



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 11: The Gospel Lived
Suggested Week of Use: November 14, 2021
Core Passage: Colossians 3:1-17

News Story Summary

Joe Hall, a 97-year-old WWII veteran, is the sole survivor of a six-member gun crew that served aboard the USS Brackett, a destroyer escort in the Pacific. His gunnery mates were buried in their Navy uniforms, and it is Joe's desire to be buried in his once he passes. However, Joe's old uniform was tattered and ill-fitting. A seamstress hand stitched Joe a replacement uniform, using the patches off the old one. Joe now has a new uniform that makes him feel good and like he is back with his old buddies. He has worn the uniform twice since receiving the new uniform, on July 4th and on his birthday.

For more about this story, search "Joe Hall new uniform".

Focus Attention

To replace the Introduce idea under Focus Attention, share the news story about Joe Hall and he feels about his new uniform. Lead the group to discuss the symbolism of the uniform. Ask: *How is Mr. Hall continuing to represent the men with whom he served on the USS Brackett?* Complete the step using the Transition idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Apply idea under Summarize and Challenge, recall the story about the war veteran Joe Hall and the significance of his uniform and the honor with which he wore it. Compare the new uniform to the new life believers are to put on after salvation. Emphasize how God clothes believers in a new attire of righteousness and drapes us in the fruit of the Spirit so that we can serve and honor Christ as well. Complete the step as written.