

Foreword

By Pastor Eugene Low

Faith alone. These two words sum up the message of Paul's letter to the Galatians in the New Testament. Written to warn against getting the gospel wrong, the apostle's tone is urgent and pleading. He strenuously persuades the Galatians not to listen to false teachers, who were propagating fake news that one needed to be circumcised and to keep the Old Testament law to be saved.

What does an ancient heresy have to teach us today? False "gospels" still abound, claiming we can earn our salvation and be good enough for God. But these false gospels merely pander to our pride and self-righteousness, drawing us away from Jesus, the only Saviour for sinners.

God made us in His image for His glory. But we have all turned away from our Creator to serve created things. Consequently, we face God's righteous judgment and there is nothing we can do to save ourselves. This is the bad news.

But God, who is rich in mercy, sent His beloved Son to save the unlovely. Jesus perfectly obeyed God the Father, even to death on the cross. Bearing God's judgment in our place and rising from the dead in triumph, Jesus makes us right with God if we trust only

in him to save us. The gospel is the good news that we can be saved through faith alone in Christ alone—not because of our merit or works.

Faith alone. This was also one of the five solas (Latin for "alone") of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century. After years of being obscured by neglect and error, the biblical gospel was recovered as faithful men and women searched the Scriptures. The foundational truths of the Reformation are summarised by the five solas: sola scriptura (Scripture alone), solus Christus (Christ alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola gratia (grace alone), and soli Deo gloria (glory to God alone).

At Grace Baptist Church, we have been preaching through Galatians in our sermons. Do join us for our Sunday worship services to hear God's word. In line with our sermon series, the theme of this year's Reformation Concert is "faith alone". I pray we will be blessed by these songs from Galatians.

Besides hearing the truth of the gospel, God's people are to also speak and sing it to one another. Therefore, we are not here as an audience for a performance. Rather, we come as fellow worshippers to praise and thank our gracious God for His glorious gospel. In Christ, we have been reconciled to God and united as His people. We may come from different places and walks of life, but we are all one in Christ. So, let's "with one voice glorify the

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 15:5-6). The God of our salvation is surely worthy of our joyful praise!

"Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Tell of His salvation from day to day." (Ps. 96:2)

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About the concert

Why a concert about the Protestant Reformation?

This is GBC's fourth concert about this central event in church history.

In the Protestant Reformation key doctrines which had been lost were recovered: we know God and His ways by Scripture alone. And Scripture teaches that salvation is by justification by faith alone, through Jesus Christ alone by grace alone – for the glory of God alone.

Is there anything more important for the church to remember, guard and celebrate? Upon these beliefs the church either stands or falls.

From our first concert in the old building, our second when we rebuilt, to our third when this new building was completed in 2018, we have sung of these truths to anchor ourselves to them. As the global pandemic passes by and we recover the sweet blessing of gathering to sing, a fourth concert was timely.

In assembling more than 120 singers and musicians tonight, our hope is that singing will help a people remember and believe God's one and only Gospel, which Paul passionately expounded and defended in his epistle to the Galatians. We are God's people justified by faith in Jesus Christ, not by works of the law. We have received the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and we are never going back to the law.

As you stand, sit, listen, sing and read Scripture with us tonight, we pray that God's Spirit plants Gospel seeds in unbelieving hearts, and strengthens believers' faith to bear fruit in Christ Jesus.

We are so glad you came tonight. And if the Lord allows, we hope you will come back on Sundays to hear more of this Good News.

Welcome

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Music and lyrics by John Calvin (1545), trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith (1868) in the Public Domain

I greet Thee, who my sure

Redeemer art,

My only Trust and Savior of my

heart,

Who pain didst undergo for my

poor sake;

I pray Thee, from our hearts all

cares to take.

Thou art the life by which alone

we live

And all our substance and our

strength receive;

Sustain us by Thy faith and by

Thy pow'r,

And give us strength in ev'ry

trying hour.

Thou art the King of mercy and

of grace,

Reigning omnipotent in every

place;

So come, O King, and our

whole being sway;

Shine on us with the light of Thy

pure day.

Thou hast the true and perfect

gentleness,

No harshness hast thou and no

bitterness:

Make us to taste the sweet

grace found in thee

And ever stay in thy sweet

unity.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
Our faith is built upon Thy

promise free;

All nature testifies Your

Let everything that has breath

Lord, give us peace and make us calm and sure,
That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

Let symphonies resound

Psalm 150

Music and lyrics by Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Keith and Kristen Getty (2020), Getty Music Publishing

You made the starry hosts In love, Your Spirit breathed

You traced the mountain You formed us in Your very

peaks likeness

You paint the evening sky with To know Your wondrous works

wonders To tell Your mighty deeds

The earth, it is Your throne

To join the everlasting chorus

From desert to the sea

splendour Let drums and choirs ring out

All heaven hear the sound of

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord worship

Sing His greatness all creation Let every nation bring

Praise the Lord, raise your voice Its honours to the King

You heights and all you depths A roar of harmonies eternal

From furthest east to west

Praise the Lord Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

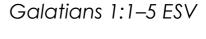
You reached into the dust

Sing His greatness all creation

Praise the Lord, raise your voice You heights and all you depths From furthest east to west You distant burning stars All creatures near and far From sky to sea to shore
Sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

Grace and Peace

Paul, an apostle—
not from men nor through man,
but through Jesus Christ and God the Father,
who raised Him from the dead—
and all the brothers who are with me,
To the churches of Galatia:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ,
who gave Himself for our sins to deliver us from the
present evil age,
according to the will of our God and Father,
to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.





Paul's greeting and blessing to the church in Galatia (modern-day Turkey) echoes how Christians see one another: because Jesus Christ died for our sins on the Cross, we have undeserved favour with God and peace with Him and one another.

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It Is Well

Lyrics by Horatio G. Spafford (1873), Music by Philip P. Bliss (1876) in the Public Domain

When peace like a river	That Christ has regarded my	
attendeth my way	helpless estate	
When sorrows like sea billows roll	And has shed His own blood for	
Whatever my lot, Thou hast	my soul	
taught me to say		
It is well, it is well with my soul	My sin, oh the bliss of this	
	glorious thought	
It is well with my soul	My sin, not in part, but the	
It is well, it is well with my soul	whole	
	Is nailed to the cross, and I bear	
Though Satan should buffet,	it no more	
though trials should come	Praise the Lord, praise the	
Let this blest assurance control	Lord, O my soul	

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll

The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend Even so, it is well with my soul

Father I Adore You

Music and lyrics by Terry Coelho (1972), additional music and lyrics by Caleb Yap (2022), Maranatha Music

Grace to you and peace from Father (Jesus, Spirit) I adore
God You
Father, Son and Holy Ghost Lay my life before You
Be to you forevermore How I love you
Amen Amen



Only One Gospel

I am astonished that you are so

quickly deserting Him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.



But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:6–12 ESV

The main false teaching of the book is on full display: the Galatian church was turning away from the one Gospel of God to a man-made counterfeit. The lie is that religious practices and good behaviour makes us right with God. The truth is that only by trusting in Jesus Christ are sinners counted righteous. We must never ever turn away from the one Gospel.

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# I Have Decided to Follow Jesus/Before the Throne of God Above

Lyrics Anonymous attr. to Sadhu Sundar Singh, music "Assam" Indian folk tune, arr. William Jensen Reynolds (1959) in the Public Domain

Music and lyrics by Charitie Lees Bancroft (1860) in the Public Domain

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning
back

My Cross I'll carry till I see Jesus My Cross I'll carry till I see Jesus My Cross I'll carry till I see Jesus No turning back, I'll follow Him



Who made an end to all my sin Before the throne of God Because the sinless Savior died above My sinful soul is counted free I have a strong and perfect For God the just is satisfied plea A great High Priest, whose To look on Him and pardon me To look on Him and pardon me name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for Behold Him there, the Risen me My name is graven on His hands Lamb My name is written on His heart My perfect, spotless I know that while in heaven He righteousness, The great unchangeable I am stands The King of glory and of grace! No tongue can bid me thence depart One with Himself I cannot die No tongue can bid me thence My soul is purchased by His depart blood My life is hid with Christ on high When Satan tempts me to With Christ, my Savior and my despair God And tells me of the guilt within With Christ, my Savior and my Upward I look, and see Him God



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# Justification by Faith Alone

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. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose...

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse;

for it is written, "Cursed be everyone

who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from

the curse of the law by becoming a curse

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for us

—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Galatians 2:20-21, 3:10-14 ESV

Justification is by faith in Jesus Christ alone. When we trust in Him, we are united to Christ - our sins are charged to Him on the Cross and His righteous is credited to us by faith.

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Simple Faith/On Christ The Solid Rock I Stand

Music and lyrics by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa (2021), Getty Music Music and lyrics by Edward Mote (1834) in the Public Domain

With simple faith and childlike

O listen, he welco
O see the Father's love

displayed

Tis written there upon the cross

Where payment for our sin was

made

Only trust Him, only trust Him
Turn to Jesus now
He will save you, He will save
you
With simple faith and childlike
trust

O listen, hear the Savior call
He welcomes now the least of
these
His mercies are a fountain full
O precious sinner come and
drink

O feel the Spirit's gentle work
Who breaks with love the
fortress heart
Then speaks to it the sweetest
Word
O stand forgiven child of God

On Christ the solid rock I stand

All other ground is sinking sand

All other ground is sinking sand

Power of the Cross

Music and lyrics by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty (2005),

Thankyou Music

Oh, to see the dawn Oh, to see the pain

Of the darkest day: Written on Your face

Christ on the road to Calvary. Bearing the awesome weight of

Tried by sinful men, sin;

Torn and beaten, then Every bitter thought,

Nailed to a cross of wood. Every evil deed

Crowning Your bloodstained

This, the power of the cross: brow.

Christ became sin for us,

Took the blame, bore the wrath: Now the daylight flees,

We stand forgiven at the cross. Now the ground beneath

Quakes as its Maker bows His

head.

Curtain torn in two,

Dead are raised to life;

'Finished!' the victory cry.



Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am
free.

Death is crushed to death,
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

This, the power of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.



Sons and Heirs of God

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a

child, is no different from a slave,

though he is the owner of

everything,

but he is under guardians

and managers until the date

set by his father.

In the same way we also,

when we were children,

were enslaved to the elementary

principles of the world.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Galatians 4:1-7 ESV

In Christ we have redemption, freedom, adoption, and the promise of a future inheritance. These are identity statements and promises that undergird the Christian's self-view. Because God is faithful, we can trust Him every day.

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#### Jesus is Mine

Original lyrics by Catherine J Bonar (1821-1884), lyrics by Matt Merker and Jordan Kauflin, music by Matt Merker, Jordan Kauflin and Keith Getty (2018), Getty Music

Fade, fade, each earthly joy; His presence stills my soul,

Jesus is mine. He will sustain my hope;

Stronger than fleeting hopes, Jesus is mine.

Jesus is mine.

Dark is the wilderness, Jesus is mine,

Earth has no resting place, Jesus is mine,

Jesus alone can bless; When all else fails, He still

Jesus is mine. remains;

Jesus is mine.

In days of fragile peace,

Jesus is mine.

Through tearful nights of grief,

Jesus is mine.

His voice commands the storm,



When on that final day,
Jesus is mine;
Before his radiant face,
Jesus is mine.
Safe in his arms I'll cling,

Praising my Savior King, Forevermore I'll sing: "Jesus is mine."

#### Great is Thy Faithfulness/My Redeemer is Faithful and True

Music and lyrics by Thomas O. Chisholm and William M. Runyan (1923)

Music and lyrics by James Isaac Elliott and Steven Curtis Chapman (1987), Universal Music – Brentwood Benson Songs

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new
mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand
hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord,
unto me



As I look back on the road I've travelled,

I see so many times He carried me through;

And if there's one thing that I've learned in my life,

My Redeemer is faithful and true.

My Redeemer is faithful and true.

My Redeemer is faithful and true.

Everything He has said He will do,

And every morning His mercies are new.

My Redeemer is faithful and true.

My heart rejoices when I read the promise

'There is a place I am preparing for you.'

I know someday I'll see my Lord face to face,

'Cause my Redeemer is faithful and true.

My Redeemer is faithful and true.

And in every situation He has proved His love to me;
When I lack the understanding,
He gives more grace to me



Free and Fruitful in the Spirit

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."



But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Galatians 5:13-26 ESV



The Christian life is one of supernatural transformation and growth — faith in Christ leads to freedom from the flesh, a changed life and new relationships with one another in the church.

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Holy Spirit

Music and lyrics by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend (2005), Thankyou Music

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, Breathe new life into my willing

soul.

Let the presence of the risen

Lord,

Come renew my heart and

make me whole.

in me:

Give me faith for what I cannot

Cause Your Word to come alive

see,

Give me passion for Your purity;

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in

me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,

May Your joy be seen in all I do.

Love enough to cover every sin,

In each thought and deed and

attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and

the least,

Gentleness that sows the path

of peace.

Turn my strivings into works of

grace;

Breath of God show Christ in all I

do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,

Giving life to all that God has Le

made,

Show Your power once again

on earth,

Cause Your church to hunger

for your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers

arise;

Lead us on the road of

sacrifice,

That in unity the face of Christ

May be clear for all the world to

see.

Make Me a Servant

Music and lyrics by Kelly Willard (1982), Maranatha Music

Make me a servant humble

and meek

Lord let me lift up those who

are weak

And may the prayer of my

heart always be

Make me a servant

Make me a servant

Make me a servant today



Boasting Only in the Cross

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

Galatians 6:14–18 ESV



Christians are people of a crucified Saviour — neither our former identity nor external religious practices are our concern since we have a new life in Jesus. Paul has a prayer of blessing for the church.

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#### And Can It Be/Power of the Cross (Reprise)

Lyrics by Charles Wesley (1738), music by Thomas Campbell (1825) in the Public Domain Music and lyrics by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty (2005), Thankyou Music

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Saviour's
blood?
Died He for me, who caused His
pain?
For me, who Him to death
pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die
for me?
Amazing love! how can it be

That Thou, my God, should die

for me!

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.



Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night;

Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,

I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;

My chains fell off, my heart was free;

I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

My chains fell off, my heart was free;

I rose, went forth and followed Thee. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness
divine,

Bold I approach th'eternal throne,

And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Bold I approach the eternal throne,

And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

This, the power of the cross:

Son of God, slain for us.

What a love! What a cost!

We stand forgiven at the cross.



### Doxology

Lyrics by Thomas Ken (1674), music by Jimmy Owens (1972), Bud John Songs Inc.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen



# What is the Gospel?

This concert has been celebrating the centrality of the gospel. But what is this gospel that we have devoted an entire concert to?

The gospel means "good news". The news is good because God showed immeasurable kindness to sinners who only had bad news. God made people in His image for His glory in the world He created. But every human being has turned away from God to serve created things. We rejected God and rebelled against Him, making ourselves god in our own eyes. And we will face God's judgment without any hope of saving ourselves. This is the bad news.

But God, who is rich in mercy, sent His only Son to save us. Jesus Christ perfectly obeyed God the Father even to the point of dying on the Cross as a criminal and sinner, becoming a curse for us. On the Cross He took God's judgment in our place.

That's not all. God raised Jesus from the dead in triumph to show that His sacrificial death was accepted by the righteous Judge. The Gospel is the good news that salvation is available throug faith alone in Christ alone - not because of our merit or works. No amount of religious practice or other good things like being a good worker, parent or friend can make us right with God.

This is the good news we sang about tonight, which Christians have sung about for centuries.

Do you know this God? If you have questions about this good news, or this God, we encourage you to ask a Christian that you know or join us at our services and ask our church members. We'd love to chat more! Feel free to also write to us at <a href="mailto:info@gracebaptistchurch.sg">info@gracebaptistchurch.sg</a>. We encourage you to find out more, and not leave your questions unanswered. We'd love for you to find out about this joyous good news, and the loving and merciful God that we praised at this concert.

# More about Grace Baptist Church

We're so glad you could join us tonight. We hope you were blessed as God touched your heart.

#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

We welcome you to join us for worship on Sundays. The English Worship Service is from 9.00-10.30am in this same



Sanctuary. Drop by the visitors' table outside the Sanctuary to say hi or share your contact details with us so we can welcome you.

If you are a parent with children, there are different programmes and facilities available for you:

- Nursery: This is available during the worship service for children up to 3 years old in room 503 on the Attic. Our nursery is manned by experienced helpers so feel free to leave your children in their care.
- Children's Sunday school: The children's programme will run from 9.30-10.30 am for children aged 3 to 12 years old. The children will be a part of the service in the first half, and will subsequently be dismissed for their programme. If you are new, you can bring your child to the tables outside the sanctuary and our helpers will assist you!

•Cry Room: These rooms are located behind the the Sanctuary. Feel free to use these rooms during the worship service, if you feel like your children require a more private environment so they won't disrupt others around you.

Also, join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall on Level 3 after the service. We'd love to get to know you better, or answer your questions about GBC or about what Christians believe!

#### LIFE AT GBC

Throughout the week, there are many ways that GBC members connect with each other.

#### Care Groups

These group meet in the week to study God's word together and we have many care groups that meet in various places around Singapore, and at different times. You can find out more about our groups here: <a href="https://english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/caregroups">https://english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/caregroups</a>.



#### **Church Ministries**

We also have various demographicspecific ministries such as youth, young adults, women's or men's groups. Read about them on our website at <a href="https://english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/">https://english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/</a>.

#### Church Membership

We hold a quarterly membership class titled "Church Matters". This goes through what we believe as a church. Find out more about the class and the schedule here: <a href="https://english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/church-matters">https://english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/church-matters</a>.

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