

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: All Creatures of our God and King

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)

RESPONSIVE READING:

Proverbs 26:24-28

SONG: Behold the Power of His Word

READING: Galatians 4:12-20 (pg. 974)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: Behold the Lamb

COMMUNION

SONG: We are One

BLESSING

NOTICES

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If you're new at Grace Church, or wanting to be more involved, we'd love to hear from you. Scan the QR code or email info@greenwich.church



Jesus: a Sceptic's Guide: 14-21 May

Men's Strength & Conditioning

Tuesday, May 16th, 6.30pm Blackheath Common

Wine Tasting & a Light Dinner

Friday, May 19th, 7pm Eltham

Women's Zumba Workout

Saturday, May 20th, 11am Greenwich

Mah-Jong Game Afternoon

Saturday, May 20th, 3pm Greenwich

For more details or to sign up, email

info@greenwich.church

New Christianity Explored Course

Join us for this 7-week course to (re-)discover the basics of the Christian faith. Starting Tuesday 23rd May. To sign up, speak to a member of the team or email michaela.may@greenwich.church.

Our services

10 am Canada Water Library

10:45am Stephen Lawrence, Greenwich

4 pm Eltham College Chapel

Grace Groups

We meet to pray & study the Bible at 7:45pm in the King William Building, Greenwich (Tuesday or Wednesday) and at the Chantry, Mottingham, (Wednesday).

Giving

Grace Church is funded wholly by the donations of its members. See www.greenwich.church/give or set up a bank transfer (40-52-40/00027789) or to give tax efficiently contact treasurer@greenwich.church

Next Sunday, 14th May, Luke 18:9-14



Welcome!

Sunday 7th May 2023

*“Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us,
from God the Father and from Jesus Christ
the Father's Son, in truth and love.”*

2 John 3 (ESV)

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Galatians 4:12-20 (ESV)



¹² Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. ¹³ You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, ¹⁴ and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel

of God, as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶ Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? ¹⁷ They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. ¹⁸ It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, ¹⁹ my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! ²⁰ I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

INTRODUCTION

Are you attracted to the message or the messenger?
Are you repelled by the message or the messenger?

1) **The Galatian heretics made them distrust Paul**
False teachers make you distrust true teachers

2) **The Galatian heretics flatter because they care about themselves**
False teachers flatter because they care about themselves

“Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favour than he who flatters with his tongue” (Proverbs 28:23)

3) **Paul spoke hard truths because he cared about the Galatians**
True teachers speak hard truths because they care about us

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

How has today’s sermon helped you to trust Paul’s gospel?

How has today’s sermon helped you to welcome “hard” teaching?