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THE GRAPEVINE 7/8/2022

#8 United - "In Christ ALL are ONE" Colossians 3:7-17

Today is week #8 in our Transforming Impact of the Holy Spirit series, where we look at how we are United through Christ. Like Jesus, Paul used lots of different metaphors to explain the life of a Christian, how to live as an individual, within a church and the wider community. All of which addressed the fundamental question "What difference does living for Jesus make?" In The Message translation of the Bible, Peterson writes

Col 9-11 "Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ."

Take some time to re-read the above scripture, does anything capture your interest?

- Q. If faith is like your wardrobe, what does that say about you?
- Q. What drives your decision making about what you buy or wear?
- Q. Has does this metaphor apply to our faith?

Paul uses the metaphor of our clothes to get us reflecting on how we live. The Holy Spirit transforms us from within, but we have a choice about how we relate to God, Self and others through our actions, words & life choices. Paul goes further and states, our words, actions and lives are shaped by the new reality: in Jesus there is no Slave or Free, no Jew or Gentile, no male or female, all are one in Jesus Christ.

So each day put on your best Jesus outfit!

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.*

BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. DJP.

Rev. DJP is running a five week Bible Study commencing on Thursday, 11th August. Please note that there is one week off.

#1 – 11 AUG

#2 – 18 AUG

#3 – 25 AUG

#4 – 01 SEPT

08 SEPT – NO Group

#5 – 15 SEPT

They will be Sermon based studies, picking up the sermon from the previous Sunday and reflecting, chewing on its meaning for life.

TIME: 4pm – 5pm

VENUE: The VINES UC

RSVP: Rev DJP

To the Vines Congregation

I'll be on leave from 1st to 24th August and Chris McAvenna will be preparing the Grapevine on the 3rd, 10th and 17th August.

Please send any items for inclusion to her before 12pm on those dates:

adcaml@adam.com.au

Thanks! Colleen



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 us now, we are in need of the following.

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

Thank you again, Leon and the Pastoral Team

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:

14 Aug Pentecost 10 **RECAP** –

Transforming Power of the Holy Spirit

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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

14 Aug 22

28 Aug 22

11 Sep 22

25 Sep 22

Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel

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