

### Covenant Life

- Please help us complete our 2022 Promise Drive by entering it [here](#).
- Our next in-person Gathering is next Sunday 12/13 at 4pm. We are meeting in-person on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.
- If you were unable to attend our last prayer meeting you can listen to the audio [here](#), the Word Gift summary [here](#) and the transcript [here](#).
- Your ongoing financial support to the Community is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online [here](#) or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, Tx 75222.

**Reflection** - Advent is a season of expectant faith where we join together to pray "Come Lord Jesus". We know Jesus came, we know He will come again, but each Advent we participate in His coming by patiently waiting with hopeful expectation for His coming in our day. We desperately need Him today, right now, in our lives, in the lives of our family, in our churches, our country, our world!

The readings today were captured at a similar time of hope and faithful confidence in God and His provision, protection, and providence. We are invited, as we are each time we read God's Word, to ask the Holy Spirit to speak to us, today. Reading and meditating on these readings, the Holy Spirit has a particular message for us. Consider rereading the readings ([1 Reading](#), [Psalm](#), [2 Reading](#), [Gospel](#)) and interpreting them as a word for us and our Community today.

These reading contain a strong message to take off our robes of mourning and put on His splendor and worship! ...encouragement to laugh and rejoice at the great things God has done for us! ...an exhortation to not give up because of His promise to continue the great work in us until His coming! Come Lord Jesus...make all these things happen today, in our day!

The timing of this message could not be more perfect. We are living in unprecedented times...the pandemic has impacted every aspect of our lives. But we know that in ALL THINGS we are more than conquerors. Maybe our health is significantly impacted, maybe our job, maybe it is a vital family relationship, maybe it is a loved one. We are all impacted but this promise is for us today. Paul addressed a struggling church in Rome with these words (Rom 8:36-39) "It is

*written 'For your sake we are being slain all the day; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Let us take this in. Let us receive these words. Let us follow the advice of the first reading and *"take off our robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever!"* Let us remember, from the responsorial psalm, that *"the LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed."* Let us stand on the promise of the second reading *"the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."*

Come Lord Jesus! Come into our hearts. Come into the hearts of our families. Come into the hearts of our Community. Come into the hearts of our churches. Come into the hearts of our country and all countries. Continue the good work You have begun in us until You come again!

*I end this letter praying for you, as Paul prayed for the Philippians, "that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God."*

God bless,  
David