

DISCUSS:

- Read Exodus 34:6-7. Which attributes of God can you see? Why are we tempted to play some of them off against others?
- How does the doctrine of divine simplicity help answer someone who says, "The God of the Old Testament is angry, but Jesus shows us a God of love"?
- Why is it better to say that at the cross God's love and justice are *displayed together*, rather than that his love and justice finally *meet* or are reconciled to one another?
- If God is all that he is, all of the time, how should that affect the way we trust him when our circumstances make him seem distant, unloving or unfaithful?

Conclusion

Since God is all that he is, all of the time, the God who has loved us in Jesus Christ will never cease to be the God he has revealed himself to be.

Psalms 103:8-22

Tune: Before the throne

NOTICES THIS WEEK:

Community Group: Tuesday, 7:30pm, Ali & Noreen's home.

Ladies' Fellowship: Habakkuk 2:1-5, Thursday, 10am, Anderson's home.

ETS Annual Conference: 'The Free Offer of The Gospel', 26th Sept, 9.30am-4.30pm, St Columba's Free Church, Edinburgh, ets.ac.uk/annual-conference/

NEXT SUNDAY:

Morning Worship, 10am: 1 Peter 2:13-25 'Submitting for Christ's sake'.

YF, 4pm: Genesis 4:1-26; 6:5-6 'The Spread of Sin'.

Evening Fellowship, 5pm: The God who is from himself and never changes.

COMING UP:

Scottish Women's Bible Convention: 'Jesus Is Better', 3rd Oct, 10.00-15.00, Charlotte Chapel, brushfire.com/swbc/swbc2026/623009

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EVENING FELLOWSHIP 5pm

**The Lord's Day
20th September**

WELCOME TO GALASHIELS FREE CHURCH

WHAT IS EVENING FELLOWSHIP?

Evening fellowship is our more informal time together where the whole church enjoys Sunday School and we get to book-end the Lord's Day with the Lord's people and learn more about him. This is something that the church has historically done throughout her existence. During our time together we also sing and have our prayers for others. If you can play a musical instrument, we'd love to connect with you.

Below are the various 'Sunday schools' that we currently run to help you learn to grow in love and knowledge of God.

YF: Youth Fellowship

'YF: Youth Fellowship' currently meets before Evening Fellowship for Pizza, Games and Bible study. This is for all in S1-S5 and currently meets at 4pm.

Kids go Digging Deeper

During evening fellowship we have 'Kids go Digging Deeper' in the vestibule which is our group for Primary School aged children.

Digging Deeper

For all those that stay in the main hall, we usually take a term to 'dig deeper' into a key doctrine or theme in the Bible. These are usually done as a seminar; however, the pews currently make that tricky!

Throughout our evening, people are welcome to help themselves to tea, coffee or a cold drink and to make the most of our time together. We also love it when people ask questions about what we are learning. So please do feel free to put your hand up during Digging Deeper.

Welcome & Notices

Full notices can be found on Morning Service Sheets which you can find on the Welcome Desk.

Psalm 62:5-12 (Sing Psalms)

Tune: Rockingham

In evening fellowship we currently sing Psalms, the song book of the Bible, as the church has done for 3000 years.

Prayers for Others

In this prayer we remember the Lord's work in Scotland and elsewhere in the nations, especially praying for our partner churches. For praying for the wider Free Church we use PFOA material, freechurch.org/prayer. As we pray for the Lord's church amongst the nations, we are currently praying for unreached peoples using material from Missionary.com

The God who is Simple.

God is Simple?

DISCUSS: When we think about God's different attributes—love, holiness, justice, mercy, power—what danger is there in imagining them as different "parts" of God?

What difference would it make if one of those parts could overcome or outweigh another?

Where do we get this from in the Bible?

Exodus 3

DISCUSS: What is stretching your mind the most right now?

Where do we see God's Simplicity most clearly?

Exodus 33, 34, John 10, Psalm 85

DISCUSS: Have there been times when your circumstances have made God seem harsh or unloving?

How does knowing that God is always all that he is—perfectly good, wise, holy and loving—help us interpret our circumstances in the light of who God is, rather than interpreting God in the light of our circumstances?

Why does any of this matter?

Nahum 1; Jonah 3:10

1. It gives us confidence in God.
2. It helps us read difficult passages.
3. It should lead us to worship.