

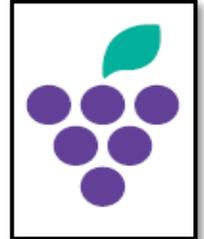
THE VINES UNITING CHURCH

31 The Grape: "Something to chew

Good morning!



Even in isolation, we have come from a bunch and the bunch is connected to the Vine.



**“Be STRONG in the LORD, PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR
TO STAND FIRM.”
Ephesians 6:10 – 18**

#2 The Breastplate of Righteousness



PUT ON... THE CHEST PLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

If wearing the Chest Plate of Righteousness is such a powerful thing why don't we wear it all the time? Why not 24x7?

Q. Have you ever tried sleeping on hard ground with no mattress?

Imagine what it would be like wearing a Chest Plate to bed, or showering with it on... There is something heavy and awkward about this, so we are called to PUT ON when we are in the midst of a crisis.

Maybe the temptation is that if we were to wear it all the time, we would get use to it, forget we were even wearing it? Maybe we would decorate it with paint or jewels??? It would go from being armour to a fashion statement. When we think or act like we know everything there is to know about faith it is a slippery slope and we become like the Pharisee "thankyou Lord that I am not like that tax collector... sinner" (Lk 18:11).

The armour of God is for times of trauma, when there is imminent danger, when the day has come and you are being smashed, by life, others or yourself. You are in need of strength, hope and God's truth! At our most vulnerable we reach for the Armour of God: "There is no condemnation for those IN CHRIST." ([Rom 8:1](#)). Say it when your world is going well and see what impact it has, then compare it to when you are down on your knees, broken, tears weeping down your face and see what the difference is.

Q. "No condemnation" – not almost, or some, or maybe ... BUT NO!
Is there an emotion, an image, a place, a word that captures it?

Q. Have there been experiences when knowing you were loved by God despite your stupidity, bad luck, failure changed your life?

"PUT ON" RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. Requires a decision on our part.
2. Belt of truth goes on first and firmly in place.
3. Without truth, our righteousness is based on own effort.
4. We see ourselves as IN CHRIST... changes our perspective= HOPE.

Q. Do you need to PUT ON the Breast Plate of Righteousness?

1st NOVEMBER 20 INTERIM WORSHIP:

Join us on Sunday from 9.30 am to approx. 10.30 am for our service, a chance to Worship and reconnect.

The maximum attendance is 55 people, including the Worship team.

Service - Recorded and LIVE STREAMED onto Vines Web page.

https://www.youtube.co/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

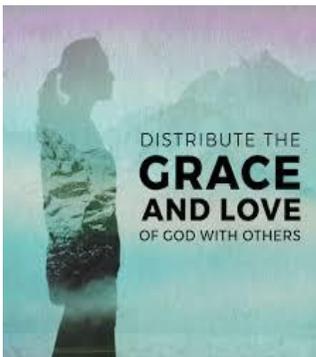
Please book your tickets for next week through **Humanitix** from 3pm on Sunday 1st Nov. until 11 am on Friday 6th Nov. and phone Judy Beames or Lynn Ellison if you need help with booking.

Judy Beames: H: 8322 0892 M: 0402 249 324

Lynn Ellison: H: 8387 3903 M: 0431 995 480

Should you need **TO CANCEL** your tickets, please let Judy or Lynn know by **4 pm on Thurs 5th November**, (unless there are unexpected circumstances), to enable them to rebook the tickets.

****Please do not attend the Sunday Service if you are at all unwell.***



Key MESSAGE:

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e Life”
r during Covid
i God’s Love.**

EMAIL COMMENTS:

A prayer emailed to me by Margaret Dowdell

PUTTING ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD

(A prayer to start the day)

Heavenly Father, according to Your Word
I present my body - a living sacrifice – holy - acceptable in Your sight.

Now Father I gird my loins* about with Truth
I put on the Breastplate of Righteousness
I shod my feet with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace.
Above all I take the Shield of Faith -
 wherewith I shall be able to quench
 all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And I take the Helmet of Salvation
and the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.
And according to Your Word
the Glory of the Lord is my rear guard.

Now - Heavenly Father –
I put on the Garment of Praise and I thank You:
for the armour You have provided for me to dress in this day.
I am completely covered now in the Name of Jesus according to
 Your Word – Father.

Blessings, Margaret D

* An action associated with wearing the Roman Armoured kilt, where to
 avoid tripping up the robe worn underneath the armour was
 folded and tucked up into the belt.