

## 2020 in the Word

It's been a few days so far and my Bible Reading plan for the year is going well (I'm following the Murray McCheyne Reading plan and hoping to post up daily thoughts from the readings on my Facebook account). I've been convinced more and more as I reflect on 2019 personally and as I reflect on how members of our church went that digging deeper into God's word and reading it personally on a regular basis needs to rise in our priorities.

Don Carson, in a recent The Gospel Coalition post, notes the challenge:

The challenge has become increasingly severe in recent years, owing to several factors. All of us must confront the regular sins of laziness or lack of discipline, sins of the flesh, and of the pride of life. But there are additional pressures. The sheer pace of life affords us many excuses for sacrificing the important on the altar of the urgent. The constant sensory input from all sides is gently addictive—we become used to being entertained and diverted, and it is difficult to carve out the space and silence necessary for serious and thoughtful reading of Scripture.

More seriously yet, the rising biblical illiteracy in Western culture means that the Bible is increasingly a closed book, even to many Christians. As the culture drifts away from its former rootedness in a Judeo-Christian understanding of God, history, truth, right and wrong, purpose, judgement, forgiveness, and community, so the Bible seems stranger and stranger. For precisely the same reason, it becomes all the more urgent to read it and reread it, so that at least confessing Christians preserve the heritage and outlook of a mind shaped and informed by holy Scripture.

When he says that the Bible is increasingly a closed book, even to many Christians, I think he is right. I've seen that not so much purely on a 'how much do people know information' level but also in how we live out our convictions.

So as we begin 2020 let's use this year to regain a profound sense of God's voice in our lives as we open His Word daily. Let's say no to the busyness our world draws us into—and find stillness in the midst of our year ahead.



05 January 2020 | Service Times: 9am & 11:00am

## 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: Firm Foundations — Saved by God

We are saved by God, in the past, present and future. Because of this, Christians can have rock-solid assurance, which gives rest and joy as we navigate through life.



Next Week: Firm Foundations—Trusting in God

## Today's Service

<b>Welcome and Singing</b>	No Other Name O Great God The Saving One
<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Community News</b>	
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Romans 5:1-11
<b>Sermon</b>	By Pastor Ben Ho
<b>Song of Response</b>	Glorious Day

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Check out [sle.church/groups](https://www.sle.church/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	\$7,687.18
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

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## Prayer Points

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### PRAISE GOD THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF CHAOS WE CAN SEEK AND FIND

**STILLNESS WITH HIM.** Praise God that He promises His presence and grace to be sufficient in our weakness, even when our struggles and strife remain.

### PRAISE GOD FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Praise God that even though it was simply another day passing, the New Year marks a transition that even God will use in our hearts and souls to help us reflect, restore us physically, and help us reset for the year to come.

### PRAY THAT IN THE COMING YEAR WE WOULD BE FAITHFUL

in growing our love for God as we open His Word, behold His Son, living rightly before Him (and others), and sharing the wondrous news of the Gospel with others.

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## Community News

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### IGNITE TRAINING CONFERENCE NIGHT TALKS 13-16 JANUARY 7:30PM

This year's Ignite Training Conference night talks will be at BST—1 Cross Street, Toowong.

Workers and others are warmly invited to come. This year, night visitors are encouraged to RSVP your anticipated attendance. Please keep an eye out on Facebook for details released leading up to the conference.

### CHURCH WIDE PRAYER MEETING

Our next church wide prayer meeting will be on **Saturday 25 January at North Hall.**

Please come along at 8am for a BYO breakfast, and stay for the prayer meeting from 8:30am to 10am.

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## Serving

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	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Chair</b>	Bryan	Josh
<b>Prayer</b>	Mike <i>Mike</i>	Dan <i>Dan</i>
<b>Preach</b>	Ps Ben	Ps Iggy
<b>Bible Read</b>	Andrew  <i>Dan Lowe</i>	Alice  <i>Marilyn</i>
<b>M.Tea</b>	Georgie	YFers
<b>Wash Up</b>	SOS Dan	SOS Randy
<b>Welcome</b>	Meng Yin Amy Dan	Meng Yin Amy Dan
<b>Stewards</b>	Jeffrey Alvin Graham <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Aaron</i> <i>DT</i>	Jeffrey Alvin Graham <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Aaron</i> <i>DT</i>
<b>Piano</b>	Dan Lowe	Joanna
<b>Guitar</b>	Jordan	Shaun
<b>Bass</b>		Kevin
<b>Drums</b>	Ps Steve	Ivan
<b>Vocal</b>	Joachim	Amanda/ Swee Vien
<b>PA</b>	Matt Zhao  <i>Matt Tao</i>	William  <i>Stanley</i>

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## Saved by God [Romans 5:6-11]

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1. Introduction: getting back to basics

2. Salvation—'Justified by Faith' (5:1-5)

3. Saved by God (5:6-11)

A. Past (6-8)

B. Present (9-11)

C. Future (9-10)

4. So What?

A. Receive Christ

B. Rest in assurance

C. Rejoice (5:11)

<sup>11</sup> *More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ...*