

News & Update

Welcome to IGC, the International Gospel Church we hope that you will feel at home whether you're just visiting or you're considering being with us more regularly. Our aim is that IGC will prove to be an inclusive graceful community where you will be enabled not simply to live gracefully, but to live fully by grace.

Meetings are held on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting

Prayer Meeting is held every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in the upper hall.

Teaching Schedule: The Miracles of Christ

4th Nov.	Jesus Heals a Man's Withered Hand on the Sabbath. Luke 6:6-11	Rian Francis
11th Nov.	Jesus Raises a Widow's Son From the Dead in Nain. Luke 7:11-17	Graham Mercer
18th Nov.	Jesus Calms a Storm on the Sea. Luke 8:22-25	Paul Anderson-Walsh
25th Nov.	Jesus Casts Demons into a Herd of Pigs. Luke 8:26-39	Paul Anderson-Walsh

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In The Know...



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Grace Notes: I Could Never Love!

Extract from **The Key to Everything** by Norman Grubb

Love, therefore, must not be a thing I can have. Love is exclusively a Person. God is love. Therefore, there is no other pure, self-giving love in the universe beyond Him Himself. Love is exclusively a characteristic of one Person only

That was a deflation for me. I had thought I could have love imparted to me, channeled into me, and I'd be more loving. But I suddenly found God saying, "You'll never have one iota of love. I am love, and that's the end of it."

Love is a Person; one Person only loving — and that's not I, and that's not you. God is love and, therefore, love is God loving.

That set a new trend of thought going. I began to relate this to my other need of power. And I suddenly found a verse in the first chapter of I Corinthians where it says that Christ is the power of God. Not Christ has the power, but He is the power.

Once again, I had thought power was something which was given to me, and I'd be a powerful servant of Jesus Christ. I suddenly found that power, also, is a Person. And that person is not I but is exclusively Christ, Who is God; it doesn't matter whether you call Him Father, Son or Holy Spirit.

Then I came to the one thing every Christian claims to have. Every believing Christian accepts the fact that he has eternal life. He takes it that he has a life which will go on forever in Heaven. ("The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.")

But I suddenly found that eternal life is not something I can ever have — for Jesus did not say, "I have the life to give you" — but, "I am the life."

Once again I had found that something I had thought I had — eternal life — is one person only, and that's not I. Jesus Christ is that "eternal life."

But where did I fit into all this?

Finally I came to a statement which gathered all together and finished off my investigations by its absoluteness. The verse was Colossians 3:11, where it says of believers in Christ that "Christ is all and in all."

Christ is all, not Christ has all. And if Christ is all, what's left for me? Not much by my mathematics I had thought I was somebody, and something or could get something. I found God had taken the lot. Christ is all. Then I got the link. Christ is all and in all. Then I saw for the first time that the only reason for the existence of the entire creation is to contain the Creator! Not to be something, but to contain Someone. So there dawned a very important truth. We humans naturally regard the human self as important. But we've got the wrong ideas of the reason of the existence of the self. An immense distortion has come into the very warp and woof of humanity. It's the distortion of the ego — of the self. Though we feel self to be important, all of this showed me that self is extremely unimportant. There is only one Self in the universe who is really important. I would almost say there is only one Self. Why? Because there's only one Person in the universe who ever said, "I Am." God said that was His name thousands of years ago when Moses asked what he should say when people would ask, "What is the name of your God?" (Exodus 3:13, 14).

We are told that at the end of the history of the universe it is God Who will be all in all. God all in all! Then what's left? It's terrific.



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Time to put Love In Action

The Mind Of Christ | Mindful of Man
Bring what you can Take what you need

Average Weekly Giving

Gift Day total to date is £3,563 including tax. We have also been blessed with a gift from the womens fellowship for which we are most grateful. This is good news as we are now half way towards this year's additional giving requirement of £10,000 including tax. Thank you for all your support!

