“Never-Dying Hope in a Never-Failing Promise”

*Genesis 4:17–26*

Sermon Outline

Big Idea—*The increase of sin, the prosperity of the wicked, and the suffering of the righteous can discourage hope in the word of God’s promise, but God calls his people to patiently wait and lovingly witness as they advance the worship of his name. For Christian worship is the heartbeat of a never-dying hope in God’s never-failing promise, and it is the Church’s greatest contribution to an advancing culture increasing in sin.*

Key References—Romans 5:20–21; 1 John 3:12; John 8:31–47; Galatians 1:4; 2 Peter 3:1–10; Romans 2:4; Colossians 3:5–6; Psalm 73; Jeremiah 29:7

**Introduction: Has the Word of God Failed?**

**1. As long as the seed of the serpent endures, sin will increase.**

* *Do not be surprised.*

**2. God’s common grace in the present does not negate God’s judgment in the future.**

* *Do not envy the wicked.*

**3. God fulfills his promises in his way and his time, which is often different from what we expect or desire, but bigger and better than what we deserve.**

* *Do not abandon the narrow path.*

**Conclusion: Worship is the Posture of Waiting and Witness of Love**