

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Ancient of Days

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our neighbour,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through negligence, 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)

RESPONSE: 1 Corinthians 1:18, 21-25

SONG: O For a Thousand Tongues

SONG: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

READING: 1 Corinthians 4:6-21 (pg. 953)

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

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Password: CORINTH

SONG: Christ Our Wisdom

BLESSING

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NOTICES

Connect with us

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



Summer Schedule

Grace Groups will take a break for the rest of July.

Summer Fellowship will take place on Wednesdays in August at 8pm, looking at the lives of the early Church Fathers.

Giving

Grace Church is fully funded 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: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13



Welcome!

Sunday 27th July 2025

*“The foolishness of God
is wiser than men,
and the weakness of God
is stronger than men”*

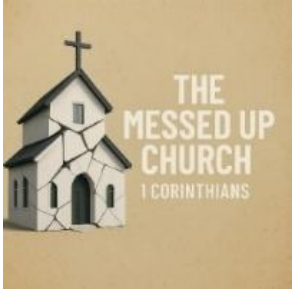
1 Corinthians 1:25 (ESV)

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1 Corinthians 4:6-21



⁶ I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favour of one against another. ⁷ For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

⁸ Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! ⁹ For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. ¹¹ To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, ¹² and we labour, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; ¹³ when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.

¹⁴ I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. ¹⁵ For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ¹⁶ I urge you, then, be imitators of me. ¹⁷ That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. ¹⁸ Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. ¹⁹ But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. ²⁰ For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. ²¹ What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

Follow my example (v1, v16)

1) Don't go beyond what is written (v6) and be "catholic" with a small "c" (v17)

"As I teach them everywhere in every church" (v17)

"This is my rule in all the churches" (7:17)

"We have no such practice, nor do the churches of God" (11:16)

"As in all the churches of the saints..." (14:33)

2) Don't boast in things that you were *given* (v7)

3) Don't pretend you've arrived (v8-13)

(remember real Christian ministry is cross-shaped now and resurrection shaped later)

4) Don't reject fatherly discipline

COFFEE QUESTION: How has this series in 1 Corinthians helped to challenge our pride and safeguard our Christian unity?