



Breaking Out

Sunday 15th May 2022

Galatians 2 – Gospel Unity

On live stream and in the building

Greeting

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

TIME TO BREAK OUT IN CONFESSION

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

TIME TO BREAK OUT IN SONG

*Gemma Sheridan, Jonathan Phillips,
(Words below)*

TIME TO BREAK OUT IN SCRIPTURE

Galatians 2

Paul Accepted by the Apostles

2 Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. **2** I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain. **3** Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. **4** This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. **5** We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

6 As for those who were held in high esteem—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism—they added nothing to my message. **7** On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised, just

as Peter had been to the circumcised. **8** For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. **9** James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. **10** All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

Paul Opposes Cephas

11 When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. **12** For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. **13** The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

14 When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

15 “We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles **16** know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

17 “But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn’t that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! **18** If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

19 “For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. **20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **21** I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Teaching slot: Being Easter People

Galatians 2: The gospel is unity

J Phillips

TIME TO DISCUSS

Questions:

- 1) Are there Churches/Denominations that you have excluded from the good news? How can you proactively embrace sisters and brothers who are in Christ? Where and how do express the times when we shouldn't be united?
- 2) How are you caring for the poor?
- 3) As we move towards communion and you recommit your devotion to Christ – what do you need to lay before the cross now before you come and receive this meal?

Your thoughts and feelings:

Breaking Out in Communion

The Nicene Creed

WE BELIEVE in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Breaking Out in Intercession

Penny Haskell

Prayers for 15th May

Today is National Children's Day in the UK.
We give you thanks for our children and young people. May
each one know they are created by you and loved by you
unconditionally. We ask that they would know you for
themselves.

We ask your help for any child who is facing bullying of any
kind. Please protect them and give them a way out as well
as people they can trust.

We pray for children who are disabled or have any kind of
special need. Thank you for them and let each one know
they are acceptable to you.

Help parents and families to listen to their children and
guide them with wisdom. Provide everything they need to
support their children well.

We pray for all children's workers in churches, especially
Kath, for energy and enthusiasm. Give them your vision
and direction.

Also, for teachers, early years workers and all those who
work with children that they would not lose sight of any
child's needs. Please give them strength and resilience.

We think also of children worldwide.
We pray for disabled children abandoned in orphanages in
Ukraine and elsewhere. Please intervene in these situations
and send help.
We pray for children traumatised by war or violence of any
kind. Please bring light and healing in dark places.

We pray for families where one or both parents have been
killed or imprisoned because of their faith in you. Please
provide the families and loving care these children need
and may they not lose hope in you

Matthew 19 v14 "Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.""

Transformation where you are – Denise Beech

I was born in Accrington but spent most of my youth in Preston, then Chorley, Wrexham, Nenthead and I moved to Chester in 2016. I have 3 grown up children and 3 grandchildren. My 'real' life started in 1998 when I had a dramatic encounter with Jesus and since then He has been my rock and my fortress.

I've been the café manager at St. Peter's for 4 years during which time there has been lots of laughter but also tears. It's such a privilege to work in a building that is full of God's peace. It's a blessing to see the Lord at work and how He touches people each day. There is a real sense of family here with chaplains, volunteers and our regulars. There are those we know well and others who we may only see once. It's extremely humbling when a stranger shares their hurt and pain with us, we listen, we pray with them or just give them a 'Jesus' hug.

I believe we're all jars of clay – some with more cracks than others – some with a beautiful glaze hiding the cracks. In the café we see a lot of brokenness (myself included, that's probably why I fit it!) but we also see a lot of hope and try our best to share that hope.

A customer came in recently who had had a little too much to drink. He began speaking with one of our volunteers but his words were the words of her heavenly Father – exactly the words she needed to hear! It's amazing to see what the Lord does, He uses anything and everything in the café. I believe He once used a donkey . . . not in the café though, at least not yet!

That's our God, faithful and true, pouring out His grace and mercy, shining His light into the darkness, touching and transforming lives. More Lord – please!

Please give thanks

- For the constant love and support of my family and friends
- For my amazing chaplains and volunteers
- For the privilege of working somewhere where it is so easy to share my faith

Please pray for

- As always – more volunteers
- Café Alpha that we hope to start in the autumn
- Just MORE of the Lord!

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual

help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**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.**

Blessing & Dismissal

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Song Words

What Beautiful Name it is

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

*What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

*What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

*What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

*What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Lord, let Your glory fall

Lord, let Your glory fall
As on that ancient day;
Songs of enduring love,
And then Your glory came.
And as a sign to You
That we would love the same,
Our hearts will sing that song:
God, let Your glory come.

*You are good, You are good,
And Your love endures.
You are good, You are good,
And Your love endures.
You are good, You are good,
And Your love endures today.*

Voices in unison,
Giving You thanks and praise,
Joined by the instruments,
And then Your glory came.
Your presence like a cloud
Upon that ancient day;
The priests were overwhelmed
Because Your glory came.

A sacrifice was made,
And then Your fire came;
They knelt upon the ground,
And with one voice they praised.
(Repeat)

This I Believe

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

*I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

O Come To The Altar

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found