

# CHRISTIANITY

A JOYFUL SPIRITUALITY?

THE BOOK OF  
GALATIANS  
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Sunday 24 October 2021

TODAY'S  
9:45<sup>AM</sup>  
SERVICE:

- Welcome
- Song
- Confession
- Spotlight
- Bible Reading:  
Galatians 2:11 -21
- Sermon
- Song
- Prayer
- Song
- Conclusion

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*This Bulletin contains a number of hyperlinks throughout. Feel free to use them to link to forms, multimedia and Bible passages.*

Welcome to St Stephen's. Great to have you join us for our online services this week. If you are new or someone has recommended you join us we would love to hear from you. You can contact us through the [electronic connect card](#).

If you are one of our regulars – its always an encouragement to know we can listen to the Bible, pray and worship God together.

We are only one week away from re-opening our site. Next Sunday – 31 October – our services will be open again! Our 7:45am Service will temporarily be reserved for vaccinated persons to manage the risk for our much older attendees. However, thankfully we are allowed to open our other services to all people. We are currently preparing our building for a COVID safe re-entry and look forward to seeing you all in-person. If you have questions about the way church will be run please contact us for more details.

Today we continue our series looking at the New Testament book of Galatians. It's a constant reminder of the centrality of the Gospel.



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## Prayers for the Service

These prayers are used during the service. Prayer is a privilege we are given because Christ died for us. His death & resurrection means we can confidently approach God seeking forgiveness (Hebrews 10:22). If you believe that Christ died to deal with your failings then you should be confident to pray with us. If you are still exploring who Christ is then feel free to listen in.

<sup>24</sup>Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. <sup>25</sup>So let us acknowledge our failure and disobedience, and return to the Lord with penitence and faith.

1 Peter 2:24-25

## Confession Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
we praise you for adopting us as your children  
and making us heirs of eternal life.  
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins  
and made us clean in your sight.  
Yet we still fail to love you  
as we should and serve you as we ought.  
Forgive us our sins  
and renew us by your grace,  
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,  
in whom alone is our salvation.  
Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

This is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray (Matthew 6:5-14).

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done on earth as in heaven  
Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever  
Amen

## Church (on the phone)

If you would like to listen (via phone) to the Sunday Service at 7:45am on Sunday Mornings:

1. Dial 8015 6011.
2. You will be prompted to enter the meeting ID at that point dial 890 595 1389 #.
3. If the meeting has not already started press # to wait. You will be prompted to enter your unique participant ID but you do not need a participant ID so press # to skip.
4. When asked for the meeting password Dial 088653. You can now listen to the service.

## Sermon Notes

Living by the Grace of God | [Galatians 2:11-21](#)

1. The grace of God makes us right with God.

2. The grace of God does not promote sin.

3. The grace of God is how we live for God.



5. In what ways today might we, by human effort try to be justified by God?

### **Read Galatians 2:17-21**

6. Do you think 'justification by faith alone' promotes a lifestyle of sin? Why? Why not?

7. How does Paul's understanding of the gospel enable him to be someone free from the need to try and be justified by 'works' and yet free to 'live for God'?

## **Prayer Points**

### **Read the Bible with us!**

What fears could have the early church had?

What fears do you have about sharing your faith? How do these passages give you confidence to continue anyway?

Monday - [Acts 4:8-22](#)

Tuesday - [Acts 4:23-31](#)

Wednesday - [Acts 4:32-37](#)

Thursday - [Acts 5:12-16](#)

Friday - [Acts 5:17-32](#)

## Notices

### Gift Day

Each year we set aside one Sunday for our church family to give an additional financial gift to further the ministry of our church. We invest in our vision by praying, giving, and serving together. The bible calls us to be generous with God's material blessings (Luke 21:1-4), it calls us to use our material wealth to see spiritual fruit (Luke 16:1-13), and it calls us to provide for those who are less fortunate (Deut 15:7-8).



Gift Day is an opportunity to meet ministry and mission costs not covered in our regular giving. We are aiming over the next three years to reduce reliance on Gift Day as a budget-balancing tool. We want to move toward ministry and mission-specific gifts. Our goal for this year is \$75,000.

### Prayer Meeting

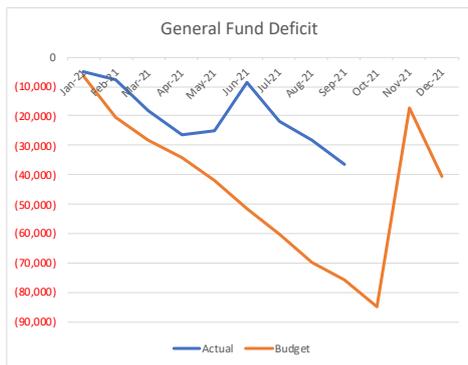


Our 1st mission priority as a church is to, *'Pray big prayers shaped by the gospel'* Whatever hopes we have for our church are limited by God's sovereign and good plan. Prayer is a way of bringing our hopes into line with God's plan. As a child becomes like their parent through a life of hearing and responding to their parent, so our hopes and desires become more like God's as we hear and respond to him. Prayer brings us into line with God's plan.

Would you invest in our vision by joining us for a prayer meeting on **Saturday 6 November from 8:30-10:00 am in the Chapel Hall?** We are very keen for families to join us. We will serve a light morning tea and have child-friendly spaces for children to also participate in the prayer time.



## Finances update for September



Thank you to those who continue to support the ministry of our church. We appreciate your generosity which has allowed us to run three live streams throughout the last lockdown. We have provided 'cheer packs' to our local low-income housing community, supported our overseas mission partners, run a successful Friday Fun Day for the youth

group, and produced resources for online kids programs. Your regular giving has ensured that our ministries have supported our church family and the broader community during the lockdown.

## Lockdown Update - Conwell Family

Lots changed for the Conwell family during the lockdown. Hatty started riding a pushbike to work to avoid public transport. Stephen loves working from home. We have been walking the dog and bought some chickens to have lovely fresh eggs. The vegetable garden is looking much improved with more time at home. Our latest venture is beekeeping! Jack is working at the hospital, Maddie is due home from university in Melbourne this week after a long semester.



We all are looking forward to seeing church family in person.

## Kids and Youth

Last week Half Past Six kicked off the Alpha course. We had 21 people there including a couple of non-Christians friends. We had a great time playing Kahoot and thinking about what life is about. We would love to have 30 people join us this week. Who is someone you could invite along? **H.P.S and the Alpha course will return to in-person gathering from the 29th of October.** We will be continuing the Alpha course which includes games, food, watching a video, and discussion. We are following all government COVID requirements. For details email - [children@st-stephens.com.au](mailto:children@st-stephens.com.au)

## What's Coming Up

Sunday 24th	Kidszone Online at 9:15 to 9:30. For Zoom Details: Email - <a href="mailto:children@st-stephens.com.au">children@st-stephens.com.au</a> Switch at 9:45am. For Zoom Details: Email - <a href="mailto:children@st-stephens.com.au">children@st-stephens.com.au</a>
Monday 25th	Online Prayer Meeting 8:30-8:55am - <a href="#">Zoom Link</a> Meeting ID: 878 2345 9321   Passcode: 836532
Tuesday 26th	Simply Christianity - <a href="mailto:matt@st-stephens.com.au">matt@st-stephens.com.au</a>
Friday 22nd	Youth Alpha at Half Past Six - email <a href="mailto:children@st-stephens.com.au">children@st-stephens.com.au</a> for details — November —
Saturday 6th	Prayer Day, Chapel Hall 8:30am - 10:00am
Sunday 7th	Gift Day

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