



What they hope to do is prevent people from saying they believe but living lives that are either no different or even worse than before. What they actually do is rob the message of its power and Jesus of his glory as the one and only saviour.

What is it that you have believed, a message that is no more than the offer of a moral ladder to climb, or the life changing message that God accepts us as we are, forgives our sins, clothes us in the righteousness of Christ and gives us the desire and power to live for him?

Don't be afraid of sharing the dangerous message of the gospel and not a watered down version of it. It is the power of God that brings salvation

Romans 1:16.



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Prison Prayer letter for November 2025

The Dangerous Message of the Gospel

One of the things that makes the message of the gospel good news is that when we realise we are sinners who cannot save ourselves we discover Jesus has done all that needs to be done for us to be accepted by God on the basis of faith alone. Paul goes so far as to say in Romans 4:5 that God justifies the ungodly.



For many throughout history this has proved to be a far too dangerous message. It is true that from the start some have argued that being justified by faith alone means you can live as you want forgetting that if you have the real thing you will want to live a life that pleases God and reflects the character of Jesus. Paul wrote Romans Chapter 6 because of this very issue and it can be argued that unless we face the same accusation he deals with there we are not preaching the true gospel. But a far more dangerous thing is what



many well meaning people do thinking they are protecting the truth. They attach all kinds of conditions to the gospel so only those who have already changed can enjoy its benefits.

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- 1 Today we want to thank God for a successful prison week that was from 12th to 19th October. Churches prioritised praying for prisoners and prison workers during the week.
- 2 Pray for P, one of our clients who needs support.
- 3 Pray for K, one of our other clients, who is continuing to have personal mentoring with our chaplain.
- 4 Pray for M, who is in HMP Manchester and needs your prayers
- 5 Pray for CP, someone who has been an ardent supporter of GMCC. He needs your prayers.
- 6 Pray for R, our chaplain, who is still waiting for his prison clearance.
- 7 Pray for the men in HMP Manchester who are on Alpha, that it helps them draw closer to God.
- 8 HMP Manchester. Pray for Z who is desperate to move on and to progress in his sentence.
- 9 HMP Manchester. Pray for T who is IPP and just moved to a unit that can really help him.
- 10 HMP Manchester. Pray for D who is a very problematic person and trapped in very destructive behaviours.
- 11 HMP Manchester. Pray for R whose nan has died.
- 12 HMP Manchester. Pray for J whose sister has died.
- 13 HMP Manchester. Pray for M who has split up with his partner and this is affecting his contact with his kids.
- 14 HMP Manchester. Pray for A who is feeling very isolated and under threat.
- 15 HMP Manchester. Pray for R who is waiting for his time in court.
- 16 HMP Manchester. Pray for P who has been here for a long time and just moved to a new prison.

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- 17 HMP Manchester. Pray for A whose best friend has died.
- 18 Please give thanks to God for providing use with a fuller team. HMP Elmley.
- 19 Pray that the vetting process for one other addition to the team runs quickly at HMP Elmley.
- 20 Give thanks that it's been possible to upgrade the chaplaincy dept regarding IT provision and internet access in the chapel.
- 21 Please pray for the provision of an Anglican chaplain. We are on our 7th round of adverts!!
- 22 Please pray for a prisoner I will call R. He has asked for 'a chain of prayer' for himself as he seeks baptism and a new start in life.
- 23 Please can you mention that we at CCA are praying for new life with our new Chair Joshua Brettel beginning in the Autumn.
- 24 We give thanks for all that Jackie Oglethorpe has given as chair and for her continued work as membership secretary.
- 25 Pray for R, our chaplain who will be visiting a few churches over the coming weeks and months to share about the work of GMCC.
- 26 Pray for M, a new client we registered recently.
- 27 Pray for L, who has decided to become a client at our centre.
- 28 We give God thanks for progress in referrals from befriended organisations and community groups.
- 29 We give God thanks for the success of the CCA conference that was held half way October at Westminster hall in London.
- 30 Continue praying for all of our staff and volunteers.