

Who are we?

Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church is a group of people from all walks of life who believe the Bible to be true and relevant for every day life.

We have come to know that Jesus has made it possible for man to go to heaven.

We want everyone in our town to know this too. We don't want you to miss out.

What's On?

Sunday

Worship
11.30am & 7.00pm

Sunday School 10.45am

Prayer Meeting 11.00am

Wednesday

Fellowship Meeting
8.00pm

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FREE BIBLE!

If you do not have a Bible and would like to receive one Give us a phone or send an email and we will get one to you.

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SONG

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REALITY

From the 23rd of March Hollywood's latest box office block buster has been showing in cinemas throughout the Province. The moving film tells the real life story of William Wilberforce's battle against the slave trade.

Wilberforce was born in Hull, England in 1759 to a wealthy family. On the death of his father in 1768 William was sent to stay with his aunt and uncle. It was in their home that he first had contact with evangelical Christianity and was influenced by the man John Newton the author of the well-known song from which the film gets its title.

For nearly fifty years Wilberforce served in the House of Commons. He began that long investment in English politics as a late night party loving unbeliever. However, God had His sights on this man's life. On a break from Parliament he ran into an old school friend, Isaac Milner. Milner was a committed Christian and challenged Wilberforce to a serious debate. Wanting to gather ammunition for the debate Wilberforce began to read the Bible. Through the pages of the Bible God was now dealing directly with Wilberforce. Now as he went about his social life he was more

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and more dissatisfied with its shallowness and superficiality. In his diary at that time he wrote, *Surely, there must be more to life than this?* God was now knocking hard on the door of his life. Here are some of his own words describing his thoughts at the time.

I must awake to my dangerous state, and never be at rest till I have made my peace with God. My heart is so hard, my blindness so great, that I cannot get a due hatred of sin, though I see I am all corrupt, and blinded to the perception of spiritual things.

And so in God's time and by God's power Wilberforce came to a personal knowledge of and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, finding out for himself just how amazing that grace really was.

Within a year of becoming a Christian Wilberforce began his life long quest to see the Trans-Atlantic slave trade

abolished.

Slavery was horrible, demeaning and cruel. Wilberforce saw it for the wicked thing that it was. Human beings chained and sold to become the property of others. Men, women and children shackled and imprisoned with no hope of freeing themselves.

It might surprise you to know that God says that every single human being is a slave. You are either a slave to sin or a slave to Jesus Christ. Speaking to a group of religious people the Lord Jesus Christ stated, ***I tell you the truth everyone who sins is a slave to sin.*** (John 8:34) That is our natural condition. We are not born neutral able to chose good, we are born as slaves to sin. It is not just that the life of human beings are a little muddled by wrong things but that mankind is under the devil's control, chained to the guilt and power of sin. Without Jesus Christ sin is our master. The powerful chains of sin are seen most clearly when men and women refuse to trust in Christ alone to rescue them from the guilt and power of sin.

The people to whom Jesus originally spoke these shattering words were



rather peeved and adamantly stated that they had ***never been slaves of anyone.*** (John 8:33) The reality however was that the shackles of their sin kept them from understanding what Jesus Christ was telling them.

These people like all of us by nature were chained by the guilt of their sin. Every single person has broken God's law and by nature is condemned. Sin deserves God's holy and eternal punishment.

The Bible's view of humanity is very different from man's. We like to think how good and powerful we are, master's of our own destiny. But Jesus Christ has a very different opinion.

In fact if you are not a Christian you do nothing but sin. Even your best God considers rotten through and through.

Every man and women, is also by nature, a slave to the power of sin, in bondage to the devil not able or willing to break free. Sin is a tyrant that holds people tightly in its grip.

What we need is a rescuer. Someone who will willingly take the punishment that we deserve for sin. Someone who can remove our guilt. What we need is someone more powerful than the devil, someone who can set us free.

Thank God there is such a wonderful liberator. The Lord Jesus Christ is the strong one who can set us free. When He walked on this earth He said, ***If the Son sets you free you will be free indeed.*** (John 8:36)

Freedom is not found in doing our own thing. It is found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

So why did the Lord Jesus come to

earth as a man, yet without sin, and die in the place of others? Well that is where the Amazing Grace comes in. We don't deserve what He has done. God out of great love freely gave His unique Son so that guilty people like us could be set free.

This holy and gracious God commands you to come to Him to have your chains cut free. But we are so enchained by sin that without Him breaking into our lives we do not even have the desire to be freed from the guilt and power of sin.

But perhaps as you read this you are beginning to see just how guilty you really are before God. Perhaps you have been trying to reform your life by yourself and realise that you simply can't break free. Cry out to the Lord Jesus Christ seek His forgiveness and cleansing and you will experience amazing grace and find that, ***the Lord sets the prisoners free*** (Psalm 146:7) You will be free forever from the power and guilt of sin. Surely that is an offer too good to refuse.



is a 6-week course designed to let you find out for yourself how amazing God's grace is.

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