

## The difference between heresy and error (pt 3/3)

Over the past few weeks we've been considering the difference between error and heresy. If you haven't caught up on these bulletin articles, then head to our church's website where each of these three parts will be posted together.

Today we're considering what this all means for us. Last week heresy was defined as "... a theological position, view, belief, and/or doctrine, which if held persistently and consistently would effectively undermine the individual or church's credible profession of Christian faith." With this in mind, here are some thoughts of application:

We need to talk about it. It would not be good for Christians to become known as people who are always 'against' something and not 'for' something. In a perfect world it would be great to just be able to speak about the beauty and wonder of Jesus alone—but we don't live in that world, yet. Until then we need to talk about the subject of false teaching as and when it comes up. We need to be conversant with the matter—especially with the fast growing prosperity gospel (which dominates the apparent growth in numbers of Christianity in the West and especially in Africa) - in order to know how to point out its errors, show up its weaknesses, and redirect people to the truth of the gospel of Jesus.

In step with this we need to talk about it carefully. It would not do our witness any good to become those Christians who pick theological fights in every conversation. To call out false teachers is a weighty, serious, and sorrowful matter. It should never be done with pride or with glee. Most false teachers have strayed from genuine faith, and but for the grace of God we might fall into the same temptations to forsake Jesus. Rather, our words need to remember with grief that there are many who have been duped by their teaching, who now have a false impression of Jesus and the gospel, and who are lost eternally if they persist in their teaching.

Finally, some of us might need a reality check. It's been my experience that each time I've had to confront false teaching somebody pushes back—"I don't think it's right for us to judge." The use of Jesus' words in Matthew 7:1 are misapplied. It fails to see that Jesus is speaking against judgementalism, and also fails to notice in 7:15 that Jesus Himself calls for discerning who are false prophets. Therefore, we cannot ignore the reality that false teaching is pervasive in our world at this time, and we need to be conversant with it.

So over to you. Has this three-part series helped in your thinking? What ways have you seen discussion on false teaching to be helpful or unhelpful? What resources have you used to help grow your discernment and humility on this difficult subject?



11 August 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](http://www.slechurch.org.au).

### This Week: Born again to love, overcome, and believe

John reminds us who Christians really are: those who love other Christians, trust Jesus, and believe the testimonies of Jesus.

Next Sunday: 1 John 5:13-21



## Today's Service

<b>Welcome and Singing</b>	Speak O Lord By Faith Man of Sorrows
<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Community News</b>	
<b>Bible Reading</b>	1 John 5:1-12
<b>Sermon</b>	By Pastor Steven Tran
<b>Song of Response</b>	Oh How Good It Is

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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	\$6,224.13
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

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## Prayer Points

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### GOD IS LOVE AND LOVE IS FROM GOD!

What a profound revelation, what a profound God! Give honour and praise to such a God as we have who is by nature personal and relational and perfectly loving. Praise God for expressing His love through His Son, and perfecting His love in us by the indwelling of His Spirit.

### THANK GOD THAT HIS NATURE AND EXPRESSION MAKES SENSE OF OUR INNATE HUMAN DESIRE

to want to connect with God and with others. Thank God that he has made us in his image, being relational beings, enjoying intimacy and interaction in so many different ways.

### THANK GOD THAT BEING ABLE TO

**LOVE** in a holy, genuine and deep way is possible. Pray that we as the children of God would love one another, motivated and energized by the deep truths of God's nature, actions and indwelling. Pray for real, practical and sacrificial expressions of love within the church and spilling out into our homes, workplaces, classrooms and beyond.

### THANK GOD FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH DAY YESTERDAY.

Pray that God would use it as a catalyst for us to keep seeking Him and His Word for understanding and wisdom, and for us as a church to keep growing and learning in how we can help ourselves and others to deal with mental health issues and illnesses. Pray for our church community to be a wise and safe place for those who suffer. Pray for God to work His purposes out in all of life, including our suffering. Pray for the Lord Jesus to return to take away all suffering.

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## Community News

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### CAMP REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN FOR UPCOMING SLE CHURCH CAMP 2019 – 4 TO 7 OCTOBER

Speak to your fellowship leaders or Christopher Ooi & Nathaniel Ng

Registration at [slechurch.org.au/camp2019](http://slechurch.org.au/camp2019)

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## Serving

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	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Chair</b>	Simeon	Randy
<b>Prayer</b>	Dan	Randy
<b>Preach</b>	Ps Steven	Ps Steven
<b>Bible Read</b>	Andrew <i>Marilyn</i>	Simeon <i>Dan Lowe</i>
<b>M.Tea</b>	YF Fri/Sat	YF Fri/Sat
<b>Wash Up</b>	SOS Central	SOS Central
<b>Welcome</b>	Ken  Steph  Meng Yin <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Jabez</i> <i>James</i>	Ken  Steph  Meng Yin <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Jabez</i> <i>James</i>
<b>Stewards</b>	Alvin  John  Graham <i>Stanley</i> <i>GengHao</i> <i>Edwina</i>	Alvin  John  Graham <i>Stanley</i> <i>GengHao</i> <i>Edwina</i>
<b>Piano</b>	Dan Lowe	Liesl
<b>Guitar</b>	Jabez/Mark	Shao Peng/ Mark
<b>Bass</b>	Aaron	Ethan
<b>Drums</b>	John	Nigel
<b>Vocal</b>	Alisha	Hui Ming
<b>PA</b>	Matt T, Matt Z  <i>Jowin</i>	William  <i>Stan</i>

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## 8. Born again to love, overcome, and believe [1 John 5:1-12]

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Intro:

1. Loving each other = obeying God (5:1-3)

3. Believing the testimony of Jesus (5:6-12)

2. Overcoming the world (5:4-5)