

What are You Wearing?

Ponder: Are you appropriately dressed?

Scripture: “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:27, NKJV).

Poor Jake from State Farm! Will he ever convince that suspicious lady that he’s not her husband’s secret girlfriend? Apparently it will take more than just explaining that he’s dressed in khakis.

You’re not Jake from State Farm, but what are you wearing? Priests under the Law of Moses wore special garments as they ministered at the tabernacle and later at the temple. Under the New Covenant, a separated priesthood and holy garments are conspicuously absent. All Christians serve as priests under the High Priesthood of Jesus. The Lord has given us no instruction as to clothing for our bodies other than keeping it modest. For the inner person, however, He has laid out an entire wardrobe!

In short, filthy clothes must be removed and replaced with clean ones. “But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth” (Col. 3:8). Paul used a different metaphor earlier in this chapter: “Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness which is idolatry” (3:5). The point is the same – we must eliminate these behaviors and attitudes!

Once we have taken off our filthy clothes, Paul charges us to dress ourselves thusly: “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, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so also you must do. But above all these things, put on love, which is the bond of perfection” (Col. 3:12-14).

Just exchanging corrupt attitudes and behaviors for wholesome ones really doesn’t solve our sin problem. That remedy comes only through trust and obedience to the Lord. Paul told the Galatians, “As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:27).

What are you wearing? Do you need to change your clothes?

Song: “Trust and Obey”

Prayer: Holy Father in heaven, we thank You for the precious blood of Jesus that cleanses us from sin. Help us, we pray, to remove everything unclean from our lives, replacing them with good works to glorify You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.