

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: One True God

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESION

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)

INTERVIEW

SONG: Jesus My Strength My Hope

SONG: O Great God

READING: 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1 (p. 957)

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: Only a Holy God

BLESSING

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.



Christianity Explored

4-week course on basics of Christianity
4th Feb (Wednesday), 7:45pm, Hub, 14 Feathers Place, SE10 9NE.
Sign up via contact form above.

Welcome Course

3-week course for newcomers
11th Feb (Wednesday), 7pm, Hub, 14 Feathers Place, SE10 9NE.
Sign up via contact form above.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Bring friends and join for food & a short Bible talk, £18 pp.
21st Feb (Saturday), 12.30pm, South & North Restaurant, SE10 8NB

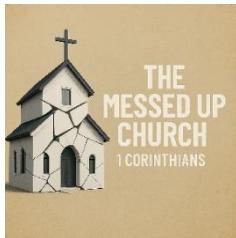


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Next Sunday: Genesis 34:1-35:7

1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1



¹⁴Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸Consider the people of Israel: are not those

who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? ¹⁹What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²²Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

²³“All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up. ²⁴Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbour. ²⁵Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁶For “the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.” ²⁷If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁸But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— ²⁹I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience? ³⁰If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks?

³¹So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³²Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, ³³just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved. ¹Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

What should shape how we use our freedom?

Same issue as Chapter 8 – eating food from the pagan butcher or eating in the idol temple restaurant

Can I eat? Yes, in principle, but there are other factors to bear in mind...

When might it not be ok to eat? The weaker brother and ...

1. Flee from idolatry, for the Lord is a jealous God (10:14-22)

Flee idolatry (14)

Because you know something is happening in the Lord's Supper (15-18)

And something is happening in idol worship – worshipping demons (19-21)

So, don't provoke the Lord to jealousy – flee idolatry (22)

2. Be a witness to the unbeliever, so that they may be saved (10:23-11:1)

In principle, you can eat this food (23-27, 29b-30)

But not if it damages your witness to the unbeliever (28-29a)

For all things are to be done for the glory of God... (31)

Which looks like wanting the unbeliever to be saved (32-33)

Paul imitates Jesus at this (11:1)

DISCUSSION STARTER:

What would it look like for you to a) flee from idolatry b) be a witness to unbelievers?