

“I don’t think it, I feel it.” (Adam Kareus)

This is the climatic line from a movie my daughter watched all too often about small colourful creatures who are happy all the time. I have heard it many times before, but yesterday, it all of the sudden hit me. This is the modern mindset. Or should I say heart-set?

There is a trend where feelings have taken the place of thinking. People want to feel something is true, or feel something fits, or feel that it is right for them. They don’t trust thoughts or facts anymore—feelings trump them all. How they feel about something is the end-all be-all. And if their feelings tell them one thing, that is what they will follow no matter if everything else is telling them something different.

This means people aren’t concerned whether their actions and motives have been thought out anymore. They have been felt out. They don’t want to have someone reason with them, they want someone to stir their passions. They don’t desire logic, they desire tear-jerking emotions.

This is not everyone, but it seems like it is a growing tendency in the up-and-coming generations. This really hit home with me a few years ago.

There I was sitting in a coffee shop with a young man I had mentored and been in discipleship with for several years. He knew the gospel. He knew what God wanted from him and required of him from the Word. And yet there he was in tears saying he felt (yes felt) he was supposed to divorce his wife and pursue a life with his boyfriend. I lovingly challenged him and pointed him back to the Word. And he admitted that he knew what I was saying was right, but it didn’t work with what he was feeling. His feelings won out. He felt that God would only give him feelings and emotions like this if he was supposed to act on them. He didn’t care if he wasn’t thoughtful, he was feeling-full.

But this isn’t a single case on the far side of town; this is a way of viewing life that is in our churches. People want to feel. They will evaluate everything through how it makes them feel. Even if the language of evaluate and feel seem at odds, that is how they approach new information. Even some mature believers in our churches will process what they hear on a Sunday by how it makes them feel. If the sermon made them feel bad, they will discount the message. If the sermon made them feel good about themselves, that is what they will take away from the service. Feelings have become the filter through which everything has to pass.

What does this mean for our presentation of the gospel? To truly present the gospel, you have to offend and that offense will run right up against the filter of feelings. To truly correct a person’s way might call for some loving rebuke. Again, that runs into the filter of feelings. To exhort a congregation to action requires them to change, which often doesn’t pass the feelings test.

This means that we who are called upon to preach and teach must aim for hearts. We must communicate in winsome ways that can pass through the feeling filter and get at the mind because we need to speak to both. We need to present the gospel and its outworking in such a way that conveys the truth and action, hitting the head and mind, as well as motivating that action and change, hitting the heart.

Through the grace of God and the gospel working on the congregation’s hearts, they will start to see that filtering life by feelings is not what we are called to. God calls us to die to self, to deny ourselves, to follow Him no matter what. Often that means we will be doing things that don’t feel great. And what is more, our affections will be changed in such a way that we will begin to feel, yes feel, like we need to do these very things we used to avoid. Only then we will do them because our hearts and feelings have been given over totally to God. (<https://ftc.co/resource-library/blog-entries/i-dont-think-it-i-feel-it>)



14 July 2019 | 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.

This Week: The World and Her Antichrists

Paul warns of two dangers—the world and the antichrists, and calls for the believers to resist these dangers by sticking with the truth that they know through the Spirit that they have been given.



Next Sunday: 1 John 2:28-3:18

Today’s Service

Welcome and Singing
Only A Holy God
Be Thou My Vision
O Church Arise

Holy Communion

Offering

Community News

Bible Reading 1 John 2:15-27

Sermon By Pastor Ben Ho

Song of Response

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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	\$11,422.83
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

Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD THAT NOT ONLY IS HE knowable and intimate, He has also made it possible for us to know and have intimate relationship with Him through Christ.

THANK GOD FOR EVIDENCE IN OUR Christian walk that we have overcome the evil one, that we are strong because the strength He gives and that His word abides in us and impacts our lives.

PRAY THAT WE WOULD NOT EMBRACE the world with our soul, but that we would love the Lord our God with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength.

PRAY THAT GOD'S SPIRIT DWELLING in us will hold us in the truth of the wonderful gospel that Jesus is the Christ, our Saviour and King. Pray that this gospel will give us peace and joy and will shape our thoughts and actions.

PRAY FOR THE UPCOMING MVV TRAINING DAY for all the leaders and servants of the church. May it be an encouraging and unifying time and result in great faithfulness and fruitfulness.

Community News

MVV FRAMEWORK TRAINING AFTERNOON 20 JULY 12NOON-3PM

Reminder to all leaders and servants to register ASAP!

REQUIREMENTS FOR JUNIOR AND PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Sunday School needs the partnership of parents to ensure classes can be opened to the children each week as part of child safe requirements. Each week, one parent will be rostered on to stay and help in each of the classes during the lesson, and help clean up after class. Please check with your relevant Sunday School overseers to ensure you know when you are scheduled, and turn up (or find a replacement for you). Classes cannot be opened with only 1 adult with the children.

BLOOM—COMPARED TO HER #2

Saturday 3rd August 1.30-4pm

Please RSVP by 30 July at slechurch.org.au/groups/bloom. This will greatly help with planning and logistics for the event.

UPCOMING SLE CHURCH CAMP 2019—4 TO 7 OCTOBER

Registration at slechurch.org.au/camp2019

SAVE THE DATES:

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY, SATURDAY 10 AUGUST, 9:30AM—12NOON.

Serving

	Today	Next Sunday
Chair	Bryan	Josh
Prayer	Ps Ben	Mike
Preach	Ps Ben	Ps Steven
Bible Read	Alice <i>Marilyn</i>	Andrew <i>Ps Ben</i>
M.Tea	Winnie W.	Eilen, Joy
Wash Up	Saturday YF	Saturday YF
Welcome	Richard Georgie Amy <i>Sean</i> <i>Jabez</i> <i>Sarah</i> <i>Leya</i>	Richard Georgie Amy <i>Sean</i> <i>Jabez</i> <i>Sarah</i> <i>Leya</i>
Stewards	Simeon Meng Yin Philip <i>Aaron</i> <i>Alan</i> <i>Josh</i>	Simeon Meng Yin Philip <i>Aaron</i> <i>Alan</i> <i>Josh</i>
Piano	Liesl	Joanna
Guitar	Jabez	
Bass	Ivan	
Drums	John	
Vocal		Shaun
PA		

4. The World and Her Antichrists [1 John 2:15-27]

1. Introduction: Pull and Push Threats

2. The Threat of the World (15-17)

A. "Don't love the world"

B. Reasons not to love the world

i. No love of the father

ii. No permanence

3. The Threat of Antichrists (18-27)

A. Antichrists—deniers of Jesus as Christ

B. Overcoming the threat

i. Knowing the situation

ii. Knowing the truth

iii. Abiding in the Spirit

4. Conclusion