

23 August 2020

## Why are you wearing a grass skirt?

1 Peter 1:23-25

- <sup>23</sup> You have been born again,  
 not from perishable seed, but imperishable,  
 by the living and abiding Word of God.
- <sup>24</sup> Because, all flesh is like grass, and all its glory is like grass flowers,  
 The grass withers, and the flower falls,
- <sup>25</sup> but the utterance of the Lord abides into the Age.  
 This is the utterance; the Gospel, to you.

### Why Christians are not clothed in . . . . . 1:24

The world's . . . . . passes too quickly. Gen.3:7-8, 21  
 The world's . . . . . falls too quickly. Gen.35:2. Ex.19:10-14

### Why Christians are clothed in . . . . . 1:23

We are born by new . . . . . Matt.21:1-14, Col.3:9-14  
 We are born for new . . . . . Num.11:4-6, 13:17-27  
 Prov.18:21, Isa.65:16, Col.3:12-13

### Why Christians . . . . . our new clothes. 1:25

God's promises carry us into . . . . . 2 Cor.4:18, 1:20  
 God's promises commence . . . . . Rev.5 :9-10, Rom.8 :31-39

## My prayer priorities for the week commencing 23 August 2020

- Today – Phil & Louise. Missions.  
 Mon – Mark, Lisa & Thomas.  
 Tue – Ray & Helen.  
 Wed – Aileen & George. 7:30pm Bible Study.  
 Thur – Geoff & Joy.  
 Fri – Steve & Jenni. Andre & Emma.  
 Sat – Moses, Sharon, Elizabeth, Ruth, & Joseph.  
 Sun – David & Robyn. Alison.

### Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. What is something you once wore, but would never want wear again; or something you once wore, and would love to wear again?
2. What sort of clothes did God expect people to wear when they appeared before Him (Genesis 35:2, Exodus 19:10-11). What do you think was the message implied by those sorts of clothes?
3. Read Proverbs 18:21. Why are words powerful?
4. Read Numbers 11:4-6. What was the complaint; Why did they complain; And how do we avoid becoming whingers?
5. Read Isaiah 65:16. What is the attribute of God that is connected with blessing; and why is that attribute essential?
6. Read Colossians 3:12-14. Write a brief definition of each attribute. We are told what to do, but not how to do it. How do we do it?

### Tithes and offerings (Target: \$2,700 per week)

At the bank, LifeChurch Panania. BSB: 034 866. Account: 005 008 757.  
 Online, LifeChurch Panania. BSB: 704 922. Account: 005 008 757.

### Donations to mission in Myanmar (Target: \$1,000 per month)

Account name: LifeChurch Panania. BSB: 032 260. Account: 422732.

## **Blessings you can speak into existence**

Numbers 6:24-26

Romans 15:5-6, 13

I Corinthians 1:4-9, 16:23

II Corinthians 1:3-7, 2:14, 13:7-9

Ephesians 1:3-23, 3:14-21, 6:18-20, 23-24

Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11; 4:6-8, 23

Colossians 1:3-6, 9-14; 4:2-6

I Thessalonians 1:2-3, 3:12-13, 5:23-24, 28

II Thessalonians 1:11-12, 2:16-17, 3:5, 16

II Timothy 4:22

Philemon 1:4-7

Hebrews 13:20-21

I Peter 1:3-9, 5:10-11

II Peter 1:2-4, 3:18

II John 1:3

III John 1:2-3

## **Life-Giving statements you can speak into someone's life (including your own).**

- I see God working in your life.
- I love you and Jesus loves you most of all.
- God is always with you! (Matthew 28:20)
- You are a beloved child of the King. (1 Peter 2:9-10)
- You are a gift from God. (James 1:17)
- You can do all things through Christ who gives you strength! (Philippians 4:13)
- God has a good plan for your life. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- You are strong in the Lord! (Ephesians 6:10)
- With God, all things are possible! (Matthew 19:26)
- You are fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)
- You are loved – no matter what. There is nothing you can do that will change that. (Rom. 5:8)
- Jesus loves spending time with you and so do I. (Luke 10:38-42)
- Please let me pray for/with you. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- Trust Jesus with... (this situation, this fear, this desire, etc.). (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- I love that God helped you... (be creative, work hard, think of others, do the right thing, bless someone, sacrifice something that meant a lot to you, be kind) today. (Psalm 28:7)
- God is concerned about every detail of your life. (1 Peter 5:7, Matthew 10:30, Psalm 139:1-3)
- There is so much grace for you. (Hebrews 4:16)
- I'm sorry – will you forgive me? (1 John 1:9) This is for when we make mistakes and sin against them – others need to know that we are sinners and in need of a Saviour – just like them, and "It is finished" (John 19:30)
- Thank you, God, for this precious boy/girl/woman/man! (Isaiah 43:4)
- I am so happy/proud/honoured/blessed that God brought us together.