

# Why the Resurrection Matters

*(This is a condensed version of an article that appears on The Gospel Coalition Australia website titled, 'Don't just 'Prove' the Resurrection. Talk about why it matters.' by Matthew Payne)*

## Seven Reasons Why Jesus' Resurrection Is Crucial.

- Jesus is Lord.** The most basic confession 'Jesus is Lord' is nonsense without the resurrection. Ruling creation involves being alive to do the job. Thus, it is in the resurrection that God 'made Jesus both Lord and Christ' (cf Acts 2:36)
- Jesus is holy and God is just.** The Law states that anyone who is hanged on a tree is cursed (cf Deut 21:23), and if Jesus is a sinner deserving death then his death is of no worth to the rest of us (cf 1 Cor 15:17). The resurrection announces that Jesus is not accursed or deserving of death, but shows Jesus is holy. The resurrection also shows that God is just. It is God's reversal of the unjust sentence on Jesus; the replacement of the lie with the truth. The high court of heaven came down and stamped all over the world's injustice. In the resurrection Jesus got what he deserved.
- Jesus lives to intercede.** Jesus is alive and presently serving his people by standing in God's presence. He is our mediator who lives to ensure our salvation. If Jesus isn't alive then he can't intercede, and he can't save (cf Heb 7:25).
- Jesus will return to save and to judge.** The resurrection confirms Judgement Day is coming and that Jesus is the judge (cf Acts 17:31). That warning of impending judgement is hope for Christians because his return brings the fullness of our salvation with him (cf Heb 9:27). If he isn't alive he won't return to end injustice. If he isn't alive he can't return to bring salvation.
- Jesus has eternal life to share.** When people turn to Jesus we receive Jesus' Spirit. We are united to Christ by the Spirit. It's as though the lifeblood of the resurrected Jesus flows through Christians now too. That means that we share in what Jesus has. If Jesus is dead, we are dead. If Jesus is alive we live. If Jesus' future is eternal joy, life, and authority, then we can expect to share that future with him. Praise God!
- God's plan for history will succeed.** In Revelation 5 Jesus, the crucified and now resurrected lamb of God, turns up and sets God's plans in motion. He alone is worthy of this task. He alone can bring history to its completion. The resurrection shows that his plan has already begun and its completion is inevitable.
- Death is defeated. Death will die.** Death is a truly awful thing. Jesus defeated it. Now we wait for the time when he returns to overthrow death entirely (cf 1 Cor 15:26). Jesus defeated death. We can therefore be confident that Jesus is capable of killing off death completely, and we have his promise that he will do so. 'Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins' rolls off the tongue easily in evangelical circles. But 'he rose to conquer death ' is not so common. It should be.



1 April 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](http://www.slechurch.org.au).

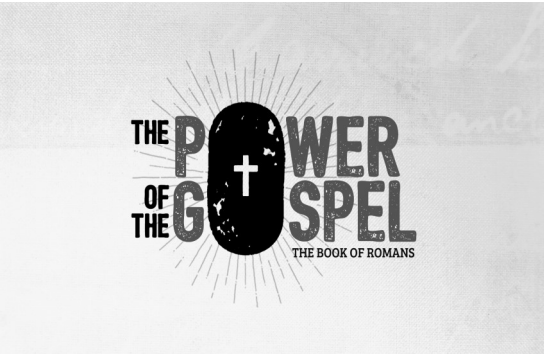
### This Week: Life In The Spirit— part 1

In Christ, we have new life in the Spirit. Life in the Spirit is a transformed life with power to overcome sin, with the great assurance of knowing that we are children of God.

*by Pastor Ben Ho*

#### Next Week:

Life In The Spirit—part 2 [Romans 8:18-39]



## Today's Service

- Welcome and Singing**
  - Glorious Day
  - Power of the Cross
  - This I Believe (The Creed)
- Holy Communion**
- Offering**
- Community News**
- Bible Reading**
  - Romans 8:1-17;
  - Ezekiel 36:22-32
- Sermon**
  - By Pastor Ben Ho
- Song of Response**
  - Holy Spirit Living Breath of God

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Check out [slechurch.org.au/groups](http://slechurch.org.au/groups) to find a group that you can join.

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# Say hello

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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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## Our Pastors

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## Financial Update

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Last Week	\$4,779.85
Weekly Required	\$5,542
Shortfall 2018	\$1,724

### Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

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

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## Prayer Points

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### PRAISE GOD FOR THE RESURRECTION

**OF JESUS!** Praise God that in the resurrection of Jesus our forgiveness is assured, our hope of eternal life is secure, our life presently is no longer lived in slavery to sin, and our purpose in life is set on glorifying God by proclaiming the gospel.

### PRAY THAT OUR HEARTS AND LIVES

would reflect a quiet, faithful, and persevering trust in the resurrection of Jesus and his Lordship over all. Pray that we would be strengthened in our faith through the hardships and length of life. Pray, as the old hymn writer Paul Gerhardt wrote, 'Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love for thee.'

### PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

who have yet to know, understand, believe and trust in the death and resurrection of Jesus for their salvation. Pray that we would be bold in sharing this great news with them, clear in our message, that God's Spirit would use our words to soften their hearts and draw them to saving knowledge, and that our loves would be a sweet fragrance to adorn the gospel we preach.

### PRAY FOR OUR REST AND HOLIDAYS.

Thank God for times of rest with friends and family. Pray that our time over this period will be restful. Pray for the families of Pastors Ben and Steven as they take leave over this period: for everyone to be refreshed to serve in the second term ahead.

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## Community News

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### BAPTISMS TODAY

Please do stay back after the 9am service today and join us to witness the baptism of 6 brothers and sisters in Christs over morning tea, and hear their testimonies.

Baptism and morning tea will take place outside under the patio area from 10:30am to 11am. Testimonies sharing will take place in the North Hall from 11am for about half an hour.

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## Serving

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	Today	Next Week
<b>Chair</b>	Gabriel <i>Zach</i>	Simeon
<b>Preach</b>	Ps Ben	Ps Ben
<b>Bible Read</b>	Simeon <i>Jessica</i>	Boon Cheng <i>Daniel Lowe</i>
<b>M.Tea</b>	Annie Alice	Corina Karilyn
<b>Wash Up</b>	YF Sunday	YF Saturday
<b>Welcome</b>	Richard Georgie Esther <i>Zach</i> <i>David</i> <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Joy</i>	Richard Georgie Esther <i>Zach</i> <i>David</i> <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Joy</i>
<b>Stewards</b>	Graham Richard <i>Josh</i> <i>Josiah</i> <i>Stanley</i>	Graham Richard <i>Josh</i> <i>Josiah</i> <i>Stanley</i>
<b>Piano</b>	Joanna	Dan Lowe
<b>Guitar</b>	Ivan	Dom
<b>Bass</b>	Chuans	Ethan
<b>Drums</b>	Marcus	Ariel
<b>Vocal</b>	Sarah	Sharne
<b>PA</b>	Reuten <i>Daniel</i>	William <i>Matt</i>

# Life in the Spirit—Part 1 [Romans 8:1-17]

## 1. Introduction

## 2. Set Free From... In... For...

A. FROM condemnation (1)

B. IN Jesus Christ (2-3)

C. FOR life according to the Spirit (4)

## 3. New Life in The Spirit

A. A new mind (5-8)

B. A new indwelling (9-13)

C. A new witness (14-17)

## 4. Conclusion