

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Here I Am to Worship

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)

INTERVIEW

RESPONSE: 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

SONG: All People that on Earth Do Dwell

READING: Acts 14:8-20 (pg. 923)

SERMON

PRAYERS

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen

SONG: The Power of the Cross

COMMUNION

SONG: When I Was Lost

NOTICES

Connect with us

If you're new at Grace Church, we'd love to connect. Sign up to our Newsletter or WhatsApp Group by scanning the QR code or emailing info@greenwich.church



Grace Groups – all are welcome as we meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship:

Tuesdays, 7.45pm: Canada Water Library and The Chantry, Mottingham

Wednesdays, 7.45pm: Stephen Lawrence Building, Greenwich

Other times also available.

Weekend Away

We'd love you to join us from 26th-28th April at Ashburnham Place in Sussex. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Bitesize Theology

Join us for our 4-week series on Eschatology: 7:15-7:45pm before Grace Groups on Tuesdays (Canada Water Library) and Wednesdays (Stephen Lawrence Building). This week's topic: *"The end has come in Christ"*.

Giving

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Next Sunday, 10th March, Deuteronomy 1-3

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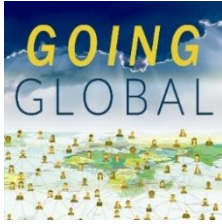
Welcome!

Sunday 3rd March 2024

*“You turned to God from idols
to serve the living and true God,
and to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead,
Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.”*

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 (ESV)

Acts 14:8-20



⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!” ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶ In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” ¹⁸ Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

How are we to live in a world that doesn't share our outlook?

1. Jesus is committed to reaching those who are far off
2. The challenges (and language) may vary but the invitation is the same
3. Jesus' mission is advanced through limping

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

How might the truths we've been considering today encourage you to keep speaking of Jesus even when it's hard?

What examples have you seen of “idols” enslaving people, and how might you communicate why turning to the Living God is such good news?

How does keeping going even when it's hard underline the truth of the gospel?