

Daily Prayer

MONDAY 22ND

- *Praise God* for the many new folks who have been listening in to our Sunday livestream. *Pray* that many will turn to Christ and find new life in him

TUESDAY 23RD

- *Pray* for our Mission partner Roddy Macleod - on furlough from his work with SASRA. Pray for God's blessing and future direction for SASRA as they seek to reach out to service personnel during (and beyond) lockdown.

WEDNESDAY 24TH

- *Pray* for our Mission partner Rhona, that the Lord will use her in her current role as Mission Coordinator at Burghead Free Church and with OMF. Pray for Chinese Christians to stand firm in the face of government opposition and the closure of churches.

THURSDAY 25TH

- *Pray* for our Mission partners the Baalbergen family in Sydney, Australia (preparing to do mission work in France). Pray that the Lord would lead them through the coming months of uncertainty and provide financial support to enable them to move to France in the near future.

FRIDAY 26TH

- *Pray* for our Mission partner Chris Davidson and the team at the Merkinch Free Church plant. Pray that God will sustain them in challenging times and be at work drawing people to himself in Merkinch and South Kessock.

SATURDAY 27TH

- *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 28TH

- *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. Between 1:1-3:26 Paul has been explaining the fundamentals of the gospel. Before we begin to unpack the application of the gospel (which begins from 3:27), could you explain Paul's argument so far, in a nutshell?
2. Why should pride and boasting be so foreign to Christians?
3. Why does Paul use Abraham and David as examples of those who were justified by faith? What can we learn from their example of faith?
4. We say we are saved by faith, but what is faith?
5. How can we be secured in our status with God? What will keep us from lack of assurance and worrying we won't be saved after all? (in other words - 'how does the gospel deal with our insecurity?')

THE WEEK AHEAD At Burghead Free Church

Monday 22ND JUNE

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

Tuesday 23RD JUNE

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

Wednesday 24TH JUNE

3.30^{PM} Explore/Awesome Club Online: facebook.com/burgheadfreechurch
7:30^{PM} Church Family Prayer Meeting (on "Zoom")
Meeting ID: 861 0825 6482 | Password: 929797
Telephone Dial In Number - 0203 481 5237

Friday 26TH JUNE

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

Sunday 28TH JUNE

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



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BURGHEAD FREE CHURCH | 21ST JUNE 11^{AM}

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Welcome & Announcements

(Peter Turnbull, Church Leader)

Song: How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
how great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings...

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:
Then sings...

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ALL IN (Children's Address, lead by Gavin Thomas)

----- **activities provided for KIDS** -----
(visit burgheadfreechurch.org/sundayservice)

Prayers (lead by Carrie Marlow)

Reading: Romans 3:27-4:25 (lead by Heather Thomas)

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, ³⁰ since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. ³¹ Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

4¹ What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God. ³ What does Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’

⁴ Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. ⁶ David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

⁷ ‘Blessed are those

whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

⁸ Blessed is the one

whose sin the Lord will never count against them.’

⁹ Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We have been saying that

Abraham’s faith was credited to him as righteousness.

¹⁰ Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before! ¹¹ And he received circumcision as a sign, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them. ¹² And he is then also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: ‘I have made you a father of many nations.’ He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’ ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why ‘it was credited to him as righteousness.’ ²³ The words ‘it was credited to him’ were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Sermon: “Romans: Good News in a Bad News World”

Peter Turnbull | Romans 3:27-4:25 | NOTES

1. THE GOSPEL KICKS OUT YOUR PRIDE

2. THE GOSPEL KICKS OUT YOUR INSECURITY

Song: Psalm 40v1-5 (Sing Psalms)

- 1 I waited long upon the LORD;
He heard my cry and turned to me.
- 2 He raised me from the slimy pit
And from the mire he pulled me free.

He set my feet on solid rock,
A place to stand both firm and broad.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
A joyful hymn of praise to God.

Many will look with godly fear
And on the LORD alone rely.
- 4 Blessèd are they who trust the LORD,
Who shun the proud and gods that lie.
- 5 The wonders you have done, O LORD,
How many and how great they are!
Your plans for us are far beyond
Our power to number or declare.

Closing Prayer