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### Please continue to join our activities:

- ⊗ Listen to Con's recorded video devotion each Sunday from our website [www.wollongongcongregationchurch.org](http://www.wollongongcongregationchurch.org)
- ⊗ Tune into Con's radio program on Pulse 94.1 FM Sunday Worship 7-10am. Repeated Tues night 10pm. Morning devotions 6-7am daily.
- ⊗ Church Prayer Chain Ring or text Leonie
- ⊗ Tuesday Bible Study will meet at 10am this week at Con & Leonie's home. 6 Holstein St. Calderwood
- ⊗ Personalised cards can be ordered from Lynne Grimm, 3 for \$5.00 proceeds go to the Building Fund 0438770764



Church account details:  
Congregational Church Wollongong  
BSB: 032695 Account No: 494743

*Thanks to everyone who has been faithful in tithing and giving*



## Wollongong Congregational Church

1 November, 2020

*— Welcome all and be blessed —*

Please only attend Church if well  
Masks are available should you need them  
Please follow Covid-19 protocol

Please stay for Morning Tea following our service



### NOTICES

- \*AGM and Member's Meeting on 15 November, 2020
- \* Nomination forms and Minutes for Annual Meeting are available

#### \* Christmas Cake Orders

Maureen Murray is taking orders for Christmas cakes.

Small for \$7 and Medium for \$12

Please see Rob to place your order. Thank you



Adam in Togo sends greetings to the whole church. The sheep that Wollongong Cong paid for are doing well and multiplying. Many of their missionaries have seen God work powerfully through them, and many people have come to the Lord that way. They currently have around 20 churches with more than 30 members each plus 500 prayer cells spread throughout Togo, Benin, and even into Ghana. He wants you to know your seeds are bearing fruit and that the mission is determined to finish the work before Christ's coming, and requests ongoing prayer

## Summary of last week's Sermon by Pastor Con Despinidic.

Over the years I have spent a lot of time encouraging Christians in relation to the power of the Holy Spirit living within the believer and the renewal of the mind that takes place. The Grace of God is active and effective in our lives.

The Apostle Paul knew what it was like to struggle and suffer, as there were times of fear and frustration in his life. Although he is a larger than life character his frailty and faith struggle is obvious.

What should we do and what do we do when we have an unsurmountable problem? Take it to the Lord in prayer! Surely God will hear and answer our prayer of desperation; our prayer of faith! The answer Paul wanted was not forth coming. God had other plans. He wanted Paul to understand that there is a hidden strength. I believe it is the same for us today!

**2 Corinthians 2:9** *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness"*

God equips each one of us with all that we need to live the Christian faith. His grace is sufficient for every conceivable situation. There are times that we forget this wonderful truth. To get to grips with God's grace and sufficiency is to understand that it is not what we do or what we can do, or what we have or want to have that is important. Our focus is to be on what the Lord Jesus has done for us.

**Romans 6:23b** *"the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord".*  
**Ephesians 2:8** *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—"*

It is so easy to get caught up with ego and advertising and the concepts of what others think.

***The life of a Christian should be focused on God the Father.***

***Focused on who the Lord Jesus is, what the Lord Jesus did and what He continues to do. The Lord Jesus is the hero and the ultimate centrepiece of the entire Bible. The Lord Jesus should be the hero and the centrepiece of our entire life.***

The apostle Peter understood this too well, therefore he said in **2 Peter 1: 3**

***"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."***

The early church exercised the fruit of Spirit in their lives. They could do this because they had experienced the Grace of God.

God's Gifts did not stop with the New Testament church. They are still available to us today, for every child of God.

**Con**

## Prayer Points

### Please pray for:

◇ Australia: for God's wisdom, leading and authority over our Nation, Government, Land and Peoples

◇ Our church family. Surround each other with love  
◇ God's leading and authority over decisions concerning our church  
◇ God's leading for new Elders and Deacons - **Nominations sought**

◇ Church family members: ***Helen and Kevin Lothian***  
◇ Those In Care: Joan Weber & Dawn Coleshill  
◇ Janice Roworth for her ongoing healing and the ability to cope and have support at home. Also pray for her son Steve  
◇ Cathy and her son Chris Edward's during their grief and adjustment  
◇ Margaret, Dianne and Wendie as they wait on the Lord for justice  
◇ Joyce Souter had a fall and pray for her son John, who is battling cancer  
◇ Bernice for healing of leg ulcers, and for Peter as he cares for her  
◇ Nabila for God's peace and healing

◇ Wisdom and opportunity to reach our community with the Gospel  
◇ Dennis and Karen Bagnall and the letter box distribution of "Living Water" (Gospels of John) throughout the Illawarra  
◇ SRE and school ministry workers as they serve their schools  
◇ Pulse 94.1 FM and the effectiveness of Con's radio program  
◇ All students currently sitting for their HSC exams

◇ FCC Churches: ***LEICHARDT (1885)***  
◇ Romani Evangelical Congregational Church in Macedonia  
◇ Jenny and Dave Rowe in USA working for Wycliffe Bible Translators  
◇ Persecuted Christians in ***China***

◇ Praise God for his goodness and any answered prayers in your life