

## An Invitation For All Who Thirst

By Brian Borgman (from the ESV Women's Devotional Bible)

The suffering servant has accomplished the work of salvation through his substitutionary death (Isa. 52:13-53:12). Now the prophet stands like a street vendor, crying out to those passing by to come and buy his food. This food is nothing other than the lavish banquet of God's salvation. The amazing thing about his invitation, however, is that it is all free. Those who are thirsty and have no money are invited to come, partake of a meal fit for a king, and be truly satisfied. They are told to stop wasting their resources on what does not satisfy (55:2). The meal that has been set before them is described not only in terms of a sumptuous and delightful feast but also in terms of the covenant mercies given to David (v.3). What seems like a confusing mixed metaphor is actually a wonderful promise, not only of the banquet of salvation but also of a restoration of the kingdom under the suffering servant who is also the Davidic King.

Isaiah continues his invitation and tells his listeners to seek the Lord, to call upon him, and to repent (vv. 6-7). Although Isaiah is offering free grace, he is not offering cheap grace. The proper response is clearly faith and repentance. Seeking the Lord and calling on his name express faith in God's word and character. Repentance acknowledges our sin and turns from it. When those demands are met, God promises compassion and abundant pardon.

Isaiah concludes this glorious invitation with a reminder that God is above us and his word is all-powerful (vv. 10-11). As the word goes out, it accomplishes God's purposes. God's word, the message of salvation, has inherent power. The final scene reflects the joyful response of those who experience God's salvation (vv. 12-13). It is like a new exodus. Even the inanimate creation rejoices over God's salvation as it anticipates the completion of God's saving work in the new creation. A full and free gospel message not only transforms sinners but one day will transform the whole earth.

This Old Testament passage is full of the gospel. It points us to the living water that quenches our soul's thirst. It points us to the living bread who alone can satisfy us. Ultimately Jesus Christ himself is that living water and living bread. He alone satisfies. Those who come to him experience the joy and satisfaction of his salvation and his gracious rule over their lives. But who can come? According to Isaiah, there is just one prerequisite: you must be thirsty. You must know your need. All who know we are bankrupt and have nothing to offer except our poverty may come. When we come in faith and repentance, we experience compassion and full pardon.



14 October 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 #13— Life in the 'Now and the Not Yet'

As we wait for final salvation, we experience both the grim reality of untransformed lives and the glorious transformative power of our Lord and Saviour. So rejoice in Jesus and press on in living transformed lives as we eagerly wait for the final salvation that will come.

#### Next Week:

Isaiah #14 [Isaiah 65-66]



## Today's Service

<b>Welcome and Singing</b>	In Christ Alone This I Believe The Lord Is My Salvation
<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Community News</b>	
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Isaiah 63:7-19; 61:1-3; Luke 4:16-21
<b>Sermon</b>	By Pastor Ben Ho
<b>Song of Response</b>	What Grace Is Mine

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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	\$8,764.25
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

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## Prayer Points

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**PRAISE GOD FOR THE SUFFERING SERVANT OF ISAIAH 52-53!** Praise God for such a clear word of grace in the face of our inherit sinfulness (cf Is 53:6). Praise God that in His justice and sovereign foresight He has formed a plan to save sinners. Praise God in His kindness and mercy that this salvation is free! Pray that our awe of all that Jesus has accomplished will never wane in our lives—but grow, and grow, and grow!

**PRAY THAT WE WOULD BE PEOPLE** who would have our hearts and minds set not on this world. Pray for the grace to reflect upon our hearts, and for the grace to weed out the idols that compete with God for our security, significance and comfort in life. Pray that we would be people marked by humble, faithful trust in Jesus.

**PRAY FOR THE EVER INCREASING UNCERTAINTY** in our world concerning religious freedom. Pray that we would be people not marked by fear—or fear-driven response. Pray that we would face our fears with unshakeable gospel confidence. Pray for wisdom in our lives and words to engage with the pressing issues of our day.

**PRAY FOR ENDURANCE TO PERSEVERE.** Ask God for the grace to persevere not only for the remainder of the year—especially as we feel physical tiredness creeping up—but also pray for spiritual strength to last longer. Pray, as the hymn writer sings: that we would never ever outlive our love for Thee.

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## Community News

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### BLOOM #3 – 20 OCT 1:30-4PM

At our last Bloom session for the year, we will gather to hear answers to *your* questions about God's design for woman. The afternoon will include a Q&A session with a panel of speakers, book reviews, and testimonies from women who will share their journey in discovering and living out God's design for women.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with other women to wrestle and think through how we can live out God's design practically and wholeheartedly in every aspects of life.

### THE GOSPEL & SEXUALITY—SAM ALLBERRY - VENUE CHANGE!

The tickets to the event have already sold out for the Brisbane National Tour with Sam Allberry! To ensure as many people as possible are able to attend this event, the new venue is now at Ashgrove Baptist Church—7 Firhill Street, Ashgrove, QLD, 4060. Please take note.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PICK UP AND TRAFFIC FLOW

Sunday School parents, to reduce traffic congestion, please follow the traffic flow map provided by Grace Phon when picking up your children. When you see the classroom doors open at 10:30am, you are able to sign out your children.

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## Serving

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	Today	Next Week
<b>Chair</b>	Mervin	Gabriel
<b>Preach</b>	Ps Ben	Ps Ben
<b>Bible Read</b>	Mike Husband <i>Marilyn</i>	Ps Steven <i>Dan Lowe</i>
<b>M.Tea</b>	YF Fri/Sat YF Fri/Sat	YF Fri/Sat YF Fri/Sat
<b>Wash Up</b>	YF Fri/Sat	YF Fri/Sat
<b>Welcome</b>	Esther Richard Georgie <i>Bryan</i> <i>Jabez</i> <i>Sean</i> <i>Mildred</i>	Esther Richard Georgie <i>Bryan</i> <i>Jabez</i> <i>Sean</i> <i>Mildred</i>
<b>Stewards</b>	Philip Graham <i>Helen</i> <i>Josh</i> <i>Josiah</i>	Philip Graham <i>Helen</i> <i>Josh</i> <i>Josiah</i>
<b>Piano</b>	Liesl	Dan Lowe
<b>Guitar</b>	Mark	Dom
<b>Bass</b>	Aaron	Ethan
<b>Drums</b>	Ivan	Ariel
<b>Vocal</b>	Sarah	Shaun
<b>PA</b>	Matt <i>Jowin</i>	Reuten <i>Chris</i>

# Life in the 'Now and the Not Yet' (Isaiah 56-64)

1. Introduction: living in tension

2. The Untransformed People (56:1-59:20; 63:7-64:12)

A. The cry of the untransformed (63:7-64:12)

B. Untransformed leaders (56:9-12)

C. Untransformed worship (57:1-58:14)

D. Untransformed lives (59:1-20)

3. The Certainty of Total Transformation (60)

4. The Transforming Spirit-filled Conquerer (61-62)

5. Conclusion