

Proper, Transcendent, Palpable Joy (Scotty Smith)

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:17-20 (ESV)

Lord Jesus, we'd do well to read this story every day. You've given us so many reasons to be grateful and joyful. We'll start with the many creature comforts with which you've blessed us. Things like our jobs and homes, clothing and food, cars and "toys", the wonders of creation and the privilege of vacations. Thank you for your persistent and pervasive generosity.

And like your first disciples, you give us the joy of being used in your service. Thank you for the honour of loving our neighbours, working for justice, and caring for the poor. Thank you for the privilege of sharing the gospel and serving in your church, going on mission trips and labouring in your kingdom. Each of us has been given a place in your story of redemption and restoration—a joy-fuelling reality, indeed.

But as this Scripture reminds us, there's a joy that trumps all joys, surpasses all gladness, and redefines happiness itself. Jesus, thank you for writing our names in heaven—for securing our place in your "book," hearts, and eternity. Our names are written with the indelible ink of God's grace.

No eraser can remove our names from the only roll and record that really matters. We are wanted, delighted in, and secure in your grasp and love. We will never be un-born again or be given "the left foot of fellowship" out of your kingdom. This makes even we non-dancers want to dance!

Jesus, may the joy of our irrevocable, free, and all-glorious salvation shut down our whine-fests and pity-parties, our vain regrets and our silly lusts. So very Amen we pray, in your generous and grace-full name.



18 March 2018 | Service Times: 9am & 11:30am

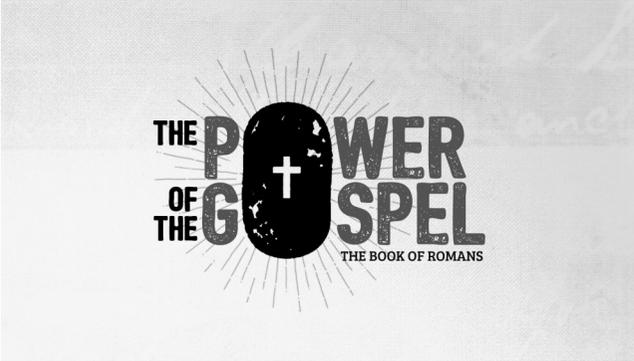
Welcome, we're glad you're here!

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. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

This Week: Life In Christ

by Pastor Steven Tran

Union with Christ means death to your old self, and new life with Him as your Master. So live who you are now in Jesus, not who you were before.



Next Week:
Freedom From The Law [Romans 7]

Order of Service

Welcome and Singing	In Christ Alone My Hope Is Built The Lord is My Salvation
Holy Communion	
Offering	
Community News	
Bible Reading	Romans 6
Sermon	By Pastor Steven Tran
Song of Response	Undivided

Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Prayer Points

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD for the blessing upon blessing that He pours out on those who have been justified by faith through the redemption and propitiation in Christ Jesus. Thank God for the great joy of peace we have with God, the great comfort of his assurance of his love and our salvation, and for transferring us from sinful, death-reigning humanity in Adam to grace-filled, eternal life-giving humanity in Jesus.

PRAY FOR OUR HEARTS AND LIPS to be filled with this glorious gospel message in such a way that it exudes out from us to those around us, bringing encouragement to other believers and drawing unbelievers to know Jesus.

THANK GOD FOR THE BIRTH of Matthias Koh to David, Sharon and Toby. Pray for them and for others who do the work of raising families. Pray for SLE to be a loving, supportive and serving family.

Community News

PRIMARY AND PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER PROGRAM

March 18 9am-12noon (includes an Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic at St Lucia Play-ground Park)

Visitors are welcome.

REMINDER RE PARKING AROUND CHURCH ON SUNDAYS

Please be mindful of the following when parking around church on Sundays, so that by our action, we can serve and love our neighbours, both in and out of church:

- by not stopping along the no parking zone on the white striped lines along the front of the church premise
- By using the 2 carpark spaces in front of the church only as drop off and pick up zones on Sunday mornings
- By not parking along yellow lines
- By parking so as not to obstruct driveways
- By leaving Ryans Road Street parking for the elderly and the Armadale Street parking for parents with Sunday School children

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES 30 MARCH

Good Friday services will be on at 9am and 11:30am. It is a great opportunity to consider bringing your friends/family along.

For those who can, please help contribute a plate of morning tea to share on the day.

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Financial Update

Last Week	\$4,849.05
Weekly Required	\$5,544
Shortfall 2018	\$1,894

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

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

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Life In Christ [Romans 6]

Intro: grace alone, faith alone, in Jesus alone leads to...?

First question: can we continue to sin so that grace might increase? (6:1)

Answer: NO WAY!

1. Union with Christ
 - a. Baptism (6:3-4)

b. The point of Union with Christ (6:5-11)

'Second question': are we free to sin because we're under grace and not law?
(6:15)

Answer: NO WAY!

2. A New Master
 - a. We are all slaves (6:16)

b. We have been set free...sort of... (6:17-18)

Therefore...

- i. Don't let sin reign in your body (6:12)

- ii. Don't present your 'members' to sin, but as slaves to righteousness
(6:13,19)