

## **What are you wearing?**

In the Book of Revelation, we read about the church at Laodicea, a church with its own unexpected wardrobe problem.

This church had become comfortable and self-satisfied. They thought they had everything they needed, but they had lost sight of their need for God.

Their outward wealth had hidden their spiritual poverty. Jesus called them to recognise their need for him and to receive the spiritual riches and clothing that only he could provide.

We see a similar message in Jesus' parable of the wedding banquet in Matthew 22. The king invited people to his son's wedding feast, and when many refused, the invitation was opened to everyone. The wedding hall was eventually filled.

But one guest was not wearing the appropriate wedding clothes. In Jesus' time, a wealthy host could provide suitable clothing for guests, particularly those invited from the streets. So, the clothing was a gift from the host. The problem was not where the man came from, but that he had rejected what the king had graciously provided.

Both stories remind us that God invites us into relationship with himself. His invitation is freely offered, but it calls for a response.

They also remind us not to allow other things to become more important than God, or to become spiritually complacent. We can become comfortable in our faith and forget that we continually need God's grace, forgiveness, guidance and presence.

Even if this has happened, Jesus continues to call us into deeper relationship with him.

The question is: Will we hear his voice, open the door, and receive what he graciously offers?