

**FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION**  
**ECCLESIASTES: Wisdom for Life**

**Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16 - The Hope that Doesn't Disappoint - 03.01.2026**

- 1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?  
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?**
  
- 2. Our text for our message was Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16; take a moment to read these verses.  
As you consider this text, how does the following quote relate to what's written in these verses:  
"THERE'S ONLY ONE SOURCE OF HOPE THAT WON'T DISAPPOINT & LEAD TO DESPAIR"  
Are there any specific items mentioned in these verses in which you've placed your hope & it resulted in disappointment?**
  
- 3. How does understanding that God will judge the righteous and the wicked provide an encouragement when your facing injustice?  
How does it also help to lead you into seeking to live in a manner worthy of your calling to holiness in Jesus?  
According to other Sriptures, who are the "righteous," and what will their judgment be when they stand before the Lord?**
  
- 4. In verse 22, Solomon writes, "...there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot."  
How does this compare with the other statements that he's made about "toil" in previous portions of Ecclesiastes?  
How do we practically "rejoice in our work" & how does knowing that this as our lot ("alotted" to us by God) help us to do so?**
  
- 5. How does Ecc. 4:9-12 encourage us all to see the value in living life in connection with others for support & encouragement in life?  
As you think of your life, who are specific people the Lord has used to support you & help you up in Christ when you've fallen?**
  
- 6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from this sermon; do any of these particularly encourage, convict, & challenge you? If so, how?**  
**HOPING IN THIS LIFE'S CIRCUMSTANCES:**  
*In a fallen world, wickedness & injustice are evident.*  
*In a fallen world, there's no comfort in oppression.*  
*In a fallen world, competition & ego drive people.*  
*In a fallen world, every acquired thing goes away.*  
*In a fallen world, death comes to every living being.*  
**HOPING IN CHRIST BEYOND THIS LIFE:**  
*The Lord will judge the righteous & wicked justly!*  
*The Lord comforts every one who turns to Him!*  
*The Lord unites His people to support one another!*  
*The Lord enables us to store up eternal treasures!*  
*The Lord defeated death & in Jesus we live forever!*