

Church Camp—Q&A Follow Up

A final question for our Pastor's Desk as we keep reflecting on the camp that passed over a month ago (has it been that long already?!). The question: what is heaven like?

We spent a whole weekend discussing how, in the light of Jesus' death and resurrection, we should rightly be orienting our whole existence and lives to persevering towards it. But what is 'it' that we're hoping to get to?

First, it might help if we stop saying that we going 'to heaven' and remember that heaven is actually coming 'to us'. Revelation 21-22 describe this beautiful scene of heaven, which is also the City of God (i.e. the Church), coming down to the new earth. So while it might be more of a mouthful, we should get into the habit of speaking of 'the new heavens and the new earth'.

The reason for this is because it's a great way of better describing and picturing what we are looking forward to. We are looking forward to this world that we live in being completely overhauled. Every imperfection made right, every part of decay given new (and eternal) life, and for those who have remained faithful in Jesus a new resurrected body.

The main descriptions of the new heavens and the new earth—in Isaiah and Revelation—contain familiar imagery. I don't think, however, they are necessarily literal. What scripture is doing here for us is helping us understand, with language that we are familiar with, realities beyond our experience. I often use the illustration of trying to explain the concept of electricity to a stone-age tribe. You would have to use language and imagery that would be familiar to them—not because they lack intelligence, but simply because they lack experience.

The New Heavens and the New Earth will feel familiar and yet wonderfully different at the same time. We will live our lives free from any imperfection. How difficult it is for our minds to conceive of life free from sin—never ever again being angry, jealous, envious, lustful, prideful, etc.

Yes, we will work in heaven! With the curse lifted it will no longer be a burden but a joy. All things will belong to us, as co-heirs with Christ (which makes the pursuit of material wealth and security now utterly foolish).

And we will live with never-ceasing overflowing joy as we fellowship with God and discover and experience more about Him. He is of *infinite* glory and goodness, so we will never stop discovering more about Him to praise, and we will never become satisfied with what we know. I cannot wait!

giving: financial stewardship update

Last Week:	\$5,449.50
Weekly Required:	\$5,500.00
Shortfall:	\$0.00

electronic fund transfer

A/C Name:	SLE Church
Bank:	National Australia Bank
BSB:	084-424
A/C No:	396558544
Description:	Offering

19 November 2017

welcome to sle church

We are delighted to have you join us today! It is our prayer that you will enjoy all aspects of our gathering this morning.

about

The 'SL' in 'SLE' means St Lucia. The suburb our church is located in. The 'E' stands for English. We are a church family made of many migrant families from across South-East Asia, and we are English speaking. The 'E' also stands for Evangelical. We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services.

get connected

Please join us for refreshments and a chat after the service. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are new to SLE Church, have a prayer request, family news, or change of contact details please email: info@slechurch.org.au or call 3371 7589.

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service times

9:00am and 11:00am



I BELIEVE



Exploring the Apostle's Creed

current sermons

Last Week: I Believe in that Jesus Rose from the Dead
 This Week: I Believe in the Holy Spirit
 Next Week: I Believe in the Church

prayer points

1. Praise God for the resurrection of Jesus—the assurance and ground for all our hope. Praise God that Jesus' resurrection was prophesied in advance, fulfilled before eyewitnesses, and faithfully recorded and preserved for us today in Scripture.
2. Pray that we would keep living out the gospel we believe and proclaim—that it would be the centre of all we do and say, and that our lives would continue to be shaped and be oriented around Jesus.
3. Pray for the nation of Australia as it goes through the process of legislating same-sex marriage. Pray for wisdom for our nation's leaders to not only legislate the people's vote, but also to legislate in a way that protects the freedom of conscience for those who disagree. Pray that God's church would keep proclaiming the goodness of Jesus above all else.

serving grace

	Today	Next Week
Chair	Ps Steven	Randy
Preach	Ps Ben	Ps Ben
Bible Read	Matthew	Jansen
	<i>Marilyn</i>	<i>Alan</i>
M.Tea	Georgie	Stephanie
	Tania	Genevieve
Wash Up	SOS Randy	SOS Randy
Welcome	Meng Yin	Meng Yin
	Karilyn	Karilyn
	Esther	Esther
	<i>Andrew</i>	<i>Andrew</i>
	<i>Marcus</i>	<i>Marcus</i>
	<i>Hui Xian</i>	<i>Hui Xian</i>
	<i>Marilyn</i>	<i>Marilyn</i>
Stewards	Alvin	Alvin
	Norman	Norman
	Sunny	Sunny
	<i>Helen</i>	<i>Helen</i>
	<i>Josh</i>	<i>Josh</i>
	<i>Li Kai</i>	<i>Li Kai</i>
Piano	Deborah	Gary
Guitar	Ivan	
Bass	Kevin	Aaron
Drum	Nathan	Lucas
Vocal	Janael	
PA	Reuten	Matt
	William	Chris

community news

Christmas Program for Sunday School Years 1-6

Nov 19 | 9am—10:30am
 Nov 26 | 9am—12noon (includes Christmas Party at St Lucia Playground Park from 11am)
 Dec 3 | 9am—10:30am

Impact 2018—Living as Citizens of the Gospel (from Philippians) | Jan 10, 10am-7pm | Toong Chai Presbyterian, Singapore

Main speakers: Ivan Chow and Denesh Divyanathan

What to expect: Talks from Philippians and lots of workshops on practical topics.

Who is this for: For Singaporean students studying all over Australia. Join us for a day of talks from God's Word, getting to know other Singaporean Christians studying across Australia, over a BBQ dinner.

Ignite Training Conference—Dust to Glory | 15 Jan-19 Jan, 2018 | 1 Cross Street, Toowong

Registration: Early bird—by 11:30pm, Thursday 30 November, 2017

For more information head to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ignite-training-conference-2018-tickets-37867545849>

date claimers

1. Christmas Program for Sunday School Years 1-6—19 Nov, 26 Nov, 3 Dec
2. Impact 2018—10 January, 2018
3. Ignite Training Conference—15-19 January, 2018

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I Believe In The Holy Spirit

1. Introduction: Neglect and Obsession

2. The Nature of the Holy Spirit

Heb 9:14; 1 Cor 2:6-12; Matt 28:18-20; Acts 5:1-5; Eph 4:30

3. The Work of the Holy Spirit

*The Holy Spirit accomplishes everything in harmony with the Father and Son
His particular role in the work of the Triune God is to point AWAY from himself and
TOWARDS the Father and the Son, especially the Son.*

A. The work of the Spirit in the salvation plan of the Father through the Son

John 3:16; Luke 3:21-4:22; Acts 10:38; John 16:13-15; Rom 1:4

B. Special Revelation, inspired by the Spirit, focuses on Christ

2 Tim 3:16, 2 Pet 1:20-21, 1 Cor 2:6-12; Luke 24:25-27; 1 Cor 1:17-24, 2:1-5

C. Evangelism, empowered by the Spirit, proclaims the gospel of Christ

Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; John 15:26-27

D. Regeneration, brought about by the Spirit, brings new life in Christ

John 3:3-8; Ezek 36:26-27; 2 Cor 4:3-6

E. Sanctification, progressively achieved by the Spirit, makes us more and more like Christ

1 Thess 4:3; 2 Thess 2:13; Rom 8:29; 2 Cor 3:16-18; Eph 3:14-19

F. Spiritual gifts, dispensed by the Spirit, helps us build up the body of Christ

Eph 4:7-16, 1 Cor 12-14

4. Implications

A. Honoring the Holy Spirit and His work

B. Following the example of the Spirit

5. Conclusion