

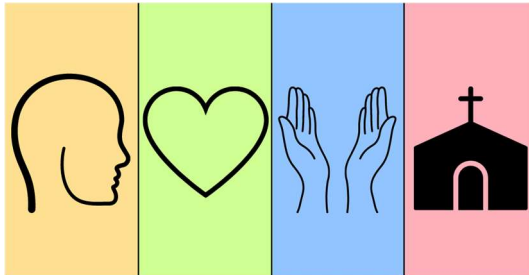


Helping people take the next step toward Jesus

Welcome

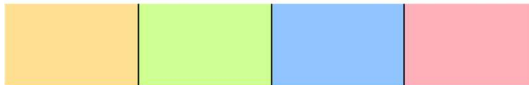
GATHERED WORSHIP BOOKLET

Sunday 17th September 2023



HEAD, HEART, HANDS &
HOLY WORSHIP

2023



Can we reject God if He has chosen us?

The doctrine of Irresistible Grace

John 6:37-40 & Romans 8:28-30

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Welcome ! We are glad you have joined us today.

Order of service

Call to Worship - Welcome

Song - Mighty to Save

Lord's Supper

Song - Amazing love

Church Strategy update

Children's Talk - Gretchen Fourie

Offerings

Reflection Song - Faithful God

Prayer over Offerings– Martin Van der Merwe

Children go to Sunday School

Announcements - Martin Van der Merwe

Congregational Prayer - Martin Van der Merwe

Song - Oh the mercy of God

Scripture Reading - Salme van Staden

Scripture: John 6:37-40 & Romans 8:28-30 (CSB)

Sermon - Can we reject God if He has chosen us? The doctrine of Irresistible Grace

Sermon Discussion / Reflection time

Song - Just let me say

Invitation

Benediction

Song - God sent His son (Because He lives)

Pastor Chris Pretorius will be preaching today.

Duty Elder : Martin Van der Merwe

Discussion Questions

1. How does the doctrine of Irresistible Grace fit into the broader theological framework of the doctrines of grace (TULIP)?
2. How does Irresistible Grace impact our understanding of evangelism and preaching the gospel?
3. In what ways does Irresistible Grace offer comfort and assurance to believers in their faith journey?
4. Can one believe in Irresistible Grace while still maintaining the importance of human free will? Why or why not?
5. What role does the Holy Spirit play in the application of Irresistible Grace to an individual's life?
6. How can a church or Christian community practically apply the doctrine of Irresistible Grace in its ministry and outreach efforts?
7. How has your understanding of Irresistible Grace influenced your personal faith journey and relationship with God?
8. How does this doctrine influence your worship of God in your own personal life? Does it help or hinder? Why?

Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes continued

Giving– Our giving is an act of Worship

In our church we have two offerings every Sunday. The first goes toward the ministry of this congregation. The second offering goes toward various Christian causes. This week our Second Offering will go towards the work of our Diaconate.

If you would like to support this work you can do so by in Church giving–Simply add your offering to the bag or by bank transfer - details

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If using bank transfer please indicate whether it is for the first offering "Sun 1" or second offering "Sun 2" in the reference line. Or you can give online via our Church app:

<https://wpcrc.org.au/give>

Lost Treasures

Sometimes we are blind to the treasures we have. We need to rediscover them. With this in mind, we have set up a website called Trowel and Sword Revisited (tsrevisited.com).

For well over 50 years articles were written on every aspect of church life: Christian living, Bible studies, church history, social issues and many more. Our aim is to look for those hidden gems and to bring them to the surface again and post them on a weekly basis.

Visit tsrevisited.com, register your email, and then you can look forward to the treasures the saints of the past can enrich us with as we prepare for tomorrow.

I believe in prayer. It's the best way we have to draw strength from heaven.
Josephine Baker

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;

That we acknowledge that what ever we do, what ever we accomplish is really accomplished by you in us.

Lord, you will grant us peace; all we have accomplished is really from you. (Isaiah 26:12 NLT)

Give praise and thanks to our Lord and Saviour for not leaving us to our own devices but that we have been given the Holy Spirit to dwell within us.

Please pray for our brother Jack Organtzoglou who faces the prospect of reconstruction on both his shoulders, pray that these will happen as soon as possible and that they will be completely successful.

Please pray for Ina de Graaf, Henk and Maria Knol, Johann and Hanna van der Walt, Phillip and Suzanne Nel, Thinus du Plessis, Michael van Veen and Margaret Vanderjagt as they find it very difficult to come together for worship. Pray that they will have a special experience of the presence of God.

Pray for our deacons as they take responsibility for a wider range of activities than they did traditionally, pray that they will have the resources in both finance and man power to fulfil their tasks.

Please pray for Godly wisdom as we each consider the upcoming vote for a change in our constitution for an indigenous voice to parliament. Pray that the Lord's will be done.

Please pray for all those affected by natural disasters such as storms, floods and earthquakes around the world, pray that this will cause many to seek God.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters facing the trauma of persecution.

The forgotten genocide

Even the numbers of Christians killed in China at the turn of the twentieth century pale in comparison to the genocide of 3.75 million Armenian, Assyrian, Syriac and Greek Christians who were systematically exterminated in a 30-year campaign waged by the rulers of the Ottoman Empire from 1893 to 1923. This has rightly been termed the forgotten genocide – the world knows little of the horrors that took place in Turkey and other areas controlled by the Turkish Ottomans.

Massacres of Christians began in the decades prior to the empire's adoption of wholesale genocide as its solution to "the Armenian question". In 1843 at least 10,000 Christians were killed in south-east Anatolia (modern-day Turkey) where the believers, having been encouraged by the British consuls in Van and Mosul, stopped paying jizya to their Muslim rulers. No military help came from the British after their advice to stop paying the tax led to this slaughter. Another 10,000 Christians were killed in Lebanon in 1860, and as many as 25,000 in Bulgaria in 1876.

In 1894-96 organised massacres of Christians took place, during which as many as 300,000 Armenians were killed. Sultan Abdul Hamid's agents would incite Turkish Muslims to rise up against their Armenian Christian neighbours, alleging that the Armenians were plotting to attack them. This procedure was repeated in 13 large towns. When 8,000 Armenians were killed in Urfa in December 1895, the young men were killed by the traditional Islamic method for slaughtering animals to eat: they were thrown on their backs, held by their hands and feet and then their throats were slit while a prayer was recited.

"We were taken to another village ... They started to kill us, one by one. They knocked my brother down first. They hit him in the back of the head. My six-month-old sister was hit and dropped to the ground. I was scared ... I hid ...

"When we woke up the sun was shining. I saw a little boy ... 'How come they didn't kill you?' He said, 'I don't know'. There was blood all over the place."

- Eye-witness testimony from Nectar Vanetzian, an Armenian Christian who was one of the few survivors of an Ottoman attack on the village of Tadem (modern Tadim, in Turkey) in 1915, the worst year of the Armenian Genocide

This violent persecution flared up again during the First World War. In 1915 alone approximately 800,000 Armenian Christians were killed, often in the most brutal and inhumane ways. The same brutality was meted out against Assyrian, Syriac and Greek Christians. In 1900, Christians were nearly a third of Turkey's population. By 1927 they were less than 2%.

The next prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday the 26th of September at 7.30pm



**Maurine Fernando
100 Years
Congratulations to the
Fernando family**



Cost is \$100.00 for Adults
 Children and teenagers are free
 Contact Jo or Adri for more
 details



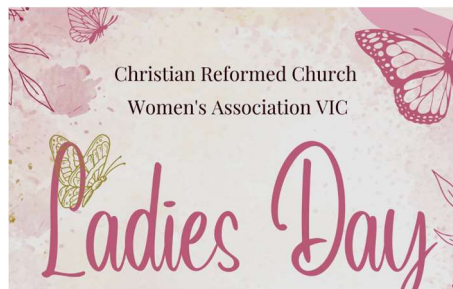
Working Bee

Saturday 7th October
 From 8am
 All Welcome



Selah

Sunday 15th October
 7pm
 Invite your friends



14th October
 10am–3pm
 Reformed Church of Box Hill
 28 Watts St, Box Hill



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

20 Sep–Dale Reed

20 Sep–Abi Viljoen

24 Sep –JD Steenkamp

24 Sep– Karin Witteveen

25 Sep– Mia Van Wyk

27 Sep–Inge Theron

30 Sep– Philip Nel

4 Oct - Kasha Schubert

6 Oct - Jeanette Kotze

8 Oct - Michael Van der Merwe

13 Oct - Michael Van Veen

15 Oct - Peter Williams

22 Oct - Adri Bennie



Coffee Roster

Today : Hennie & Mia Van Wyk

Sunday 24th : Jack & Isaac O

Church Calendar

Sunday 17th Sept - Lord's Supper Worship Service, 10 am

(in person or online)

Sunday 24th Sept - Worship Service , 10 am

(in person or online)

Tuesday 26th Sept– Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm at Church

Sunday 1st Oct - Worship Service, 10 am

(in person or online)

Saturday 7th Oct –Church Working Bee , All Welcome



CRCA

Internships provide an opportunity to grow in spiritual character and ministry competency, particularly for young people. The goal of this denominationally supported internship program is

that many of our young people will participate in an internship and be better prepared for a life of

service in the local church. From this we hope many will go on to further training and ministry in the local church and beyond, some Lord willing becoming pastors in the CRCA.

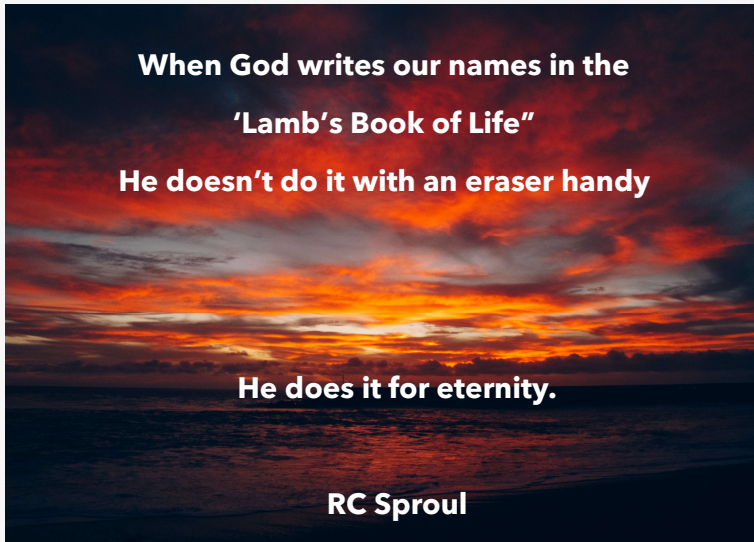
You can find out more details on our Church's bulletin board in the foyer.



FROM OUR MEMBERS



Thank you for joining us today



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Your name :

Contact number :

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Prayer Requests :