Reflecting on 2019

And here we are on the last Sunday of the year! Why not spend the last days of 2019 reflecting on the year that has passed? Here's some reflection questions to think through. Why not grab a piece of paper or open up a new document on your device of choice and write down your answers to these questions? Even better, why not compare your answers to a close brother or sister in Christ in the church? And best of all, why not pray on your own and together with that brother or sister about all that you've reflected on? Hopefully there will be plenty of praise points, thanksgiving points, confession and supplication (asking for stuff)!

'Personal walk' questions:

How have I grown this year in godly character? Identify the specific character traits: in what way particular ways has it grown?

In what areas of sin and weakness have I remained the same or gotten worse? Why has this been the case?

How have I grown this year in conviction and devotion to Christ? If so, what specific evidence can I point to? If not, what has been the cause?

How have I grown in biblical and theological knowledge? Try writing down all the books of the bible you have read, studied in bible study, listened to in sermons and see what you remember from them

How have I grown in my ability to explain/defend/promote the gospel?

How have I gone with building relationships this year for the sake of evangelism and discipleship? How has these relationships progressed? What is stunting these from growing more?

How has your prayer life been this year? When are the times/situations you have prayed? When have you not prayed? Can you account for why you are more/less prayerful at different times?

'Church life' questions:

Have you been committed to church attendance this year? If you have, has it been due to a true understanding of the gospel that gathers us to God and each other or has it been more of a chore/'tick the box' mentality? If you haven't, why has commitment been lacking?

Have you grown in relationship with others in the church? Has there been a deepening of relationship? Have your relationships progressed in quality of interactions or has it remained superficial and distant? Do your interactions reflect a growing maturity in Christian understanding, deeper care, and prayerfulness? Have you resolved conflict in a Christ-like, grace-infused, humble and open way?

Have you grown or persevered in service? Has there been a growing desire to serve in different areas of the church? Have you been mindful of the needs of the church and sought to meet some of them? Have you dwelt upon and sought to develop your gifts so as to be able to meet these needs? Has there been joy in service or has service been marked by disinterest, frustration and/or resentment?



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: Waiting for the LORD Alone to Save

God alone is the powerful Saviour and the Only One we should trust. Knowing this helps us grow confidence in God's care, especially when faced with those who use their wealth and power to prosper and oppress.



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Next Week: Just For Starters—Saved by God

Today's Service

Welcome and
SingingIn Christ Alone
Be Thou My Vision
Yet Not I but through Christ in
MeHoly CommunionMeOfferingPsalm 62Bible ReadingPsalm 62SermonBy Pastor Steven TranSong of ResponseYou Alone Can Rescue

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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

| Last Week | \$5,578.38 |
|-----------------|------------|
| 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 |

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Prayer Points

I LOVE YOU, O LORD GOD THE FATHER, LORD JESUS CHRIST AND HOLY SPIRIT, for Your strength to save and for Your strengthening me to stand firm in the faith!

strengthening me to stand firm in the faith! I give praise to You, O my Rock, wanting to tell the nations of Your great salvation!

THANK THE LORD JESUS FOR BEING OUR LIGHT, SALVATION AND

STRONGHOLD, 'tabernacling' among us when He became human, and dwelling in us now by His Spirit. Thank the Lord Jesus for being the light that leads us out of darkness, the Saviour who delivers us from sin and death and the stronghold, the only firm foundation to build our lives upon.

PRAY THAT WE WOULD WAIT PATIENTLY AND WITH STEADFAST

FAITH for the Lord's return, when He will make all things right. Pray for strength and courage to face the trials and temptations of life that threaten, discourage, worry, distract and lure us away from dependence on Christ.

PRAY FOR A TIME OF REFLECTION AS ONE YEAR COMES TO AND END and a new year begins. Pray for conviction and wisdom (to know what and how) to keep seeking the Lord as the one thing we most want and need in the coming year.

Community News

Serving

| | Today | Next Sunda |
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| Chair | Mervin | Bryan |
| Prayer | Ps Ben | Mike |
| | Ps Ben | Mike |
| Preach | Ps Steven | Ps Ben |
| Bible Read | Chi | Andrew |
| | Dan Lowe | Dan Lowe |
| М.Теа | Noel, Liesl, Stanley | Georgie |
| Wash Up | SOS Dan | SOS Dan |
| Welcome | Philip | |
| | Mee Lan | |
| | Esther | |
| Stewards | Ken Richard Simeon | Jeffrey Alvin Graham |
| | Cam Josiah | |
| | DT | |
| Piano | Joanna | Dan Lowe |
| Guitar | | |
| Bass | | |
| Drums | | Ps Steve |
| | | |

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Waiting for the LORD Alone to Save [Psalm 62]

Introduction

1. Me vs Them (1-4)

So what?

3. The People and God (11-12)

2. Me and the People (5-10)