

Order of Service

Song: O Great God

Prayer

Song: Across the lands

Bible Reading: John 14:15-27 & Romans 8:5-11

Kids Talk

Sermon

Song: Jesus, I my cross have taken

- Please pray for Steve and Nat, Elyse, Daniel and Owen, especially as Elyse prepares to come back to Australia. Elyse has had to opportunity to show her closest friend what life in the village is like. May the Lord watch over and protect their hearts. Pray too, for the work of language learning and finding consistent language helpers. May God work His good in this remote part of the planet!
- Jesus said to His disciples, *"Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. So watch yourselves."* The believer must take sin very seriously.
- Please pray again for the Wilkins family – Ben and Antonia, with Theodore, Cedric, Jemima and Domonic, as they prepare to leave for Togo, West Africa, in January. Thank God for the believers of Togo. May they grow in Christ.

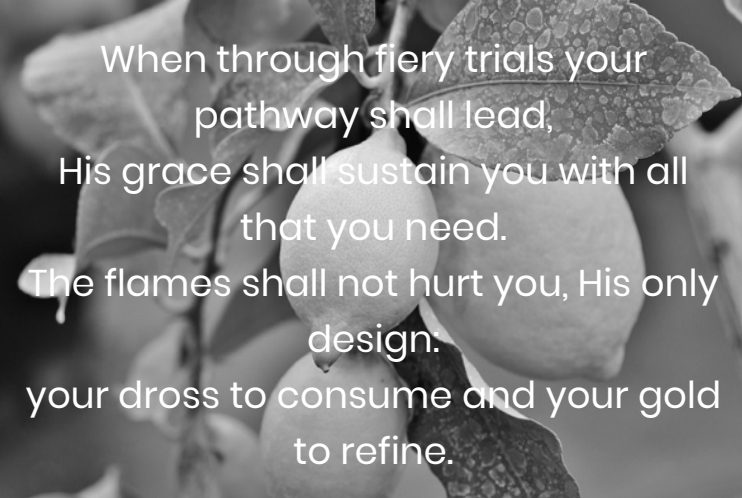
And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God... How my heart yearns within me!

- Job 19:26-27

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to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



When through fiery trials your
pathway shall lead,
His grace shall sustain you with all
that you need.
The flames shall not hurt you, His only
design:
your dross to consume and your gold
to refine.

Sunday 18 October 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**

God's Word:

Oct 18 – Romans 8:5-11 (The 'nevers' of Christ Jesus)

Oct 25 – Romans 8:12-17 (The 'nevers' of Christ Jesus)

Nov 1 – Romans 8:18-25 (The 'nevers' of Christ Jesus)

	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1
Kids' Talk	Alex	Graham	Doug
Door	Eamon	Cameron	Val
Morning Tea	Judy + Sue	Chris + Sam	Helen + Beulah
Reading	John	Yvette	Steph

Romans 8:5-11...

Never without the Spirit indwelling me

*Come, Holy Ghost our hearts inspire,
Let us Your influence prove.*

In John 14, the Lord Jesus promised to send another Helper. *But who was the first Helper?* It was Christ Himself.

The Holy Spirit is to us what Christ was to the disciples.

Notice how often Paul speaks of our minds in verses 5-7.

Two different mind-sets (v.5)

- Paul is stating facts: The “flesh” (sinful nature) lives for the flesh. But those who live in accord with the Spirit have a new way of thinking – I now desire what pleases God.

Spirit of heaven, flood over me,

Forming Christ in all that I do;

- Augustine:* “I began to talk to you freely, O Lord my God, my light, my wealth, my salvation.”

The sinful mind is hostile to God (v.6-8)

- Those *in* the flesh have a mind trapped: It is death; it is hostile to God; it cannot submit to God's law; it cannot please God.
- But those in the Spirit have life and peace. Primarily, this is peace with God through Christ.

To have Christ is to have the Spirit (v.9)

- If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ (i.e. the Holy Spirit), then they are not a Christian.
- The Holy Spirit lives in all believers, yet we seek more of His influence in our lives.
- Nobody Christian has a part of God. To have the Son, is to have the Father and Spirit too.

Two “if-then” sentences (v.10-11)

- “Your body is dead because of sin.” I belong to Christ, but I will still die one day. Yet, because of the Spirit, I will live eternally.
- Note, in verse 10, the NIV says that our spirits are alive, but most translations say, “the Spirit is life, because of righteousness.”
- Note, John 11:25, where Jesus says that He is life too.
- If we have believed *into* Christ then His righteousness is ours – and the Spirit, who is life, is ours too.
- Who raised Christ to life?* God (see Acts 17:30-31); Christ raised Himself (see John 2:19-21; 10:17-18); and the Spirit (see 1 Pet. 3:18 and Rom. 8:11).
- The promise is that the Holy Spirit will raise believers to life.