

## **Ephesians 2**

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

## **Matthew 5**

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## **Romans 12**

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

## **Matthew 27**

<sup>39</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” <sup>41</sup>So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup>“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

## **1 Peter 2**

<sup>20</sup>But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

# PSALMS

## *THE ANATOMY OF THE SOUL*



## PSALM 64

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New City is spending time this summer exploring the Psalms – the songbook given by God to his people for worship, community, and a hopeful realism. This was modeled well in the life of Jesus. Though separated by language, culture, and generations, the Psalms are still the inspired and reliable guide to our own hearts and a constant help in honestly navigating the chaos of our world with God-honoring, Christ-centered, hope-filled resiliency.

Theologian John Calvin called the Psalms an “anatomy of the soul.” By this he meant that, in the Psalms, we find a study of the innerworkings of the emotional life of each person. Join us as we let the Bible expose, encourage, shape, and renew us through this songbook of ancient and eternal wisdom.

**Psalm 64** *To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint;  
preserve my life from dread of the enemy.

<sup>2</sup>Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked,  
from the throng of evildoers,

<sup>3</sup>who whet their tongues like swords,  
who aim bitter words like arrows,

<sup>4</sup>shooting from ambush at the blameless,  
shooting at him suddenly and without fear.

<sup>5</sup>They hold fast to their evil purpose;  
they talk of laying snares secretly,

thinking, "Who can see them?"

<sup>6</sup>They search out injustice,  
saying, "We have accomplished a diligent search."  
For the inward mind and heart of a man are deep.

<sup>7</sup>But God shoots his arrow at them;  
they are wounded suddenly.

<sup>8</sup>They are brought to ruin, with their own tongues turned against them;  
all who see them will wag their heads.

<sup>9</sup>Then all mankind fears;  
they tell what God has brought about  
and ponder what he has done.

<sup>10</sup>Let the righteous one rejoice in the LORD  
and take refuge in him!  
Let all the upright in heart exult!

# Wise Complaint

September 17, 2023 | Psalm 64 | Pastor Roger Williams

**Humble "complaint" is a normal mode of communication  
and health in covenant with the LORD.**

## 1. Examination: dynamics of evil <sup>(2-6)</sup>

**Psalm 34**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

<sup>14</sup>Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Energized in community <sup>(2)</sup>

Speech driven <sup>(3-6)</sup>

Strategically Destructive<sup>(4)</sup>

Active and Passive <sup>(5)</sup>

Arrogant <sup>(5)</sup>

Addictive <sup>(6)</sup>

Self-justifying <sup>(6)</sup>

Mysterious <sup>(6)</sup>

## 2. Patience: God will respond <sup>(7-9)</sup>

**Romans 12**

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## 3. Confidence: rejoicing is coming <sup>(10)</sup>