

SPIRITUAL CLOTHES

Part One

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We might ask ourselves, are we spiritually dressed in the fashion outlined by the Lord for His Bride? As the church awaits the beckoning of the Lord to re-enter His garden, are we dressed in the required royal robes, or will we still be found naked as were Adam and Eve after the fall? The church is rapidly moving from Christianity to the age of immortality. We must make sure we are fully and properly dressed for the new season.

NEW TREND

Our old clothes were good enough to attend the feasts of Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits and Pentecost. In fact, we were dressed O.K. for even Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles. But, to be chosen as an intimate guest and invited to stay for Shimini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, we must be in full array!

The dress code is formal for these final feasts. Only those who are dressed for these special occasions and have their bodies prepared with the special oils given to those that have the approval of God, can ever be a sweet aroma and find acceptance from the King. Will Jesus extend the scepter of righteousness to us as an invitation to join Him in these final feasts? Are we absolutely sure we will not be denied?

For those that cannot answer "yes" to the above questions, or perhaps do not even know what I'm talking about, let me explain.

ADAM AND EVE WERE FULLY CLOTHED

Before Adam and Eve fell into sin in the garden, they were spiritually fully clothed. Their eyes could see these clothes even as their Father could see them, because they were created in His image. They saw with spiritual eyes or the eyes of their spirit. This also means of course they had His morals. Therefore, they were always dressed appropriately, the way the family of God is expected to dress. When they sinned they lost these clothes however, and they were naked. While their spiritual clothes were on they were not ashamed, but without them their flesh became very apparent and they were ashamed. They were embarrassed and did not want the Lord to see them.

They became deceptive and cunning and even hid from Him, or should I say, tried to. You can't really hide from God! We find this scenario recorded in Genesis 2: 25 and Genesis 3: 6-8.

Gen 2:25

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and **were not ashamed.**

At this point, because they did see through spiritual eyes, they could see only the Kingdom of God. In other words, they were spirit beings, that had a soul, and lived in a body that had been created to enable them to live on this planet. Their spirit man was in full control of their life. What they sensed was directed by their mind to their spirit, not their souls. So before they sinned, the body was clothed appropriately for the spirit realm.

Gen 3:6-8 shows us the result of their disobedience however.

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

7 Then the **eyes of both of them were opened** (their mind now relayed what they saw to their soul, because their spirit man had died), **and they knew that they were naked;** and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves

coverings (the first man-made clothes).

Now they could see into this soulish realm (Satan's domain) for the first time. They also could see and recognize evil for the first time. They realized their mistake immediately, but it was too late.

8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

God immediately saw they were no longer spirit beings. They were a new soulish mankind that would mature into the image of Satan. Just as He had covered the body the spirit man lived in, He now covered the body appropriately for the carnal man that was governed by his soul. Genesis three discusses this covering.

Gen 3:21

21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made **tunics of skin, and clothed them.**

SO, WHAT WERE THE CLOTHES THEY WORE BEFORE THEY FELL?

First let me explain that when we are born again, our spirit man is resurrected to new life and our soul begins to take on the spirit man's personality. Our body once again becomes the home of the spirit, as well as the soul. God will again dress the body appropriately for the spirit man, who is in His image and connected to Him. So we will recognize the clothes Adam and Eve lost as they are being put back on us as God restores us to our original state. We will one day be completely in His image again.

To begin our quest to understand exactly what these clothes were, let us look at Psalm 132: 9 and 16.

Ps 132:9

9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your saints shout for joy.

Ps 132:16

16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

So we have found our first bit of clothing, salvation and righteousness. This may sound very simplistic, but it is very serious, as we can lose our salvation and become unrighteous, leaving us naked! We see these particular clothes again in Isaiah 61: 10.

Isa 61:10

10 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.

Did you know that the physical clothing that the early priests were instructed to wear were symbolic of the spiritual clothing we are looking for? Take the linen for instance:

Exod 39:27-29

27 They made tunics, artistically woven of fine linen, for Aaron and his sons,
28 a turban of fine linen, exquisite hats of fine linen, short trousers of fine woven linen,
29 and a sash of fine woven linen with blue, purple, and scarlet thread, made

by a weaver, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Now let us look at Revelation 19:8 to see what the linen actually stood for.

Rev 19:8

8 And to her (talking about the Bride of Christ) it was **granted** to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the **fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints**. (So linen is symbolic of our robes of righteousness that we acquire through our walk being righteous.)

What if we choose to not walk totally in righteousness?

1 Cor 6:9

9 Do you not know that the **unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God**? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

ROBES OF SEPARATION

Robes of separation are another piece of the missing apparel. In Numbers,

chapter 19 we find another place in scripture that is foretelling this future clothing. God gives the command to kill a "red heifer" and put her ashes in water.

Num 19:2

2 "This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying: 'Speak to the children of Israel, that **they bring you a red heifer** without blemish, in which there is no defect and on which a yoke has never come.

Num 19:9

9 'Then a man who is clean shall **gather up the ashes of the heifer**, and store them outside the camp in a clean place; and they shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for **the water of purification**; it is for purifying from sin.

This water, with the ashes of the heifer in it, is called interchangeably the **water of separation** in the Old King James, and the **water of purification** in the Spirit Filled New King James version. So separation purifies, and purification separates! Think about this: You have to be separate to be pure, and pure to be separate. The question is, what are we to be separate of?

The red heifer is symbolic of the dead Adamic Bride (Judaism and that part of Christianity that has become a part of Babylon). The water (symbolic of truth) was to wash the flesh clean of sin and imperfection, and then they were to also wash their old clothes (their Adamic covering they were wearing) in truth also.

Num 19:20-22

20 'But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself, that person shall be cut off from among the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the LORD (we are God's sanctuary). The water of purification has not been sprinkled on him; he is unclean.

21 'It shall be a perpetual statute for them. He who sprinkles the water (the truth) of purification shall wash his clothes; and he who touches the water of purification shall be unclean until evening (because the person he sprinkled was unclean, he himself became unclean. The next verse shows us why).

22 'Whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and the person who touches it shall be unclean until evening.'

God shows us these things in the natural to help us understand the spiritual. Now, with all this information above in mind, as you look with your spiritual eyes of understanding at the garments of those who followed the Lamb in Revelation 7, and even the garments of the Lamb itself, we will see they are

wearing robes that have been washed in the blood of the Lamb to make them white. The robes themselves however, if we look them up in the Strongs Concordance, are robes of separation. You see, we must be clothed in robes of separation (our old clothes must be washed in the water of separation or purification) before they can be made white in the blood of the Lamb. We are unclean when we touch the unclean, so we must be separate and remain separate to have our old clothes ready to be made white. Second Corinthians 6: 17 helps us to see this:

2 Cor 6:17

17 Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

This scripture is talking about separating from unclean people.

Eph 5:3-7 shows us who those unclean ones are that we are to separate from:

3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

5 For **this you know**, that **no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man,**

who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.

Verse seven is worth repeating again:

7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.

Here is why we are not to associate with them. Look at Isaiah's warning to the unclean.

Isa 59:2-6

2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

When people walk in these things, how can they think they hear from God or that it is His anointing they are operating in? The unclean are people that may know truth but won't walk in it, so God allows them to be fooled by Satan into believing the lie that they are still O.K. with the Lord. But here is what God feels:

3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity;
your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity.

4 No one calls for justice, nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; they conceive evil and bring forth iniquity.

Here is why we don't want to be connected with them or even want to be touched by these ones!

5 They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; he who eats of their eggs dies (spiritually), and from that which is crushed a viper breaks out.

The viper can be us if we don't have someone sprinkle the water of separation or purification on us (in other words, tell us the truth about separation) and give us the chance to wash clean our clothes that have touched this kind. We will be spiritually naked, as far as God is concerned, if we don't do this! See verse 6.

6 Their webs will not become garments, nor will they cover themselves with their works (righteous works or robes of righteousness); their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

They are naked just like Adam and Eve were, and this nakedness happens for the very same reason. They won't stay separate from those that are a part of the tree of good and evil. Note also in the above scripture, that misleading others is in God's mind an "act of violence". Now with all this in mind, let us

look at the church with her false doctrines and lies, because God says to separate from it also.