

The
Naked Truth
About
**Heavenly
Clothing**

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*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord
My soul shall be joyful in my God
For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness
As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels
Isaiah 61:10*

Adam and Eve's clothing from God



In the beginning Adam and Eve walked and talked with God in the garden of Eden. 'And they were both naked...and were not ashamed' (Genesis 2:25).

Adam and his wife disobeyed God and ate of the forbidden fruit. They were afraid and hid from the presence of the Lord because they were naked. The Lord made clothing for them out of an animal skin and then kicked them out of the garden (Genesis 3:1-10).

Adam and Eve lost innocence; sin separated them from God. God sacrificed an innocent animal, as a substitute, to cover (atone) for their mistake. He gave them temporary clothing to hide their nakedness (Genesis 3:21). The bible tells us the remission of sin requires the 'shedding of blood' (Hebrews 9:22) and that the 'wages of sin is death...' (Romans 6:23).

Through one man, Adam, sin and death entered the world. Through one Man, Jesus, sin, death and hell were defeated (Romans 7:12-21). The clothing given to Adam and Eve through the sacrifice of an innocent animal is a picture of the coming Redeemer. Jesus, the Lamb of God, would one day shed His innocent blood at the cross for the forgiveness of sin, to offer believers the garment of His righteousness (Job 29:14).



No Wedding Clothes

A parable of Jesus from Matthew 22. A certain king arranged a marriage for his son. He invited people who declined to come, some mocked and even killed the king's messengers. The wedding feast was ready but those invited were not worthy. So, after the king destroyed the murderers and burned up their city, his servants invited anyone they could find, until the wedding hall was filled. When the king came to see the guests, he saw a man who did not have on a wedding garment.

The king said to the man, '**Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?**' Then the king commanded his servants to take him away, bind his hands and feet, and cast

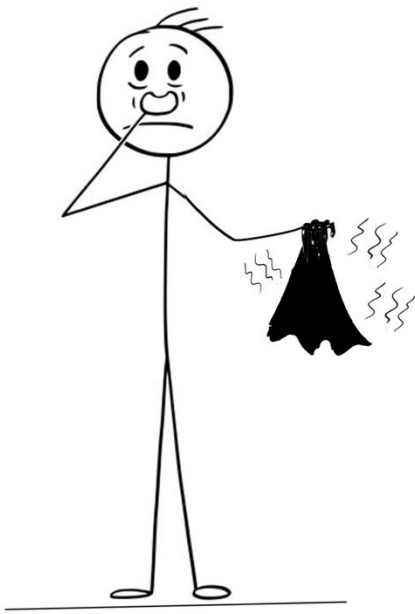
him into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Why? 'For many are called but few are chosen' (Matthew 22:14).

There is only one Way to enter the heavenly wedding feast called the marriage supper of the Lamb. Salvation is by grace through faith in Christ and not by works lest we should boast (Revelation 19:6-9, John 14:6, Ephesians 2:8-9). The wedding garment required to enter is the robe of righteousness (Job 29:14, Isaiah 61:10). This is Christ's righteousness imputed to us at the cross (2 Corinthians 5:21).

*****Warning!** When the King examines you, will you have the proper wedding clothes? What merit will you offer in exchange for the heavenly robe of righteousness? According to Jesus, you can't crash this wedding.

'And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire' (Revelation 20:15). "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" (Matthew 7:22-24)

filthy rags



Filthy Rags

Our self-righteous good deeds, our best works or merit, apart from Christ, are like '**filthy rags**' (Isaiah 64:6). On judgment day, many people plan to offer God their best efforts (a pile of soiled diapers) in exchange for entrance into heaven, a foolish plan indeed.

An unbeliever can't offer righteous deeds because their good works do not glorify God (Galatians 2:16). The believer does good works out of love and obedience, having already been justified by faith in Christ, not to merit salvation, but to glorify God (Romans 3:20, 5:1). **The righteous acts of believers are like fine linen, clean and bright, to array the bride of Christ** (Revelation 19:7-8).

Consider these Scriptures:

For the message of the cross is foolishness **to those who are perishing**, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18).

...**There is none righteous**, no, not one... (Romans 3:10-12).

...**No one is good** but One, *that is*, God (Mark 10:18).

...those who are in the flesh **cannot please God** (Rom 8:5-8).

But without faith *it is impossible* to please *Him* (Hebrews 11:6).

But Jesus...said to them, 'With men this is impossible, **but with God all things are possible.**' (Matthew 19:26)

Create in me a **clean heart** and renew a **right Spirit** within me" (Psalm 51:10-12).

...I will put a **new Spirit** within them and take the stony heart out...and give them a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 11:19).

And you **He made alive**, who were dead in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1).

...if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a **new creation**... (2 Corinthians 5:17).

***** For good deeds to do any good in eternity, they must be done in Christ.**

The prodigal son's robe

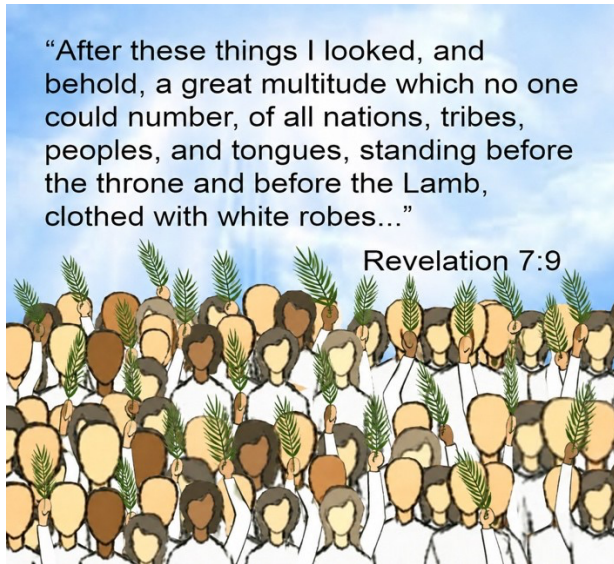


A parable of Jesus from Luke 15. The lost son wanted his share of the family wealth but didn't want his father or family. The boy left for a distant land where he wasted all his money on wayward living.

A severe famine forced the prodigal son to work for a local citizen where he longed to eat the pig's food. There he came to his senses, repented and planned to return home to his father as a servant, not a son.

In this story the older brother was angry and unforgiving. He represents the unbelieving religious crowd who were attempting to cloth themselves in a worldly righteousness, apart from Christ. The loving father ran to his lost son and said, 'my son was dead and is alive again...**bring out the best robe and put it on him...**'.

The lost son was not given the clothes of a servant or hired hand, but **the robe of a son**. A child of God receives the righteous robe of a joint heir with Christ by grace through faith, apart from works (Romans 8:16-17, Ephesians 2:8-9). Ephesians 1:13-14 says we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, the guarantee of our inheritance...indisputable proof of **adoption by the King**.



White robes in heaven

Blessed are those who **wash their robes**, that they may have the right to the tree of life... (Revelation 22:14 NIV).

...a great multitude...of all nations, tribes and peoples...**clothed with white robes**...saying Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 7:9-10)!

...and **washed their robes and made them white** in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:14).

He was **clothed with a robe dipped in blood**, and His name is called, The Word of God (Revelation 19:13).

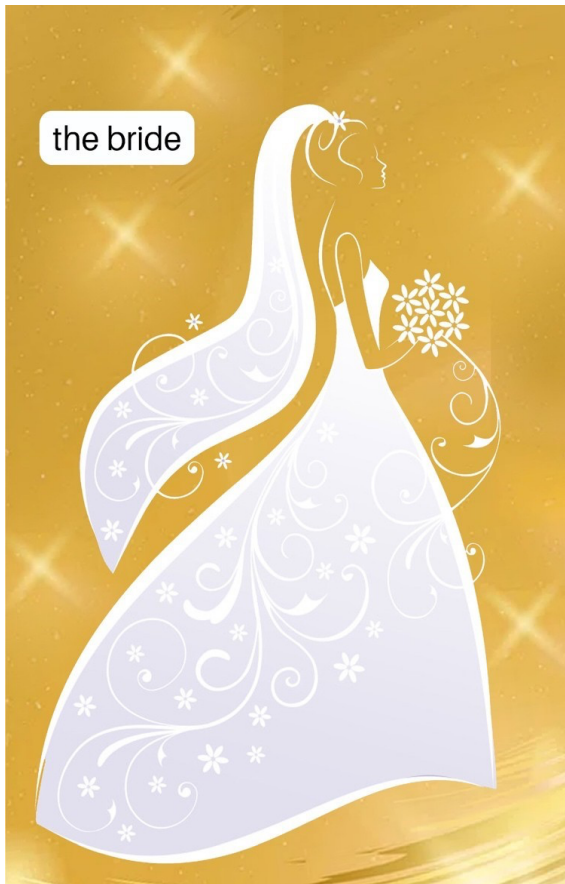
Purge me with hyssop, and **I shall be clean. Wash me**, and I shall be **whiter than snow** (Psalm 51:7).

...and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son **cleanses us** from all sin (1John 1:7).

There is therefore now **no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).

He who overcomes shall be clothed in **white garments**, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life... (Revelation 3:5).

Is your name written in the Book of Life? For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:16-17).



Bride of Christ, clothed in fine linen

It's time for the marriage supper of the Lamb. The long anticipated bride is now ready. **The church is the loved, holy, cleansed, adorned and glorified bride of Christ, arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright** (Ephesians 5:25-27).

Sin, death and hell have been defeated, according to Scripture, and the glorified bride of Christ is revealed. The bride of Christ is the church, made up of 'living stones...a spiritual house, a holy priesthood...' (1 Peter 2:5). The church is composed of all whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Revelation 21:27) The dazzling white linen is the righteous acts of the saints (Revelation 19:7-9).

'...blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb...and He will dwell with them...and God will wipe away every tear, no more death, sorrow, crying, no more pain...' (Revelation 19:19,21:3-4).

'And they shall call His name Immanuel...God with us...' (Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 7:14).

'...death, where is your sting? Hell, where is your victory?' (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).

To be **clothed with the garments of salvation**, and **covered with the robe of righteousness**, to exchange the spirit of heaviness for the **garment of praise** (Isaiah 61), is to be washed white as snow by the blood of the Lamb, to be saved, forgiven, born again, part of the body of Christ, the church, the bride of Christ. This is the naked truth about heavenly clothing.

Additional Scriptures to consider:

I put on **righteousness**, and **it clothed** me... (Job 29:14).

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have **put on Christ** (Galatians 3:26-29).

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, '**You must be born again.**' (John 3:6-8)

Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, **put on tender mercies**, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another... but above all these things **put on love**, which is the bond of perfection (Colossians 3:12-14).

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **Put on the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil...Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day... (Galatians 6:10-18).

And He is the **head of the body**, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence (Colossians 1:18).

For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be **clothed with our habitation which is from heaven**, if indeed, **having been clothed, we shall not be found naked**. For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, **not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life**. Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee (2 Corinthians 5:1-5).
