



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPES 26/6/2022

ImpactHS#2 Reconciliation – “Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:6-11NRSV

Today we are exploring “Justification” and “Reconciliation”. These two terms are woven together by Paul like a tangled fishing line. I shall do my best to untangle some key points.

“Properly understood, justification has to do with God’s declaration about the sinner, not any change within the sinner.”

<https://www.gotquestions.org>

The death and resurrection of Christ transforms the distance generated from the Fall (Adam and Eve who disobeyed God), restoring the connection with a change of status from God. However, this legal change of status doesn’t actually change our inner lives.

It is Reconciliation that is the active dynamic, that changes our relationship with God, self and others, because it focuses on our transformation through “Love, Joy and Peace” as explored below.

Love must die, as love must do. Love on a cross, the world in view.

Love embraces pain and sin. Love transforms, lets eternal in.

Love’s transcendent, as love must be. Love beams out through eternity.

Love came down to die on a tree. Love so suffers to set us free.

Love arose, as love must do. Love rose Christ: love raises you too.

Love so silent, so deep, so strong. Love will rise to right each wrong.

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Having received love, we are invited to be love = reconciliation.

Peace Rev DJPrior

❖ **OUR VISION:**

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

*To reach out and reflect God's Love –
connecting others to Christ.*

For your information:

22nd of June is the Anniversary of the formation of the Uniting Church in 1977.

Rev. DJP is attending the SYNOD meeting t this Friday and Saturday, 24th and 25th June. The meeting takes place at the Adelaide Hills Convention Centre in Hahndorf.

THE VINES CHURCH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

The first year of the current Planned Giving Program ends on Sunday 26th June 2022. To those members using Offering Envelopes, I advise that new Boxes of Offering Envelopes commencing Sunday 3rd July 2022 are available in the foyer.

As we are now free of Covid 19 restrictions regarding the Sunday Worship Services, we encourage our members, at this time, to prayerfully consider their financial commitment to The Vines Church.

For those new and current members, we advise and re-advise that your Offerings can be made by the following:

- Direct Debits
- Offering Envelopes
- Open Plate

Please note that the Offering Envelopes are not numbered and therefore no amounts are recorded.

Please contact me either by (Ph.) 8381 1727 or see me at church if you would like more details regarding using Direct Debits or Offering Envelopes.

John Norton

The Vines Planned Giving Program

TREASURER'S REPORT

May giving has been above the budgeted amount by \$800, but for the five months giving is still below budget by \$1200.

Manse income is below budget by \$900 due to maintenance issues. This situation is likely to worsen as the year goes on as there are further maintenance issues that as yet have not been costed.

Neil Satterley
Treasurer.

*This month's meeting Of **"FRIDAY FRIENDS"**,
is planned for this Friday 24th June, from 10.00am to 11.30 am.*

This new initiative to offer women and men in our community an opportunity for coffee, conversation and company here at the church is open to all.

For this to be successful, we need our church people to see this as a ministry and to come and bring a friend or neighbour, or to simply offer friendship to those who are alone.

A voluntary gold coin donation will help with costs.

Please speak to Marj if you have any questions.



FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support for this ministry.

With the cold weather upon us now, we are in need of the following.

- Cereal
- Tea
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Vegetables
- Soup
- Tinned Fruit
- Toiletries or a cash donation marked "Food Parcel Ministry".

Thank you again, Leon and the Pastoral Team

Next week:

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Redemption – “*Delivered from law - The tyranny of the should.*”

Gal 3:1- 4, 23 - 29

LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICES

Each Sunday our worship services at the Vines can be accessed live at 9:30am via our YouTube channel. Please use the following link to access our services,

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

After the livestream, each service will remain on our YouTube channel for watching later. They can be accessed using the same link.

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

Connect with others and CHOOSE LIFE

‘Cos to Grow stronger through COVID

We have to pass on God’s love.



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