

Week 38: Sept. 22 (Sept. 15–Sept. 21)

- Continue Isaiah - a series of prophecies against various nations and peoples
- “The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes, and broken the everlasting covenant.”
- “You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm.”
- “On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.”
- “But your dead will live, Lord; their bodies will rise - let those who dwell in the dust wake up and shout for joy.” Is this a prophecy of resurrection?
- “I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line.”
- “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”
- We continue with Paul’s letter to the churches in Galatia - a region in what is now Turkey
- “All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing had been eager to do all along.”
- “We know...that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ.”
- “Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard?”
- “Jesus redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.”
- “For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
- “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”
- “For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.”
- “Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

- “By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”
- Psalm 65:8 - “The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.”
- Proverbs 23:13 - “Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish them with the rod, they will not die. Punish them with the rod and save them from death.”
- Proverbs 23:18 - “There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.”