

CLOTHED IN HIS SALVATION

“...for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation...”

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*“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; **for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation**, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.”*
Isaiah 61:10

C. H. Spurgeon, the “Prince of Preachers” said: “that the central theme of Isaiah 56-66 is the necessity for God’s people to live out God’s righteousness, and their inability to do so. God is beside Himself here. Isaiah 59:16 says that God found no one who was able to intervene for the people’s sin.” This is much like Paul’s remarks in Romans 3:10 *“There is none righteous, no, not one.”* Instead, God Himself must intervene.

*“And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, **shall he not much more clothe you**, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? Or, what shall we drink? Or, wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek :) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things? But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”* Matt. 6: 28-33

Here the thought has to do with outward clothing as life’s necessity and the Lord is assuring those then that God would meet their need but the Lord also had in mind a type of clothing that was more of an eternal value “the white raiment of His righteousness” by which He clothes all those who come to Him by faith. He knew man’s vain attempts to cover himself “the fig leaf factor” would never be acceptable to the Father so He came Himself and made all the provisions necessary to cloth His own with His righteousness. He lived in complete obedience fulfilling the Law in every point because He knew we couldn’t. Then He died,

CHRIST DIED FOR THE UNGODLY

"It's hard to believe that someone would die in the place of a good man, but Christ went the extra mile and *"...died for the ungodly"* Romans 5:6-10. And that is exactly the point of God's love. That sin and ungodliness were so repulsive to God. That He would rather die than let us keep living in sin like that. That Hell was so horrible that He rather die than let us go there."

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” 2 Cor. 5:21

Man's is helpless, hopeless and powerless, to live righteously. I heard a preacher say that if a person could obey all of God's laws, which is impossible, he would be saved. That preacher if he really believes that is a "blooming idiot" what hypocrisy. Man wants' to believe there is a speck of good in him. Not according to the Bible! Jesus said "*there is none good...*" Mark 10:18 Man's nature is sinful and has been corrupted by sin. Human nature is the same in every human being. Sin is inherent; we were born in sin, "we were born wrong" it's been said, Sin is inherited, inborn, an innate in every human being. Sin is an instinct, congenital, ingrained, inbred, habitual, hereditary and natural in all of us. I cannot stress that enough! I hate saying it but the truth is we cannot help being unconsciously sinful. Our parent's sin is not our fault, still we too sin and all of us will be held accountable for our own sin! You see, SIN is the problem, it is an inward problem and it separates man from a Holy God. Because of sin man is self-deceived! We are more apt to deceive ourselves than to deceive someone else.

"The heart is deceitful above all things..." Jer. 17:9

All false religions have one thing in common: They teach their deceived devotees that they can make themselves righteous before their "god;" and that is also true in many segments of "Christianity" that teach the same. But our Scripture makes it very clear that

"...all our righteousness are as filthy rags!" Isaiah 64:6

No matter how good we claim to be or how good we pretend we are, "all our righteousness" is as filthy and stinking rags that we try to put on to present ourselves righteous before a Holy and blameless God for acceptance! There is absolutely no way that we can be accepted by God from self merit or by doing good. Without Jesus Christ I can do nothing! Not only would He have every reason to laugh at me, but also to cast me into the blackest Hell for even daring to come before Him with my filthy stinking rags. Yes, in spite of how great His Law is, and as valuable His Ten Commandments are in our lives, yet to use them as the basis as our "righteousness" will only bring His wrath upon each of us for presuming we can make ourselves right in His sight. Where for we will be reminded that "*all our righteousness are as filthy rags*" either at the Judgment Seat or before the Great White Throne Judgment. Even our very best would condemn us.

But oh! How different is the righteousness one can have in the Lord Jesus Christ!

And it is **ALL FREE**, simply by faith in Him we are told by God's Word! In fact, if you know any Church history, this is the glorious Truth of the Reformation. The very great majority of people were deceived by the Church of Rome and laid under a very great darkness and unable to see the wonderful truth of being "*made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus*" 2 Corinthians 5:21 by believing in His precious Son. This is that "Sun of righteousness" that will "arise with healing in his wings" Malachi 4:2 to restore your soul Psalm 23:3 before God, not only by cleansing you of ALL sin with His precious blood, but makes you white as snow with His righteousness! Now, by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, God declares you "**righteous**" before Him, not only as if you had never sinned, but also as if you had obeyed perfectly His divine Law.

Oh, believer, as you experience this wonderful transaction of your sins to Christ and His righteousness given to your account, and then you will be able to sing with the prophet of old:

“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness...” Isaiah 61:10;

The **garments of salvation** and **robe of righteousness** is none other than Jesus Christ Himself:

*“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, **righteousness** sanctification and redemption.”* 1 Corinthians 1:30

There is no hope for anyone being righteous before God except through Jesus Christ.

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God” Romans 5:1-2.

You may ask doesn't God forgive everyone?

No! God will have mercy on whom He will have mercy, and whom He will He hardeneth.

“Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.” Romans 9:18.

God is sovereign, and does whatsoever he will in the family of heaven and amongst the people who inhabit planet earth, and none can stay His hand. You must come to term with two facts, which are extremely difficult for the flesh to grasp:

First, God does not exist to serve you, you exist to serve Him.

Second, you are without the ability, of your own will, to do anything pleasing to God. You have no work to offer which is worthy in his sight. The best works of humans are as filthy rags in God's eyes.

Your flesh is at war with His Spirit.

“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh....” Gal. 5:17a

These are all statements taken from passages in the Bible. And you will not serve God, unless and until he draws you to Him. And if he draws you, you will not be able to resist. You will recognize that every human, at the moment of birth, utterly deserves to go straight to Hell. Even so, in his justice, God has mercy on some, and on others He endures with much long suffering as vessels of wrath. **VESSELS OF WRATH** and **VESSELS OF MERCY!**

*“What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the **vessels of wrath** fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the **vessels of mercy**, which he had afore prepared unto glory,”*
Rom. 9:22-23

What type of vessel are you? Have you been clothed in His garments of salvation?

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