ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: When I Was Lost

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.
Common Worship, © The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England

NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

RESPONSIVE READING: 1 John 3:1-2

SONG: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

SONG: Speak O Lord

READING: Galatians 4:1-11 (pg. 974)

SERMON PRAYERS

SONG: Who You Say I Am

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



Our services

10:00am Canada Water Library10:45am Stephen Lawrence, Greenwich4pm Eltham College Chapel

Grace Groups

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

This week we'll be reviewing Mark 11-13.

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

Join and invite friends to:

Women's Cupcake Decoration - Friday, May 12th Men's Fitness Event - Tuesday, May 16th Wine tasting & a light dinner - Friday, May 19th Mah-Jong game afternoon - Saturday, May 20th Sunday Services - May 14th & 21st. Guest Speaker Tom Heasman.

For more details contact Michaela, michaela.may@greenwich.church

Giving

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Next Sunday, 7th May, Galatians 4:12-20

GRACE CHURCH GREENWICH

Welcome!

Sunday 30th April 2023

"Because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!"

Galatians 4:6 (ESV)

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Galatians 4:1-11 (ESV)



¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same

way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? ¹⁰ You observe days and months and seasons and years! ¹¹ I am afraid I may have laboured over you in vain.

Two reasons not to backslide:

1. We are sons of God (v1-7)

-We have a Father (v6)

-We have an inheritance (v7)

2. We were slaves to idols (v8-11)

COFFEE QUESTION:

How does seeing the Christian's *present* identity (point 1) help you not to backslide?

How does seeing the Christian's past identity (point 2) help you not to backslide?