

Watch Your Clothes!

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OUR CHARACTER IS LIKE CLOTHING

Job 29:14 I put on righteousness (a character quality), and it clothed me: my judgment (or my decisions in life) was as a robe and a diadem.

Adorning our character

1 Peter 3:3-4 Whose adorning let it **not be that outward adorning** of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of **putting on of apparel**; 4 But let it be the hidden man of **the heart** (inward disposition or temperment), in that which is not corruptible, even **the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit**, which is in the sight of God of **great price**.

PRIDE COVERS AS A GRAMENT

Psalm 73:6 Therefore **pride** compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them **as a garment**.

CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and **be clothed with humility**: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

GOD CLOTHED ADAM AND EVE

Genesis 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did **the LORD God make coats of skins**, and **clothed them**.

NO CLOTHES IS DEMONIC

Luke 8:27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city **a certain man, which had devils** long time, and **ware no clothes**, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

JESUS DELIVERS AND CLOTHES

Luke 8:35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed (delivered), **sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind**: and they were afraid.

NAKEDNESS IS ASSOCIATED WITH SIN

2 Chronicles 28:19 For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; **for he made Judah naked**, and **transgressed sore against the LORD**.

THE SHAME OF NAKEDNESS

Exodus 32:25 And when Moses saw that **the people were naked**; (for Aaron had made them **naked unto their shame** among their enemies:)

WE CAN BE ASHAMED AT CHRIST'S COMING

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be **ashamed before him at his coming**.

Blameless at his coming

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be **preserved blameless unto the coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Watch and keep your garments

Revelation 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk **naked, and they see his shame**.

A naked church

Revelation 3:14-15,17 Jesus says to, **the church of the Laodiceans** write **I know thy works** 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and **naked**:

you have to buy your clothes

Revelation 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

White raiment defined

Revelation 19:7-8 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, **for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.**

Adorning doctrine

Titus 2:10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may **adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.**

It takes study

2 Timothy 2:15 Study [be diligent, labor hard] to shew thyself **approved unto God** (arrayed in fine linen), a workman that needeth **not to be ashamed** (naked), rightly dividing **the word** of truth.

The bride made her self ready

Revelation 19:7"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife (the bride) **has made herself ready.**

Rebekah made herself ready

Genesis 24:65 For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore **she took a veil, and covered herself.**

Ruth made herself ready

Ruth 3:3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and **put thy raiment upon thee**, and get thee down to the floor (the threshing floor to meet Boaz):

Esther made herself ready

Esther 5:1-2 Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel? And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight...?

Put off the old clothes

Colossians 3:8-10 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

put on the new clothes

Colossians 3:12-14 12 Put on (white raiment, fine linen) therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness (this is how the bride makes herself ready).

To be found naked shall cost you

Matthew 22:2,11-13 The kingdom of heaven is like

unto? And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had **not on a wedding garment** (without righteous acts): 12 And he saith unto him, **Friend**, how camest thou in hither **not having a wedding garment**? And he was speechless. 13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and **cast him into outer darkness** (suffer loss of the kingdom of heaven, a life of ruling with Christ, for 1,000 years); there shall be **weeping and gnashing of teeth** (deep sorrow, regret, and shame).

The flesh spots our garment

Jude 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the **garment spotted by the flesh.**
keep yourself from be spotted

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to **keep himself unspotted from the world.**

the Fear of the Lord is cleansing power

Psalm 19:9 **The fear of the LORD is clean**, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

obedience makes us clean

Psalm 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man **cleanse his way** (stain resistant)? **by taking heed thereto according to thy word.**

The blood of Christ washes us

Revelation 1:5 ??Unto him that loved us, and **washed us from our sins** (spotted garments) **in his own blood?**

Washed robes made white by the blood

Revelation 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have **washed their robes**, and **made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Clean garments are rewarded

Revelation 3:4-5 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which **have not defiled their garments**; and they shall **walk with me in white**: for **they are worthy**. 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be **clothed in white raiment**; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but **I will confess his name** before my Father, and before his angels.

They return to reign with Christ

Revelation 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, **clothed in fine linen, white and clean.**

They enter into the heavenly city

Revelation 22:14 **Blessed are those who wash their robes** so they can have access to the tree of life and can **enter into the city** by the gates (NET).

Keep your garments white

Ecclesiastes 9:8 **Let thy garments be always white**; and let thy head lack no ointment.