

Order of Service

Song: The King of Love my Shepherd is

Prayer

Song: All I have is Christ

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 5:6-22 & Romans

7:7-12

Kids Talk

Sermon

Song: A Debtor to Mercy Alone

- *"The Somali language is spoken by about 23 million people. The vast majority are Muslim and live on the Horn of Africa — a semi-arid land mass jutting out into the Indian Ocean just across from the Arabian Peninsula." Please pray "for the Lord to strengthen the faith of Somali-speaking Christians to persevere through the trials and suffering that are not uncommon."*



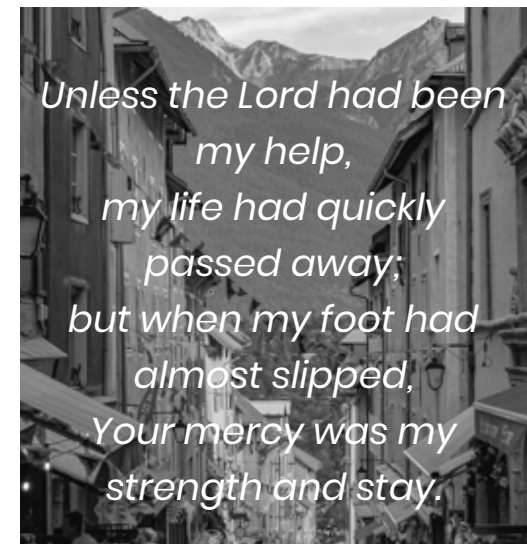
*Not to us, Lord, not to us
but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.
Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"
Our God is in heaven; he does as He wills.*

- Psalm 115:1-3

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to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



*Unless the Lord had been
my help,
my life had quickly
passed away;
but when my foot had
almost slipped,
Your mercy was my
strength and stay.*

Sunday 13 September 2026

Welcome and please join us for a cuppa after the service

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Notices

Membership- Membership is for professing Christians who are baptised. It is committing to a local church and requires a credible declaration of faith in Christ Jesus.

Baptism- After the Lord Jesus rose from the dead, He commanded baptism (Matt. 28:19; also Acts 10:48). **Talk to Graham, Doug or Gordon**

Next week – Graham will be away at a Youth Group camp in Inverell. Doug will lead.

God's Word:

Sept 13 – Romans 7:7-12 (Sin sprang to life and I died)

Sept 20 –

Sept 27 – Romans 7:13-20 (I do the things I don't want to do)

	Sept 13	Sept 20	Sept 27
Kids' Talk	Stuart	Doug	Fiona
Door	Cameron	Val	Eamon
Morning Tea	Stantons	Bardens	Jacque + Sam
Reading	John	Yvette	Steph

Romans 7:1-6... a defence of God's Law

- Who is Romans 7 speaking about? (note, "I" over thirty times)
 - Is it primarily about Paul before he was a Christian?
 - Or, is it about his present struggles against remaining sin in his life?
- In my view (which is the most common view, historically), it is about Paul's present struggles against sin, as a Christian.
 - Romans 6 declared that in Christ we are freed from sin's power and grip over our lives. *So, why do I still sin?* Pastorally, Romans 7 is important to know.

- God to Cain: *"sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it (Gen. 4:7)."*
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it.
Prone to leave the God I love...

Question: Is God's law sinful? (v.7)

- Is God's law the problem, because it stirred up sin within me (see Romans 7:5)? Answer: *"Certainly not!"*

God's law reveals the sin of our hearts (v8-9)

- For example, coveting. We know that coveting is wrong, because God has told us that it is wrong, via his law written on our consciences (Rom. 2:14-15) and in His Word (Duet. 5:21).
- Three uses of God's law;
 - It helps restrain sin generally within societies.
 - It exposes our sin in order to drive us to Christ for cleansing.
 - Having been cleansed by Christ, it shows us what pleases God.

Muck in the water: God's law also stirs up sin (v.8-9)

- I knew that I shouldn't covet, but that just stirred up more thoughts of coveting within me! ... Sometimes talking about sin too much doesn't help...
- In the morning, Thomas Boston warned against laziness, being unwatchful and discontentment. But afternoon, he had fallen into all three himself!
- The Law exposes sin, and sin pounces.

Yet, God's law is good and holy (v.12)

- The problem is not the Law, but me.

Why this matters: does God still love me? The struggle against ongoing sin is real, but our assurance is Christ.

*The judgments of Your holy law; with me can have nothing to do
My Savior's obedience and blood; Hide all my transgressions from view.*