

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Across the Lands

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you
In newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

READING: Acts 9:1-22 (pg. 917)

SONG: We Are His People

SONG: Behold the Power of His Word

SERMON: Galatians 1:10-2:10 (pg. 972)

PRAYERS

Q&A: Text 07520 632 065

SONG: May the Peoples Praise You

BLESSING

NOTICES

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or wanting to be more involved,
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Vision Evening – Wed 1st March 7.30pm

A great chance to thank God and to look forward to what's coming up for Grace Church. There will also be our Annual General Meeting.

Bitesize Theology – 22nd February 7.15pm

A 30-minute introduction to key Christian doctrines before Grace Groups. We'll be thinking about when it is right for Christians to remain united or to separate over differences of belief.

Grace Groups

Join us for our small groups, 7:45pm – 9:15pm in the King William Building, Greenwich (Tuesday or Wednesday) or the Chantry, Mottingham (Wednesday). Please speak to Michaela, michaela.may@greenwich.church

This week we'll be looking at Mark 9:30-10:31

Grace Pod

Listen to the latest episode on Mark 8:31-9:29, out now on Spotify, Apple Music and all other podcasting platforms! In our third series, the Andrews talk through the Gospel of Mark, following our Grace Group studies.

Giving

Grace Church is funded wholly by the donations of its members – you can give by bank transfer (40-52-40/00027789) or visit www.greenwich.church/give To give tax efficiently contact treasurer@greenwich.church

Next Sunday, 19th February, Galatians 2:11-2:21



Welcome!

Sunday 12th February 2023

*“It is too light a thing that
you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;*

*I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach
to the end of the earth.”*

Isaiah 49:6 (ESV)

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Galatians 1:10-2:10 (ESV)



¹⁰ For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

¹¹ For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹² For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³ For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so

extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶ was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰ (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) ²¹ Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²² And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³ They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴ And they glorified God because of me.

² Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ² I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. ³ But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴ Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—⁵ to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. ⁶ And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. ⁷ On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised ⁸ (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), ⁹ and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰ Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

INTRODUCTION: How do we decide what to believe?

1. The apostle Paul got the gospel direct from God, *not from man*
2. So he doesn't care much about human validation
3. Though his message *was* validated by the other apostles

(But why do we need Paul's gospel, if we had already got the same thing from the other apostles?)

4. This gospel is of justification by faith for all the nations ("Gentiles")

COFFEE QUESTIONS

What difference does it make knowing that the Christian gospel comes directly from God, and not from men? Why is that particularly important when certain Christian beliefs run counter to our culture?