Light and Life Class

Psalm 122: “I Was Glad when They Said Unto Me . . .”

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Goal of the lesson: that by the grace of the Lord, we would be made deeply glad in the reality that God in his immense grace has made us part of the church, so that we resolve to do good for the church

Outline

1. vv. 1-2: gladness to be in Jerusalem

a. connection of Psalm 122 to Psalm 121

b. some notes on the symbolism of Jerusalem in the Bible: Deuteronomy 12:5-7; 2 Samuel 5:6-10 (cf. title to Psalm 122); the “Zion Songs” of the Book of Psalms (Psalms 46; 76; 87; 122; see also Psalm 137); Luke 19:41-44; Galatians 4:26; Revelation 21:1-2

2. vv. 3-5: why this gladness to be in Jerusalem?

a. Jerusalem is a place of security (v. 3).

b. Jerusalem is a place of worship (v. 4; cf. v. 1).

c. Jerusalem is the place of the just rule of the king (v. 5).

3. vv. 6-9: a prayer for Jerusalem

a. the content of the prayer: *shalōm* (vv. 6-7)

b. the two reasons for the prayer (vv. 8-9a)

i. *shalōm* for the sake of the people of God

ii. *shalōm* for the sake of the “house of the Lord our God”

c. the pilgrim’s resolve: to seek the good of Jerusalem