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THE GRAPES 31/7/2022

IMPACT Holy Spirit: “Christ lives in me – I’m a new creation”

Gal 2:15 – 20

In our series so far, we have explored how the Holy Spirit transforms us through Faith in Jesus: Salvation, Reconciliation, Justification & Law, Redemption, Forgiveness, Adoption, Freedom, New Creation & next week “In Christ ALL are ONE”. These are recurring themes in the New Testament, as early writers try and answer questions such as “Who is Jesus?”, “How does trusting Jesus change me and others?” “What is the impact on my life now and when I die?” “What values, views do I live by? Paul describes our relationship with Jesus in this way:

*“... I have been crucified with Christ,²⁰ and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, **who loved me and gave himself for me.**” GAL 2:19-20*

As I was thinking about this scripture, I was struck by the idea that Jesus the light of the world lives within us, shining his love and care to us, in us and through us to others. We know that light will cast a shadow, so

Q. If Christ lives within us, what sort of shadow do we cast?

The life of the Christian is constantly growing and learning, as our identity in Jesus adapts, changes, expands to include and deal with life circumstances, so we can find foundational truths to give life meaning. Read again the above verses noting the **BOLD italics**.

Q. What is Paul trying to help us grasp?

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.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Actual figures for the first 6 months of the year show that giving is \$1,500.00 under budget. Income from manse is also \$1500 below budget with further maintenance expenses expected for the remainder of the year. Should this continue for the remainder of the year, our reserve finances will be depleted by approximately \$20,000.00.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Thank you to all who attended our Shared Lunch after the service on Sunday 17th July. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to play and connect with one another during the School Holidays and we all enjoyed a delicious assortment of tasty treats! Thanks to all who brought a plate to share and helped to make it happen.

Children's Church is held fortnightly during school terms. See below for Term 3 dates!

31 Jul 22

14 Aug 22

28 Aug 22

11 Sep 22

25 Sep 22

Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel

UC e-News - This week we pray:

- For those experiencing illness, isolation or grief as new strains of COVID-19 emerge and case numbers increase
- For healthcare workers tirelessly providing care to the sick
- For all international mission partners working to support their communities, especially in those countries that are currently experiencing difficult economic conditions.

Market Day



A Spring Market will be held in the church carpark, Saturday, 3rd September from 10am -2pm.

Stalls will include: Plants, Crafts, Baked Goods, Sweets, White Elephant, Sausage Sizzle, Drinks, and Devonshire Afternoon Tea

This is an opportunity to, once more, invite people to our property to show we still care.

If you would like to be involved in this event, please speak to Marj Dredge, Jenny Croft, or Leon Magrin

FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

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

With the cold weather upon

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

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

Phone a Friend

Connect with others and CHOOSE LIFE

'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID

We have to pass on God's love.



Next week:

Aug 07 Pent #10 **United** - **“In Christ ALL are ONE**

Col 3:11 **“No longer Jew, nor Greek... Christ is all in all.”**

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.

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