



## Breaking Out

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

Galatians 3 – The Gospel is Grace

*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

*Nicole Weatherley & Theo Thomas  
(Words below)*

### TIME TO BREAK OUT IN SCRIPTURE

#### Galatians 3

##### Faith or Works of the Law

**3** You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. <sup>2</sup>I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? <sup>3</sup>Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? <sup>4</sup>Have you experienced so much in vain—if it really was in vain? <sup>5</sup>So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? <sup>6</sup>So also Abraham “believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

<sup>7</sup>Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. <sup>8</sup>Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” <sup>9</sup>So

those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

<sup>10</sup>For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” <sup>11</sup>Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.” <sup>12</sup>The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, “The person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>13</sup>Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.” <sup>14</sup>He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

##### The Law and the Promise

<sup>15</sup>Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. <sup>16</sup>The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ. <sup>17</sup>What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. <sup>18</sup>For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

<sup>19</sup>Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator. <sup>20</sup>A mediator, however, implies more than one party; but God is one.

<sup>21</sup>Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. <sup>22</sup>But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

##### Children of God

<sup>23</sup>Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

<sup>26</sup>So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup>for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor

Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Teaching slot: Being Easter People**  
**Galatians 3: The gospel is Grace**  
Denise Noble

**TIME TO DISCUSS**

Questions:

- 1) How do you respond to rules and laws?
- 2) When are you most tempted to look to your own efforts to make yourself acceptable to God?
- 3) Where is the challenge for you (or this church) in this passage? Where is the good news for you?

**Your thoughts and feelings:**

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**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**  
John Lancaster

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**For the World**  
We pray for peace, for justice and mercy in this troubled world. We pray for peace where there is conflict, terrorism, civil war and drug related violence. Particularly, we pray for Ukraine, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Mexico and Yemen. Protect the innocent and bless the peacemakers, we pray.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ worshipping in fear and secrecy today, and for those not able to worship at all. Thank you that we are all one in Christ Jesus. Watch over the persecuted church, we pray

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

**For our Country**  
We pray for Northern Ireland, for a fair and just solution to the problem of Brexit and the Northern Island protocol, for goodwill and engagement from all parties to resolve the current difficulties and restore the devolved administration at Stormont. We pray for the beleaguered Health Service in Northern Ireland and for those being treated and those awaiting treatment. We thank God for the peace that has endured since the Good Friday agreement in 1998. We pray for that fragile peace to be sustained.

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

### **For our city of Chester**

We pray for the prosperity of our city. We pray for the prosperity of its businesses, its shops, its industries. We pray for the welfare of its people. We pray for all our sisters and brothers in Christ in Chester, that we might show Your love, grace and mercy in all we do.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

### **For St Peter's congregation**

- For Jon Price, giving thanks for his successful sponsored ride – and for recovery. And for the charity Ella's, for blessing on their vital work with survivors of trafficking and sexual exploitation
- For Steph Ellis-Beacham and her family, for the work of Cheshire West Voluntary Action, and that Steph will be Your light and Your presence with the organisations, volunteers and those in need supported by them
- For Hattie Webb and Will Wykenham getting married on Saturday 28th May at St Peter's Horningsea, Cambridgeshire. For a beautiful, happy day of celebration and for God's blessing on their marriage and His presence in their lives together.
- For the diocesan vision and strategy coming from the clergy conference attended by Jonathan Phillips, which ended on Thursday. For unity and the power of the Holy Spirit as that vision and strategy is implemented
- For Tina Fielder's auntie Chris in Canada. She has Covid, and only one lung due to cancer years ago. She's now got inflammation of the pericardium and is suffering. For healing, and for peace for Tina's mum
- For Ian Clarke and Debra Clarke as they continue to face the issues with Ian's health.

### **For Café at the Cross, Espresso Service & WellbArt**

- For Dan and William, following their mum's funeral on Friday.
- For Eileen as she recovers from her operation.
- For S who needs the Lord's direction.
- For Michael.
- For S from the street community suffering with serious mental health issues.
- For Ann as she slowly recovers from delirium.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

### **Transformation where you are – Steph Ellis-Beacham**

I was born in Chester, went to Oldfield Primary and Christleton High School and attended Upton Baptist Church with my parents and brother. I went to University in Cheltenham and then lived in London and Oxford until 2012 when I returned back to Chester.

I live in Handbridge with my husband Richard and Josh (11) and Amelia (4). We've been coming to St Peter's since the new year.

I work for Cheshire West Voluntary Action (based at the Bluecoat Building on Northgate Street) and work with community and voluntary sector organisations in Chester and across the borough addressing the issue of food poverty. This started off working with community groups to provide meals at Holiday Clubs, and has expanded to work with foodbanks, and the development of affordable food supermarkets. My role is about bringing people together in partnerships, upskilling volunteers, supporting groups with funding and networking and recognising how important community groups are in supporting their own communities.

During the pandemic my role expanded to work to create sustainable food provision, both from an environmental point of view, and also champion the 'right to food' – I believe we live in a world, and a Country where there is enough for everyone. Every has the right to be food secure – to know where their next meal is coming from. So we try to strike the balance of meeting immediate needs in the most dignified and community driven support, whilst always seeing long term change.

### **Thanksgivings:**

I am blessed to work with fantastic groups and individuals.

I am thankful for the support of Richard, and Josh and Amelia

I am thankful for the amazing volunteers giving their time, energy and dedication to support local people

### **Prayer requests:**

My prayer would be that people know where to access this help when they need it

My prayer is that I would be a light in often very tough situations

& prayers for Josh and Amelia as they start High School and Reception (respectively) in September.

### **Collect for the Sixth 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**

#### **The Lion and the Lamb**

He's coming on the clouds kings and kingdoms will bow  
down  
Every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty

*Our God is the Lion the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring in power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb the Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him*

Open up the gate make way before the King of Kings  
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord

#### **Only A Holy God**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun

What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him  
The One and the only  
Cry out, sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God  
Only my Holy God

#### **Build My Life**

Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for you

Jesus the name above every other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for you  
We live for you

*Holy, there is no one like you  
There is none besides you  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
Show me who you are  
Fill me with your heart and  
Lead me in your love to those around me*

I will build my life upon your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in your alone  
And I will not be shaken

#### **God I Look to You**

God I look to You  
I won't be overwhelmed  
Give me vision to see things like You do  
God I look to You  
You're where my help comes from  
Give me wisdom You know just what to do  
(REPEAT)

I will love You Lord my strength  
I will love You Lord my shield  
I will love You Lord my rock  
Forever all my days I will love You God

Hallelujah our God reigns  
Hallelujah our God reigns  
Hallelujah our God reigns  
Forever all my days hallelujah

Oh oh oh  
Forever all my days hallelujah