

## Who Am I? (Part 2 of 2)

### 3. As an ordinary human being, I am sinful and I am a sinner

As surely as the Bible tells us we are made in God's image, it tells us that we are sinful and that we are sinners. It is not just that we do wrong, not just that we fail to do what is right, it is that we are sinful, that sin has invaded and corrupted us at every level, and that even our best thoughts and deeds are corrupted by sin. Sin deceives us, and blinds us to its presence. We all have habitual personal sins, and we all have habitual sins of relationship, and we all have habitual sins of ministry.

And we are all caught up in the cultural sins, the shared sins of our families, our friendship groups, our churches, our sub-culture, our society, our nation, and our world. We do not recognise these sins, because all the people we like, admire, identify with commit the same sins, and we value those relationships so much that we dare not face those shared sins. Sin clings so closely, sin deceives, sin strangles us, and sin blinds us to its presence. We should be dying to sin every day and living to righteousness. 'Kill sin, or it will kill you'.

To ponder: What are my habitual temptations and sins in my personal life? What rigorous self-discipline do I need to continue as a believer? Where do I go for motivation, help, strength and support to overcome these sins in my life?

### 4. As a believer in Christ, I am forgiven, justified, cleansed, accepted, embraced, being gradually transformed, and will finally be glorified

I have recently been struck by these progressions in Romans:

'all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God'... 'we rejoice in our hope of the glory of God'... 'those whom he justified he also glorified' (3:23, 5:2, 8:30).

'their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive... their feet are swift to shed blood'... 'let not sin reign in your mortal bodies'... 'present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God' (3:13-15, 6:12, 12:1).

I recently wrote a chapter for a book on Whitefield and Wesley. I made the following contrast. If you ask Whitefield who he is, the answer would be 'a sinner'. If you asked Wesley the same question, the answer would be 'a saint' (that is, someone who has been sanctified/made holy in and by Jesus Christ). Both answers are true, but we must not give one without the other. And actually the New Testament most characteristically calls us 'saints'! We must not identify too much with being a sinner, and neglect the fact that God has made us saints, and also calls us to be saints (1 Cor 1:2).

To ponder: Do I see myself more often as a sinner or as a saint? Why would it be important for me to identify with both (but more so, as a 'saint')? How do I see myself becoming more and more like the 'saint' that Jesus has saved and cleansed me to be? What stops me from a greater transformation?

(Adapted from <https://au.thegospelcoalition.org/article/first-things-first/> by Peter Adams)



19 August 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: Isaiah #5— Let the Nations be Judged

Pride comes before the fall: the nations surrounding Judah will be judged for their pride, and their judgement is a reminder to Judah that their only hope of salvation is in the Judge Himself.

#### Next Week:

Isaiah #6 : Universal Judgement and Hope  
[Isaiah 24-27]



## Today's Service

<b>Welcome and Singing</b>	Behold Our God Surrender All Begone Belief
<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Community News</b>	
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Isaiah 13:1-14:2; Revelation 18:1-10
<b>Sermon</b>	By Pastor Steven Tran
<b>Song of Response</b>	We Belong to the Day

## Stay Connected

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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	\$5,952.25
Weekly Required	\$5,520
Shortfall 2018	\$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 HE IS THE TRUE KING** of the universe and that in the sending of His Son Jesus we finally have the long-awaited Davidic King who will rule in righteousness and with total justice. Praise God that our King has served us by dying for us on the cross, restoring us to fellowship with God. Praise God for this all!!

**PRAY THAT WE WOULD BE A PEOPLE** marked by thanksgiving, joy and song to the glory of God.

**PRAY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YFERS** away for their camp. Pray that God's Word would be powerfully preached, and that the students will be exhorted to live for and worship Jesus with their entire lives. Pray for safe travel back from the camp for all the attendees and helpers.

**PRAY FOR THE MARRIAGES OF COUPLES IN SLE CHURCH.** Pray that they would grow in strength as husbands and wives love and serve each other. Pray that marriages would strengthen and deepen as husbands and wives serve their families. Pray for couples who may be struggling to reach out for help, and for wisdom for those who will counsel them.

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## Community News

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### BLOOM EVENT: BECOMING GOD'S TRUE WOMAN PART 2 – 1 SEP @ SLE HALL

In our first BLOOM in April this year, we looked at how God designed man and woman to be equal in worth, but have different roles and responsibilities. This is God's blueprint for humanity, a pattern for us to follow for all times. But the world tells us otherwise. What does it mean to be a "helper" to the men? What does it mean to "submit" as the men lead? Sadly, these words have taken on a negative connotation in society today. How confusing that can be!

Join us for the next BLOOM talk on 1 September, 1:30-4pm. as we look at what it means, as godly women, to serve with the men at home and in church.

Please register at the BLOOM table outside over morning tea, or online at <https://slechurch.org.au/bloom/>

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## Serving

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	Today	Next Week
<b>Chair</b>	Randy	Mervin
<b>Preach</b>	Ps Steven	Ps Ben
<b>Bible Read</b>	Chi <i>Marilyn</i>	Simeon <i>Dan Lowe</i>
<b>M.Tea</b>	Elleen Steph	Cecilia Genevieve
<b>Wash Up</b>	Clay	SOS Central
<b>Welcome</b>	Philip Mee Lan Meng Yin <i>Benedict</i> <i>David</i> <i>Hui Xian</i> <i>Jessica</i>	Philip Mee Lan Meng Yin <i>Benedict</i> <i>David</i> <i>Hui Xian</i> <i>Jessica</i>
<b>Stewards</b>	Norman Alvin <i>Aaron</i> <i>Stanley</i> <i>Helen</i>	Norman Alvin <i>Aaron</i> <i>Stanley</i> <i>Helen</i>
<b>Piano</b>	Liesl	Dan Lowe
<b>Guitar</b>	Ivan	Shao Peng
<b>Bass</b>		Ethan
<b>Drums</b>		Ivan
<b>Vocal</b>	Alisha	Shaun
<b>PA</b>	Li Wei <i>Chris</i>	Matt <i>Daniel</i>

# Let the Nations be Judged (Isaiah 13-23)

Intro:

Isaiah 13-23 in a nutshell...

1. Listen and See (13:1-22)

2. How the mighty have fallen (14:3-27)

3. The glimmer of hope (14:1-2)

4. A kingdom that cannot be shaken

So what?