

More Question and Answers from the SLE Church Camp that we couldn't get to on the Q&A evening.

Onto a question that got asked multiple times, and was answered on the evening, but worth re-reflecting upon. 'If heaven is a place of no mourning or crying, then how will I enjoy heaven if some of my friends and family do not make it?'

Given the space limitations, let me briefly mention a few things—and if you have further questions it'll be great to discuss these together over lunch later, or perhaps with your leaders or pastors at a later point.

First, judgement day exposes everything. Every careless word (Matt 12:36), and every deed (Rev 20:11-15). When we see what has been exposed then we will know that the eternal destiny of each person is fairly and obviously and unreservedly deserved.

Second, the return of Jesus and our future resurrection not only removes all sin but also gives us God's perspective on everything (cf 1 Cor 4:5) - we shall see their sin and rebellion how God sees it. As difficult as it is to imagine now, we shall one day see the utter abhorrence of sin and feel and experience God's righteous judgement upon those who have spent their lives in rebellion against their maker and those who have also rejected Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Third, there is no repentance in hell. Faith and repentance are an underserved gift from God. In the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) we note the conversation that the Rich Man has with Abraham, and while there is pain and anguish there is noticeably a lack of repentance within the parable. Sure, he asks for someone to go and warn his brothers about 'that place', but never in the story do we see any remorse or guilt or anything like repentance in hell. Those in hell spend eternity not in guilt or remorse, but in eternal self-justification.

Fourth, the joy of being in God's presence can never be eclipsed. C.S. Lewis said that hell has no veto power over heaven. The remorse and anguish of hell can never outdo, or overwhelm the joy of heaven. There we shall not only see the true repulsiveness of sin and sinners, but also the unquenchable, overflowing, and expansive glory and goodness of God.

Those are some brief thoughts. Maybe you can discuss this further, and as always if you have any unanswered or deeper questions feel free to catch up with your pastors for coffee. We know the good spots!

giving: financial stewardship update

Last Week:	\$5,861.15
Weekly Required:	\$5,500.00
Shortfall:	\$0.00

electronic fund transfer

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

29 October 2017

welcome to sle church

We are delighted to have you join us today! It is our prayer that you will enjoy all aspects of our gathering this morning.

about

The 'SL' in 'SLE' means St Lucia. The suburb our church is located in. The 'E' stands for English. We are a church family made of many migrant families from across South-East Asia, and we are English speaking. The 'E' also stands for Evangelical. 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.

get connected

Please join us for refreshments and a chat after the service. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are new to SLE Church, have a prayer request, family news, or change of contact details please email: info@slechurch.org.au or call 3371 7589.

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service times

9:00am and 11:00am



I BELIEVE



Exploring the Apostle's Creed

current sermons

Last Week: I Believe in Jesus' Lordship

This Week: I Believe in the Virgin Birth

Next Week: I Believe that Jesus Died

prayer points

1. Praise God that the incarnation, obedience, death and resurrection of Jesus supremely qualifies Him to be Lord of the universe. Praise God that Jesus not only went through all this, but is our good Lord. Praise Jesus again and again for being worthy to be called 'Lord and God'.
2. Pray that our hearts and lives would continue to bow their knee to Jesus' lordship. That every square inch of our lives would be humbly submitted to Him. Pray for wisdom and clarity to know those areas (work, study, finances, relationships, etc) that need to be committed to Jesus. Pray that Jesus' lordship would be evident in those areas.
3. Pray for the many ministries in our city and country that share with us gospel-centred convictions and desires to reach this world with the good news of Jesus' lordship. Pray for "The Gospel Coalition Australia" as it unites pastors and ministries from across Australia and Queensland. Pray for churches like St Lucia Bible Church and Toowong Baptist, university ministries like Evangelical Students, Overseas Christian Fellowship, and missions organisations like CMS and OMF—pray that these groups, and the like, would continue in faithful gospel-centred ministry as they reach out to the lost and needy in our world.

serving grace

	Today	Next Week
Chair	Mervin	Joshua
Preach	Ps Ben	Ps Steven
Bible Read	Chi	Simeon
	<i>Alice</i>	<i>Alan</i>
M.Tea	Alice Wee	Cecilia
	Muriel	Annie
Wash Up	Clay	SOS Central
Welcome	Richard	Richard
	Georgie	Georgie
	Amy	Amy
	<i>Zach</i>	<i>Zach</i>
	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Bryan</i>
	<i>Nicole</i>	<i>Nicole</i>
	<i>Jessica</i>	<i>Jessica</i>
Stewards	Richard	Alvin
	Philip	Norman
	Jordan	Sunny
		<i>Helen</i>
	<i>Josiah</i>	<i>Josh</i>
	<i>Aaron</i>	<i>Li Kai</i>
Piano	Joanna	
Guitar	Gary	
Bass	Aaron	
Drum	Lucas	
Vocal	Janael	
PA	Reuten	
	William	

community news

So you are interested in serving, now what? Sunday 5 November, 12:40-1:10pm @ SLE Hall

If you are interested in serving, or want to know how you can serve in SLE, then come for a half hour briefing on Sunday 5 November, 12:40pm onwards to find out more.

Impact 2018—Living as Citizens of the Gospel (from Philippians) | Jan 10, 10am-7pm | Toong Chai Presbyterian, Singapore

Main speakers: Ivan Chow and Denesh Divyanathan

What to expect: Talks from Philippians and lots of workshops on practical topics.

Who is this for: For Singaporean students studying all over Australia. Join us for a day of talks from God's Word, getting to know other Singaporean Christians studying across Australia, over a BBQ dinner.

Ignite Training Conference—Dust to Glory | 15 Jan-19 Jan, 2018 | 1 Cross Street, Toowong

Registration: Early bird—by 11:30pm, Thursday 30 November, 2017

For more information head to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ignite-training-conference-2018-tickets-37867545849>

date claimers

1. Briefing on Serving—5 November
2. Impact 2018—10 January, 2018
3. Ignite Training Conference—15-19 January, 2018

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I Believe In The Virgin Birth

“I believe in Jesus Christ.. [who] was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary”

1. Introduction: mocked and marginalised

2. The Clear Testimony of Scripture

A. The Gospel of Matthew (Matt 1:18-25)

B. The Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:26-38)

C. What about Mark and John? (Mark 6:3, Jn 8:41)

3. What's So Important About the Virgin Birth?

A. The identity of Jesus—fully God, fully man

B. The grace of God

C. The authority of the Bible

4. Conclusions

A. Is it believable?

B. Is it relevant?