

The Gospel as a Stradivarius, Bugatti, and Swiss Alps

But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. Tit. 3:4-7 (NIV)

Heavenly Father, if this passage was a violin, it'd be a Stradivarius; if it was a car, a Bugatti, if it was a vacation, it'd be the perfect chalet in the cloudless skies of the Swiss Alps. What a glorious affirmation of the riches of the gospel, Paul gives us in this passage. You're much kinder than we ever imagined, Father, more loving than we ever hoped, and more sovereign than we realize. Like Abraham, we weren't seeking you when you found us. Your "kindness and love appeared" to us by surprise. It was **entirely** your action of measureless mercy and sovereign grace.

As surely as we had zero part in our first birth, so we contributed "zippo" to our second birth. We didn't "show promise" or potential; you just kept your irrevocable promise to Abraham, to redeem a family as numerous as stars, sand, and dust (Gen. 12-17). Hallelujah, for the mathematics of your mercy.

How generous you were, and remain, with the gift of your Spirit. You didn't just "dribble" a little Holy Spirit on us. As Paul writes, you poured him out on me "liberally through Jesus"—copious amounts of heart washing, soul-engaging, whole-being goodness. By your grace, we've been justified freely and fully. Our guilt is gone and our shame is shattered. The saints in heaven are certainly more joyful than us; but they aren't more justified, loved, and secure.

Heir-ship and hope now frame and explain the rest of our lives in this world. Because the gospel is this good and this true, free us to live as conduits of your grace, for the blessing of others. We have **nothing** left to prove or earn, just a gospel to enjoy and share. What a God you are; what a calling we have. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus' wonderful and merciful name.

For more prayers like this visit: www.thegospelcoalition.org./blogs/scottysmith

giving: financial stewardship update

Last Week:	\$4,196.50
Weekly Required (for 2018):	\$5,525.00
Shortfall (for 2018):	\$1,304.00

electronic fund transfer

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

14 January 2018

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





serving grace

	Today	Next Week
Chair	Ps Ben	Bryan
Preach	Gabriel	Ps Steven
Bible Read	Boon Cheng	Matthew
	<i>Marilyn</i>	<i>Dan Lowe</i>
M.Tea	Winnie W	Winnie T
	Marilyn	Alice
Wash Up	SOS Central	SOS Randy
Welcome	Meng Yin	Meng Yin
	Esther	Esther
	Dan	Dan
	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
Stewards	Richard	Richard
	Stephen	Stephen
	<i>Helen</i>	<i>Helen</i>
	<i>Josiah</i>	<i>Josiah</i>
	<i>Li Kai</i>	<i>Li Kai</i>
Piano	Dan Lowe	Sylvia
Guitar etc	Aaron	Ivan, CY
Drums		Marcus
Vocal	Dan Lowe	
PA	Daniel	William
	William	Chris

community news

Ignite Training Conference | 15-18 January Evening Talks | 7:30pm

Ignite Training Conference talks are open to workers and others and will be held Monday to Thursday evenings next week, starting at 7:30pm each night, at the BST Campus at 1 Cross St., Toowong.

Parking is free along Wool Street, on the Anzac Park side. Carpooling is encouraged.

current sermons

Last Week: War on Truth 2: Support & Imitate Gospel

Workers [3 John]

This Week: War on Truth 3: Contend for the Faith [Jude]

Next Week: Parables in Luke #1: Parable on Parables

[Luke 8:4-18]

prayer points

- Praise God that throughout the past 2000 years He has preserved the truth of the gospel and His Word. Praise God that He has raised up men and women at the right time to defend and preserve orthodoxy. Praise God that He has ensured the truth of the gospel in order that His Kingdom might keep growing through every generation.
- Pray that we would grow in our discernment of false teachers, and in the loving encouragement and support of faithful gospel workers. Pray that we would grow in biblical wisdom that we may carefully and soberly name those who twist and change the gospel. Pray that we would grow in earnest desire to partner with faithful teachers and workers of the gospel.
- Pray for the upcoming Ignite Training Conference and the 28 delegates from SLE Church! Pray that all in attendance would learn, grow, be equipped, and encouraged in teaching the Word on to others. Pray for Pastor Ben and Steven, and the other leaders, who will be leading groups. Pray for clarity and faithfulness, and pray for energy to sustain for everyone for the long week ahead.
- Pray for many of us heading back to work. Pray that we would work diligently, as though working with God as our master.

date claimers

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Contend for the Faith [Jude]

Intro & Context

1. Contend for the Faith (v3-4)

2. Remember, God destroys the ungodly (v5-16)

3. Three ways to contend for the faith (v17-23)

V17-19 Expect opposition

V20-21 Keep yourselves in God's love

V22-23 Save others from God's judgement