



Prayer Evening

Sunday 1st May 7.30pm - 9pm
(drinks from 7.15pm)

Worship and prayer, with a particular focus this month on the overseas work we support in Albania, Lesotho and our members currently serving in South Africa.

Summer Socials

Sun 12th June: Baxter's Field BBQ

Sun 10th July: Priory Ruins Picnic

Both straight after 10am Sunday Worship.

Please save the dates and please feel free to bring family and friends. More details nearer the time.



Diary Dates

Sat 14th May	9.30am Exploring Membership Day
Sat 21st May	11am Jack & Claire's Wedding
Sun 29th May	No Sunday Meeting due to the Catalyst Festival
Fri 10th June	7.30pm King's Choir Concert in aid of local refugee charity: Brighton Voices in Exile (£5)
Sun 12th June	12.30pm Church BBQ at Baxter's Field, Lewes
Fri 1st July	7.30pm Learn to Charleston Women's Event (£10)
Sun 10th July	12.30pm Church Picnic at the Priory Ruins, Lewes

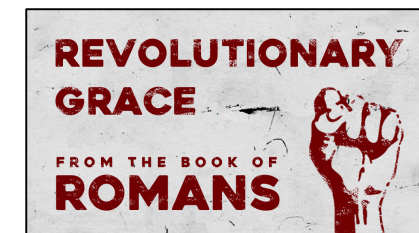
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CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Much More Grace

Romans 5:12-21

1) Who have you ever been happy to have as your representative and who has let you down?



Read Romans 5:12-21

2) What particularly struck you from Al's message on Sunday and is there anything you wanted to discuss in your small group?

3) How do you react to the idea of Adam representing you?

4) Thinking about your own life and history, how do you think Adam was a good and fair representative of you?

5) In what ways do you feel the pain of a world under death?

6) Which truths about Jesus from this passage could hold on to when you fear aspects of death or could you use to help someone else who fears death?

7) To what degree is the presence of sin in your life a discouragement to you as a Christian?

8) Which verses from this passage, and elsewhere in the Bible, could particularly help when you are conscious of sin?

9) What amazes you most about Jesus or makes you most thankful to him in Romans 5 (look back at v1-11 as well).

10) Spend some time on your own or in your group praising and worshipping Jesus for these things.

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Hebrews 2:5-18

- a) What do v5-8 teach about the status God has given to human beings.
- b) How can you especially see Adam and Eve in these verses?
- c) What does v9 say it involved for Jesus to be the second Adam, our representative?
- d) What do v10-13 say about the status God gives us through Jesus and what he has done for us?
- e) What effect has Jesus' death had on death in general? (v14-15)
- f) Why is it not necessary for us to fear death?
- g) What else do v16-18 add to the picture of how Jesus was our representative?
- h) How does Jesus being tempted mean that he is able to help us when we are tempted?
- i) Take some time to praise God for Jesus and what it meant for him to represent us and all that it achieved.

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Lesotho

- Pray for the 2 village churches: Chigo leading Rehoboth Church in Thabakholo and Biggy leading Christ First Church in Maloseng.
- Pray for both men as they try to build leadership teams with men who are serious for God and have good character and gifting.
- Pray for them trying to build churches that are relevant to their culture and environment and eventually self-sustaining.
- Pray about effects of the recent drought, which has left rural areas with a serious food shortage for those without external income. These communities still need to develop income generation schemes.
- Pray for the health visiting team (MAP). The clinic is now finished but people are reluctant to come to the sessions if a doctor will not be present. Pray that prayer/care will be valued as well as medicines. Pray for wisdom on how to take things forward, with Dr Rob less involved.