

Sunday, January 3, 2021

9:30 am & 6:00 pm

God does not show favouritism

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### Welcome to Hoxton Park Anglican Church

One of the cultural movements of the past year has been Black Lives Matter. Many parts of America experienced violent riots and protests. In other parts of the world, even Sydney, had supportive protests, often allowed by the government, even during COVID lockdown. What is going on? How should we respond? It is true that at times not all people are treated well. It is true that there has been injustice in history. But is the proposed solution helpful or making things worse? Today we will consider what the Bible says about 'race' and what a Christian response to these issues might be. In following weeks we will also reflect on gender, identity and poverty and seek to make sure we are alert and discerning people.

### Bible Reading

Philippians 2:1-11 - Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup>not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. <sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 10:34-43 - <sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism <sup>35</sup>but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. <sup>39</sup>"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup>He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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### Coming up

In January our Summer Holidays sermon series is looking at: What the Bible says about race, gender, identity and poverty. The way people think and make decisions in our world is being turned upside down. How should we respond as Christians?

10<sup>th</sup> Jan - Gender    17<sup>th</sup> Jan - Identity  
24<sup>th</sup> Jan - Poverty



Introducing God is a course we run regularly to help people find out more about what Christians believe. Our next Introducing God course starts early next year. Speak to one of our ministers of contact the office if you are interested.

## Prayer Points

- Pray that God would reveal our hearts and help us see areas to repent, grow and work on in becoming more like the Lord Jesus.
- Pray that our church community would reflect the love God has for people from every nation, tribe, people and language.
- Ask God to grow your love for him in the year ahead and that he would deepen your commitment to regularly read his word, pray and be at church.

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