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It has often been said, "Clothes make the man," and there is some truth in that statement since the outward appearance is very important.

Business men and housewives, soldiers and sailors, policemen and firemen, kings and laborers, young and old are all easily recognized by their attire.

Clothing wears out, needs replacing, or becomes out-of-date, and this creates a problem in nearly every family because it is not a minor item in the budget.

Then are we interested in hearing about clothing which, once obtained, is good forever?

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1. PRODUCING THESE GARMENTS.

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After Adam and Eve sinned and corrupted their minds and senses, God clothed them, Gen. 3:21. "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them." At the same time God made another garment for them. The Lord gave them this promise, Gen 3:15, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." God gave Adam and Eve coats of skin and also garments of salvation in this first promise of the Savior.

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Jesus is “the garments of salvation and robe of righteousness.” In Adam we all sinned, and that is why Jesus became a man, to be our substitute. By suffering and dying on the cross He paid for the sins of the whole world. “The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all” ([Isaiah 53:6](#)). His vicarious sacrifice took away the guilt and punishment of sin for all men. This offering is pictured here, and in other parts of Scriptures, as a garment or robe, which when put on, covers up all our sins. God sees us as dressed in the righteousness of Jesus and He looks at us as redeemed and holy people. We sing of this in the well-known hymn “Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress; Midst flaming worlds in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

So the Lord Himself produced these garments of salvation for us by sending and giving His Son into this world for our iniquity. “He hath clothed me,” it was His idea and way of salvation.

2. OBTAINING THESE GARMENTS

In buying clothing for our families and ourselves, price is always a factor because of the expense.

What would we expect to pay for these precious, eternal garments? Be prepared for the greatest surprise in all the world — these priceless garments have no price, they are absolutely free and without cost. Speaking of all spiritual blessings and salvation our Prophet says, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat: yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" [Isaiah 55:1](#). St. Paul, [Romans 5:15-18](#), calls the righteousness of Christ the "free gift". Speaking of salvation he further states in [Eph 2:8](#), "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.

There never is a price mentioned in the Bible when these garments and robes are offered and given to man. The only words found are such as these, "believe", and "accept"; and these are not prices but the means whereby we hold out our hands to receive the free gift.

A price was paid for these garments, but not by us. [1 Pet 1:18-19](#) "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold.....but with the precious blood of Christ." Jesus paid a terrible price beyond human comprehension and God does not expect or want another payment. Not only are the garments absolutely free, it will make the Lord happy if we accept them from Him as His gift of love for us. How can anyone ever hope to understand the depths of His love to us?

The importance of this garment cannot be over-emphasized in any way, and if we refuse the Lord's free gift, it will mean the difference between eternal happiness and everlasting weeping. In the parable of the marriage of the king's son we read in [Matt 22:11-14](#) "And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how earnest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to his servants, Bind him hand and feet, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing

of teeth." Obviously, this wedding garment is identical with the garments of salvation and robe of righteousness mentioned in our text. As we value our souls and eternity let us be sure we are clothed with the garments of the Lord.

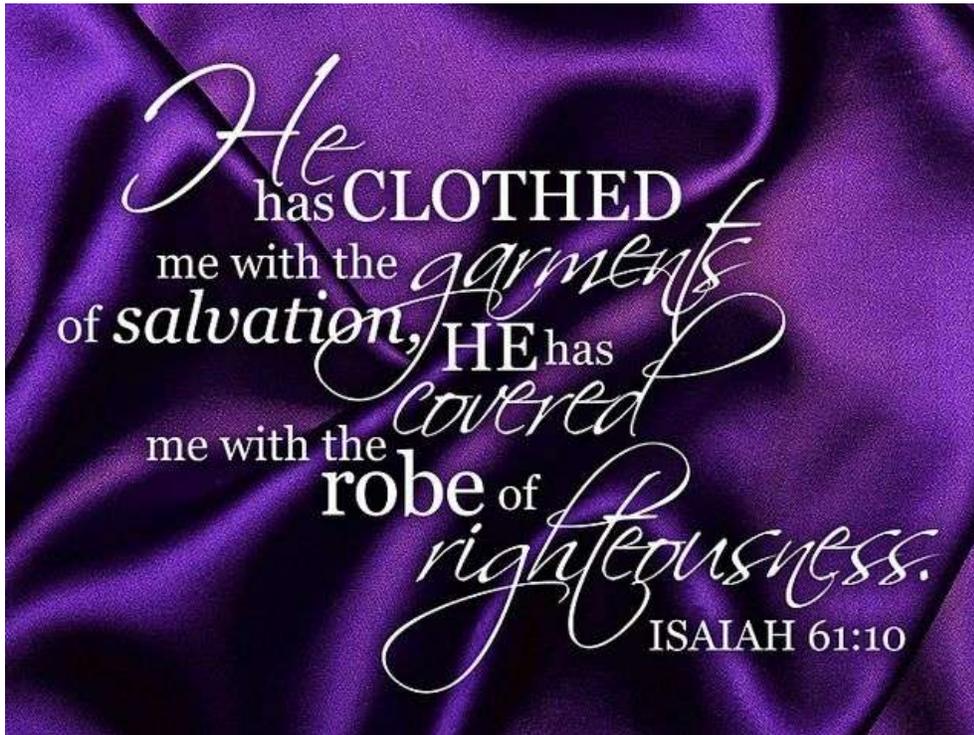
3. WEARING THESE GARMENTS

"He hath clothed me...covered me." These garments are remarkably different than any others on earth. They are always pleasing to God, they never get out of style, they never need be removed, they never need mending, nor do they ever need cleaning or pressing, "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing" ([Eph 5:27](#)). Wearing these garments gives us a good conscience and peace with God. No more do we fear God, or death, or judgment, or eternity, for God is now our Father and we are His dear children.



We have these precious, priceless garments and we should never forget their infinite value. Carelessness, indifference, lack of appreciation can cause us to lose these robes and with them our eternal welfare. They are invisible to our eyes, yet they should become visible to all men by our lives of faith and good works. The Lord expects us to

show our gratitude for His free gift by a life pleasing to Him that abounds in faith and works of love. Then men will be able to see by our good deeds that we are truly "clothed with the garments of salvation." The robes and garments of the Lord which we put on in this life will be our attire in all eternity. [Rev 7:9](#) "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." Again [Rev 19:8](#) "And to her (the church) was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." Clothes may make the man but these clothes make the eternal man.



Having these garments is a cause for great joy and happiness, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God." It is a soul-satisfying thought to know that no matter when the Lord looks at us, He sees us covered with the robe of righteousness in Jesus. Surely we can all say, "Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head."

We might add, "And be joyful with the Lord forever more."

AMEN.

PRAYER. We thank Thee, dear Lord, for giving us Thy garments of salvation which is in Christ our Lord. With Thy Holy Spirit help us to retain the robe of righteousness which Thou hast freely given us. Thou hast gladdened our hearts with Thy marvelous grace and mercy and love. Help us to show our gratitude by dedicating all our days to Thy glory and showing our thanks to Thee in our daily life. We laud and praise Thy holy Name, O blessed Trinity, ever one God, world without end.

AMEN.