ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Come People of the Risen King **CHILDREN'S TALK:** Exodus 14:13-14

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

To the glory of your name. Amen.

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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

INTERVIEW: Niamh Sanders

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 33:16-19

SONG: Rock of Ages **SONG:** Cornerstone

In newness of life

SERMON: Galatians 2:11-21 (pg. 973)

PRAYERS

SONG: We Are His People

BLESSING

NOTICES

Connect with us

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 arlene.ellis@greenwich.church



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 - "Sexuality and separation" – 22nd February 7.15pm

This will be the final session for this term, and we're thinking about the bible's teaching on when Christians can agree to disagree, and when they can't, specifically with respect to different views on sexuality.

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 10:1-31

Student Weekend Away

This will be happening from 10th-12th March. It will be a time of learning from God's Word, building friendships and enjoying the countryside. Speak to Jono or email him on jono.pick@greenwich.church to sign up.

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, 26th February, Joshua 1:1-18

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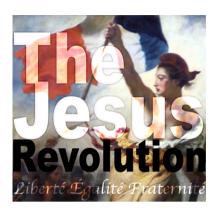
Welcome!

Sunday 19th February 2023

"We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ."

Galatians 2:16 (ESV)

Galatians 2:11-21 (ESV)



¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that their conduct

was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

¹⁵We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ But if, in our endeavour to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Introduction: what's unique about the gospel?

1) When Christians stop being inclusive, something has gone wrong (vv11-14)

(not that we should be inclusive of false teaching, 1:8-9)

(nor that we should be inclusive of unrepentant sin, 5:19-21)

But we should be inclusive of everyone who trusts in Jesus, irrespective of ethnicity or background

2) Because we are right with God through faith in Jesus, not by our works (vv15-16)

Jews ought to know this; others find it more difficult to grasp

3) Won't this lead to immorality? No! Having died with Christ we now live for him (vv17-21)

Going back to the Old Covenant won't help

We died to the law – but now Christ lives in us.

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

COFFEE QUESTIONS

How many reasons can you give from this passage why Jesus' death on the cross was absolutely necessary?