–5

What details in these passages remind you of the Garden of Eden? What is different?

What do these chapters teach about God's desire to dwell with His people forever?

How does this vision help you understand why Jesus rejoiced that the Father reveals the Son (Luke 10:21–22)?

Prayer Heavenly Father, thank You that Your gracious purpose has never changed. From the beginning, You desired to dwell with Your people, and through Your Son You are bringing that purpose to its glorious completion. Keep our eyes fixed on the day when faith becomes sight, every tear is wiped away, and we will rejoice forever in Your presence. Until that day, help us to find our greatest joy in Christ, the One who has made this hope certain. Through Him we pray. Amen.

<<<<<Catechism Corner>>>>>

Q. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

Adults: Try writing out the answer with no prompts. Go as far as you can. If you need to peek, go ahead. Then try again until it becomes easier.

Parents: Ask your child if they have questions about the answer. Say it three times together in a comfortable rhythm, then pray for God to help you understand this truth.

FRIDAY- CATECHISM PRACTICE AND REVIEW

Use today for strengthening what you have practiced throughout the week. Do not worry if you cannot remember the answer perfectly at first. Try to recall as much as you can, use the helps provided, then try again. Memory grows through repeated, prayerful practice. Parents, engage your children by asking them to “help” you remember.

Fill in the blanks:

Q. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is _____ one only, the _____ and _____ God.

First-letter prompt:

[First letter of each word in the answer.]

A. T_____ i_____ b_____ o_____ o_____, t_____ l_____ a_____ t_____
G_____.

Write it from memory (attempt 1):

Write it from memory (attempt 2):

Look Back: Long-term memory grows through review. After practicing this week’s question, go back and review Q#1 through Q#5 from previous weeks. Try to recite each answer from memory before looking. If you need help, read it once, then cover it and try again.

Upcoming Events

Friday, August 7

First Friday Fellowship – 5:45pm at the Lees

Saturday, August 8

Men's Breakfast – 8:00am at the Chicks - with a work party while there!

Sunday, August 30

Church Anniversary/Celebration of Per's Service – Stay tuned for more information

Regular Rhythms of Grace

Monthly or Biweekly Gatherings

First Friday Fellowship – 5:45pm – Location to be announced each month

Second Sunday Discussion – 2nd Sunday, 15 minutes after worship ends – (Family-style conversations on a rotating topic.)

Second Saturday Men's Breakfast – 2nd Saturday, 7:30-9:00am, at the church (details could change - see above!)

Praying for Prodigals – 3rd Sunday, 8:30am in the pastor's office

Don't Forget

- If you would like to begin **the discipleship journey of the Turning Table**, ask any elder and the material will be provided. Simply read the book and/or listen to the podcasts, schedule a time to meet and discuss over coffee/tea, and then keep moving through the journey. You can start anytime.
- If you do not know **the address of any event, or the contact information for any event**, please contact either Pastor Adam at adam.lee@freegrace.us or Linda at the email address below.
- If you would like to be **added to our church-family email** where you can keep in touch through the week, or if you would like to be **added to the church directory**, please email Linda at linda.morris@freegrace.us
- If you are a member of Free Grace and are not using the **church directory app**, you are missing out on a very useful tool. Please reach out to Linda to see how to download it to your phone.



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