

By Never Sinning, He endured the full weight of temptation

(by Bruce Ware)

For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. (Hebrews 2:18)

To what degree can Jesus relate to our temptations to sin so that He is actually able to help us? Bruce Ware writes:

“(By never sinning) Jesus felt temptation’s power in a way that none of us ever can. What is one of the reasons you give into temptation when you do? Just to get it over, the temptation quits right when you give in to it. If you are tempted to get back at somebody just do it and the temptation is over, otherwise you are faced with this ongoing lingering urge within you to retaliate, to be bitter, to be whatever it might be. One of the things that we do to escape the force of the temptation is to yield. If you never, never once yield, you always experience those temptations in their full force.

Can’t you see this in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prays three times, urges His disciples to pray with Him and they fell asleep, which makes me wonder if they had prayed as He asked if His strength would have been greater? In other words does prayer matter or was His agony increased in that struggle in the Garden to obey the Father, was it increased because the disciples did not pray? I don’t think His asking them to pray is of no avail. Isn’t prayer efficacious? In the Garden what we see is that He endured to the end of that temptation; the temptation out of His own nature.

Sometimes I have been asked the question, are all of the temptations of Christ external. The answer is No. The temptation by Satan to make bread out of these stones (Luke 4), yes Satan is giving the temptation, but what really is the inner drive that causes that to be a temptation out of His own limitations as a human being. He is hungry, He is painfully hungry. In the Garden of Gethsemane, obviously it is this deep anxiety over going to the cross so He prays three times, Father if you are willing, let this cup pass from me. The fact that He never give in to the temptation means that He endured to the end of it until He was strengthened by the Father. Angels came and ministered to Him. The Spirit strengthened His heart and He resisted.”

Because Jesus resisted and never gave in even once to temptation, He endured temptation in a far, far greater way than we will ever. So He does understand. And with all of the resources that He had and used, He helps us to resist temptation. What resources were these? He knew the word and will of God. He was filled with the Spirit. He prayed.



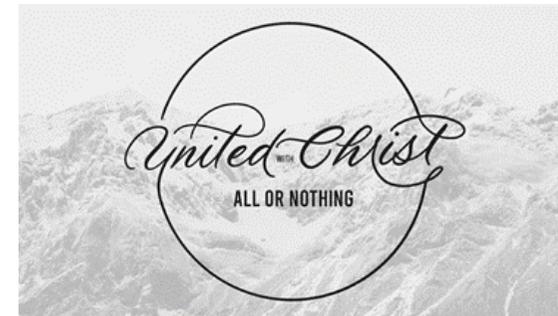
8 September 2019 | Service Times: 9am & 11:30am

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: Union with Christ 3— Justified in Christ

Understanding that justification is a benefit of union with Christ grounds our assurance and helps us live with confidence.



Next Sunday: Union with Christ 4 — Sanctified in Christ

Today’s Service

Welcome and Singing	Precious Blood Behold the Throne of God Above There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood
Holy Communion	
Offering	
Community News	
Bible Reading	2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Philippians 3:2-10
Sermon	By Pastor Steven Tran
Song of Response	Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

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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	\$9,022.43
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
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Prayer Points

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD for His infinitely wise plan of salvation through the incarnation of His Son! Praise God for the wonderful mystery of His ways, praying that we would be filled with awe and worship as we ponder the unfathomable realities of His ways.

THANK GOD THAT BEING UNITED WITH JESUS who is fully God and fully man means we have true connection with God, salvation from sin and help to overcome sin and temptation. Thanks our Lord Jesus for being willing to enter into the 'toilet' of our humanity and sticking with us despite how repellent and repugnant we sinners are.

PRAY THAT WE WOULD TRULY KNOW how being in Christ means we have and can draw on every resource that belongs to Jesus. In our walk as Christians and our battle against sin, pray for a trust and obedience fueled by knowledge of God's word and ways, filled by the Spirit and full of prayer.

PRAY FOR THE UPCOMING CHURCH CAMP, that it will be a wonderfully formative time for our church—both in our own growth as Christians and in our fellowship and partnership as a church.

Community News

Serving

	Today	Next Sunday
Chair	Merv	Ps Steven
Prayer	Dan <i>Jolene</i>	Faith <i>Ivy</i>
Preach	Ps Steven	Ps Ben
Bible Read	Alice <i>Dan Lowe</i>	Boon Cheng <i>Alan</i>
M.Tea	Daisy/Georgie	Winnie T/ Jenny
Wash Up	SOS Central	SOS Central
Welcome	Philip Mee Lan Esther <i>Andrew</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Nethanel</i>	Philip Mee Lan Esther <i>Andrew</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Nethanel</i>
Stewards	Richard Sunny Norman <i>Cam</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Helen</i>	Richard Sunny Norman <i>Cam</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Helen</i>
Piano	Liesl	Dan Lowe
Guitar	Shaun	Keith
Bass	Ethan	
Drums	Jabez	John
Vocal	Amanda	Alisha
PA	William <i>Stan</i>	Chris/Matt C <i>Daniel</i>

Union with Christ #3: Justified in Christ (Justification)

2 Corinthians 5:21

Introduction: ideas that changed the world

1. The idea that changed the world

Philippians 3:7-9 (also 1 Corinthians 1:30)

2. Common illustrations and what we might be missing

Romans 10:10-15

3. Union and justification

Romans 8:1, 33