

A Prayer for More Unity Among Believers (Scotty Smith)

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! (Psalm 133:1)

Dear Lord Jesus, it was wonderful to fall asleep last night having witnessed a small but real outpouring of “the oil and dew of unity” among weary friends. “Good and pleasant” seems to be an egregious understatement—a woefully inadequate description of what happens when You show up and begin to thaw the tensions, deconstruct the divisions, and enable Your people to move forward together in unity.

It’s obvious that where there’s unity, You bestow Your presence and blessing. It’s equally obvious that where there’s disunity, Satan bestows his darkness and evil.

Boldly and shamelessly, I ask You for an ever greater outpouring of Your Spirit, leading to “the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph 4:3). Drench us with the humbling and unifying dew of the gospel. We want to be sopping wet, not merely damp. Saturate and satiate us with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

We don’t look to Aaron and his beard but to You, Lord Jesus, and Your enthronement at the right hand of the Father. You are our great High Priest—the only One who has received the Spirit without measure, so You can deploy Him without reservation.

As I continue to pray for my church family of circle of friends, I also pray for new church plants meeting resistance, and older church families needing renewal; for missionary teams under fire and in duress; and gospel ministries of various and sundry sorts. Jesus, bring the grace and truth of the gospel to bear in observable and transforming ways. Create a oneness of heart that will dispel the stratagems of darkness.

No one has done more to secure our unity than You, Lord Jesus (Eph 2:14-22). No one is praying more for our unity than You (John 17:20-21). No one is more glorified by our unity than You (John 17:22-26).

Continue to heal us, reconcile us, and deploy us into Your ripened harvest and broken creation, together. So very Amen we pray in Your glorious and gracious Name.



22 September 2019 | 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: Union with Christ 5— Together in Christ

Union with Christ can be mistaken for being merely or primarily an individual thing (I in Christ and Christ in me) when in fact it is very much and fundamentally a corporate thing. There is one Jesus Christ and all who are in Him are in Him together. This means that the church is one of the greatest and most tangible expressions of being united to Christ.

**Next Sunday: Union with Christ 6
— To the End with Christ**



Today’s Service

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| Welcome and Singing | Come People of the Risen King O Church Arise Speak O Lord |
| Holy Communion | |
| Offering | |
| Community News | |
| Bible Reading | Ephesians 2:11-22; 1 Corinthians 12:1-7, 12-14 |
| Sermon | By Pastor Ben Ho |
| Song of Response | Oh How Good It Is |

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Check out slechurch.org.au/groups to find a group that you can join.

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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Financial Update

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| Last Week | \$5,173.83 |
| Weekly Required | \$5,750.00 |
| Shortfall 2019 | \$0.00 |

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

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

SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane

Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD THAT IN CHRIST WE ARE DEFINITELY SANCTIFIED! Thank God that as we continue in trusting Jesus we can have assurance that we are most definitely His!

PRAY FOR OUR UNITY AS A CHURCH.

Pray that our unity would be deeply rooted in our union with Christ—our own as we personally reflect, and in each other as we search deeply for evidences of grace. Pray our unity would overflow in profound love for each other.

PRAY FOR PASTORS STEVEN AND BEN

who will be on leave over the next weeks. Pray that their holidays will be restful and refreshing. Pray that they will return to ministry with renewed energy to serve His church.

PRAY... (why not turn to the person next to you and find out what you can pray for them!)

Community News

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON A BREAK 22 AND 29 SEPT

The White Door Room downstairs will be opened for the 9am service to cater for a fuller number as Sunday School children join us over the holiday breaks.

NO CHURCH SERVICE ON SUNDAY 6 OCT AT SLE CHURCH, ST LUCIA

Please note that as SLE Church will be away at Mt Tamborine for Church Camp from 4-7 October, there will not be church services happening at 83 Ryans Road, St Lucia for 9am and 11:30am services.

Serving

| | Today | Next Sunday |
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| Chair | Randy | Simeon |
| Prayer | Faith | Winnie |
| Preach | Ps Ben | Ps Steven |
| Bible Read | Matthew <i>Marilyn</i> | Jansen <i>Dan Lowe</i> |
| M.Tea | Yee Lin/Lillian | Tania/ Genevieve |
| Wash Up | SOS Dan | SOS Dan |
| Welcome | Philip Mee Lan Esther <i>Andrew</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Nethanel</i> | Philip Mee Lan Esther <i>Andrew</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Nethanel</i> |
| Stewards | Richard Sunny Norman <i>Cam</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Helen</i> | Richard Sunny Norman <i>Cam</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Helen</i> |
| Piano | Dan Lowe | Joanna |
| Guitar | Jabez | Jabez |
| Bass | Ivan | Aaron |
| Drums | Nigel | John |
| Vocal | Hui Ming | |
| PA | Matt T/Matt Z <i>Jowin</i> | Reuten <i>Stan</i> |

Union with Christ #5: Together in Christ

1. Introduction: "Love Jesus, Hate the church"

- 2. United to Christ as the Church
 - A. The church: United to Christ as One

Implications

B. The Church Profound: The Body of Christ

Implications

C. The Church Practical: Unity in Diversity

Implications

3. Conclusion