



## Ecclesiastes: A Critic's Look at Life Without God

July 28, 2019

# Order of Worship

Sunday Gathering 10:30 a.m.  
@ Arctic Rec. Center  
4855 Arctic Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99503  
[www.kaleoalaska.org](http://www.kaleoalaska.org)



# Welcome

We are glad you're here! We hope you find this time to be beneficial, informative, and meaningful.  
May the LORD bless you.

## FOR REFLECTION

We are all starved for the glory of God, not self. No one goes to the Grand Canyon to increase self-esteem. Why do we go? Because there is greater healing for the soul in beholding splendor than there is in beholding self. Indeed, what could be more ludicrous in a vast and glorious universe like this than a human being, on the speck called earth, standing in front of a mirror trying to find significance in his own self-image? It is a great sadness that this is the gospel of the modern world. But it is not the Christian Gospel. Into the darkness of petty self-preoccupation has shone "the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Corinthians 4: 4). The Christian Gospel is about "the glory of Christ," not about me. And when it is-in some measure-about me, it is not about my being made much of by God, but about God mercifully enabling me to enjoy making much of him forever.

~ John Piper, *Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ*

# PRELUDE

Good morning! Please use this time of instrumental music to settle in and prepare for worship.

*Please silence all phones and electronic devices for the duration of the worship service.*

***Text in bold italics is read aloud together by the entire congregation.***

# CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ephesians 1:3-5*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ***even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will...***

**Call To Worship:**  
*Our worship begins each week with a call to worship. We are gathered here today because God, our Creator, desires to have a relationship with us. Whether we realize it or not, He is the one calling us to himself—today and every day. “Lectio Sacra” means “sacred reading.” It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God’s word.*

# PRAYER & SONGS

# CONFESSION

*1 Corinthians 15:1-4*

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you-unless you believed in vain. ***For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...***

**Confession & Assurance**  
*Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.*

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*

(Let us reflect on our need for a Savior)



# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Colossians 1:21-23*

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, **he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven...**

# NEW CITY CATECHISM Q30

What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

*Galatians 2:20*

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

[www.newcitycatechism.com](http://www.newcitycatechism.com)

# SONGS

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & SENDING OF CHILDREN

## Faith & Repentance

...as it is written:  
None is righteous, no, not one... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved... For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life... And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

(Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23; 10:9-10, 13. John 3:16. Acts 4:12.)

## New City Catechism

is a joint adult and children's catechism, adapted by Timothy Keller and Sam Shammas from the Reformation catechisms. One question and answer for each week of the year. Adults and children are asked the same questions. **The children's answer is shortened and appears in blue. See the online app.**

# SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:6

# SERMON

*“Working Quietly in a Wicked World”*  
*Pastor Chris Cha, Kaleo Church*

# COMMUNION

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*  
For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

# SONGS OF RESPONSE

# BLESSING & SENDING

*Romans 1:16-17*  
For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith.”

*Amen.*

**Prayer of Belief**  
*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*

**Communion**  
*also called the Lord's Supper is the family meal of Christians. We invite all followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. Please also use this as a time of reflection, application, and prayer.*

**Baptism**  
*If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with an elder. We would be honored to baptize you.*

**Seeking**  
*We hope this time has been helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church. Our pastors and elders are available for any questions you might have.*

# NOTES

(Draw a picture as you listen to the sermon)

What is the sermon about?

What did you learn about God and about yourself in the sermon?

How does what you have learned today make you feel?

Is there something you could do about the truth you have learned?

What are you thankful for today? Lift your thanks to the LORD.

*Pray and talk to God about how you feel and what you have learned.*



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I would like to...

- ☐ Meet with a pastor
- ☐ Be baptized
- ☐ Find a K-Group (small group)
- ☐ Learn more about serving
- ☐ Join this church family

I'm a...

- ☐ First time guest
- ☐ Returning guest
- ☐ Regular attendee

*Please drop this card in the offering boxes located on the back tables.*

NOTE OR PRAYER REQUEST

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUMMER TIME KALEO KIDS

We need help staffing our classes! If you are able to help out this summer please go to [kaleoalaska.org](http://kaleoalaska.org) and fill out the volunteer form on our home page at the “Serve” link.

## WOMEN’S RETREAT SAVE THE DATE

November 1-2: More information TBA.

## READ THROUGH THE BIBLE THIS YEAR

Join us this year as we read through the Bible using the Discipleship Journal Plan. By reading from four separate places in the Scriptures every day, you will get a better grasp of the unity of the Scriptures. And you can begin at any point of the year. Printed copies are available on the back tables and a link to a PDF is available at [kaleoalaska.org](http://kaleoalaska.org). It is also available on the YouVersion Bible app as one of their reading plans.

## FREE BIBLES & OFFERING BOXES ON BACK TABLES

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