Daily Prayer

MONDAY 1ST

- Pray for our elders and Interim Moderator, Peter, Chris. Paul, Donald and Alan, that they would be rooted in the truths of scripture and seek to lead the church family here in a way that points us to Christ. **Pray** that the Lord would equip them and sustain them as they serve.
- Praise God that whilst we are unable to gather physically together we can connect with each other. pray that we would continue to encourage and support one another, pointing one another to Christ.

TUESDAY 2ND

• Praise God that in the midst of persecution he continues to build his church in Laos. Pray for protection for our brothers and sisters who meet in house churches, and help for the believers who meet in government-controlled churches to thrive in their faith.

WEDNESDAY 3RD

• Pray for our Annual Church Meeting this evening, that we would be encouraged as we reflect on what God has been doing within our church family over the last year. **Pray** that we would trust that he would continue to be faithful in the years to come.

THURSDAY 4TH

• Pray for those in our church family who have been recently bereaved, especially for those who have been unable to meet with family to grieve due to lockdown. **Pray** that they would know God's comfort and hope in the midst of the pain, and turn to him to sustain them.

FRIDAY 5TH

• Pray for Kilmallie and Ardnamurchan Free Church which is currently vacant and seeking God's leading for the future (Interim Moderator: John Ross). Praise God that the congregation has a sense of unity, pray that this would continue as they continue to seek God's will for a resolution to our vacancy in His good time.

SATURDAY 6TH

• Pray that we would continue in our MISSION: to "know Jesus and make Jesus known" and our VISION: that we would "grow to be a vibrant, all-age church of 100 disciples, all seeking to know Jesus and make Jesus known".

SUNDAY 7TH

• Pray as we gather online to worship today that guests and newcomers would join us and want to know more about Christ.

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- 1. Can you summarise Paul's argument so far as he has begun to outline the gospel in chapter 1?
- 2. What objection is Paul responding to now in chapter 2? who is in his firing line (v1-3)? - what will be the outcome (v5)?
- 3. Though we all deserve God's judgement, we don't experience it straight away - why not? What should this time be used for? (v4) How, in your own life, has God's kindness lead you to repentance?
- 4. Paul warns of the dangers of religious hypocrisy. How are you in danger of hypocrisy? Where do you need to repent of hypocrisy?
- 5. How does this passage help you understand the gospel more fully and appreciate Jesus Christ more deeply?
- 6. What action do you need to take in response to this passage?



THE WEEK AHEAD

At Burghead Free Church

Monday 1st JUNE

10^{AM} Mission & Vision Prayer Meeting - (on "Zoom") Meeting ID: 895 1469 9363 | Password: 123456

Tuesday 2ND JUNE

7^{PM} Pathfinders (Youth) Bible Study (on "Zoom") Meeting ID: 271 055 1908 | Password: 277388

Wednesday 3RD JUNE: ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

7:30^{PM} Church Family Prayer Meeting (on "Zoom") Meeting ID: 861 0825 6482 | Password: 929797 Telephone Dial In Number - 0203 481 5237

Friday 5TH JUNE

7^{PM} Pathfinders (Youth) Social/Games (on "Zoom") Meeting ID: 271 055 1908 | Password: 277388

Sunday 7TH JUNE

11^{AM} Morning Service - LIVESTREAM (Peter Turnbull) 5.30PM Evening Service (LIVESTREAM from smithtonchurch.com)



BURGHEAD FREE CHURCH 131TH MAY 11AM

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Welcome (Peter Turnbull, Church Leader)

Song: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song: this Cornerstone, this solid Ground. firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace. when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All. here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh. fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save: till on that cross as Jesus died. the wrath of God was satisfied for every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ Llive.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: then bursting forth in glorious Day up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me. for I am His and He is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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ALL IN CHILDREN'S ADDRESS (Paul Hopkinson)

----- activities provided for KIDS -----

(visit burgheadfreechurch.org/sundayservice)

Prayer (lead by Carrie Marlow)

Notices

Reading: Romans 2:1-29 (Read by Stewart Bowman)

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. ² Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. ³ So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? ⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realising that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? ⁵ But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. 6 God 'will repay each person according to what they have done.' 7 To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honour and immortality, he will give eternal life. 8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. 9 There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; 10 but glory, honour and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile, 11 For God does not show favouritism.

12 All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. 13 For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. 14 (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵ They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.) ¹⁶ This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares. 17 Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and boast in God; 18 if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law; ¹⁹ if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark, ²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of little children, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth - 21 you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? 22 You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³ You who boast in the law, do you dishonour God by breaking the law? 24 As it is written: 'God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.' 25 Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. ²⁶ So then, if those who are not circumcised keep the law's requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? ²⁷ The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a law-breaker. ²⁸ A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. ²⁹ No. a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.

Sermon: "Romans: Good News in a Bad News World"

Peter Turnbull | Romans 2:1-29 | NOTES

- 1. DON'T SCORE A SPECTACULAR OWN GOAL
- 2. DO MAKE USE OF EXTRA TIME (by repenting)

3. THE REFEREE IS FAIR (or 'God doesn't show favouritism')

Song: Sing Psalms 20 v1-6

- 1 May the LORD answer you when you cry in distress; May Jacob's God keep you, whose name you confess. 2 May God send assistance from his holy place, And grant you from Zion support by his grace.
- 3 May God keep in mind every sacrifice made; Accept on the altar your offerings laid. 4 And may he fulfil the desire of your heart— Success to each one of your plans to impart.
- 5 With joy we will shout when your victory's won; We'll lift up our banners in God's name alone. And so may the LORD hear your earnest request, And answer your prayèrs as seems to him best.
- 6 Now truly I know that the LORD from above Protects his anointed in covenant love; From heav'n in his holiness God hears his cry, And saves by the pow'r of his right hand on high.

Closing Prayer