

SERMON TEXT - ECCLESIASTES 1:1-14

- 1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
- 2 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
- 3 What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun?
- 4 A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.
- 5 The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises.
- 6 The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north;
around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns.
- 7 All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again.
- 8 All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.
- 9 What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done,
and there is nothing new under the sun.
- 10 Is there a thing of which it is said,
"See, this is new"?
- It has been already in the ages before us.
- 11 There is no remembrance of former things,
nor will there be any remembrance
of later things yet to be among those who come after.
- 12 I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. 14 I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

DOWN THE ALLEY - ECCLESIASTES 1:1-14

'I'm making more money right now than I ever thought I could playing football. Why do I have three Super Bowl rings and think there is something greater out there for me. I mean, maybe a lot of people would say, 'Man, this is what it is. I reached my goal, my dream...' Me? I think, god, there has to be more than this...' **Tom Brady** - Interview on 60 Minutes (June, 2005)

Theme: *The light of Christ allows us to ask the hard questions of life.*

#1 Life Under the Sun 101

A. Instructor: *The Preacher*

B. Course Description: *Vanity Under the Sun*

#2 Ecclesiastes: A Message Worth Hearing

A. Slip Slidin' Away: *What does man gain by all the toil?*

B. Thinly Spread Butter: *All things are full of weariness...*

Gospel Glimpse: *We rest in the finished work of Christ and the new life He gives us.*

Other Passages/Quotes

B.B. King (Live at San Quentin Prison) - *But now some of it can kinda get down the alley, like I'm fixin' to do now. I'm going all the way down to the bottom. I'm going to the bottom, now. But don't be afraid to say something if you feel like it. Say whatever you feel, it's alright with me.*

1 Kings 11:4 For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.

Ichiro - *Upon being asked about retirement (ESPN March 7, 2018):* I think I'll just die.

Paul Simon: The nearer your destination, the more you're slip slidin' away.

Bilbo Baggins: I feel thin, sort of stretched, like butter scraped over too much bread.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.