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God Pleasing Dress

The Bible is presented to us as making the man of God "perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3: 17). In the same expression, Paul wrote that Scripture is given by "inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (vs. 16). It is truly amazing the scope of subjects that are addressed in the Bible. The Bible teaches that clothing originated with God (Gen. 3: 7, 21). Clothing makes a statement, as we shall see, and is of great importance. In the case of the Levitical Priesthood, their attire reflected the dignity of their office (Ex. 28: 2, 4 ff.).

Dress reveals things about the person. I realize that in this day, there is relatively little importance placed on clothes. However, that does not change the teaching of the Bible. I am also aware of the argument advanced regarding I Samuel 16: 7. The Lord said to Samuel regarding David, "...for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." From this statement, some have erroneously concluded that God does not care how man dresses.

Dress may suggest whether a person is rich or poor (Jas. 2: 2). Clothing can reveal sorrow (2 Sam. 3: 31). Certain clothing can identify one's belonging to a particular group, such as a gang or life style (cp. Zeph. 1: 8). A male or female can be announced by distinctive apparel (Deut. 22: 5). Prisoners can be detected by their dress (Jere. 52: 33). Certain clothing may reveal particular activity, such as having attended a wedding (Matt. 22: 1 ff.). The quality of dress can reveal how well a mother has provided for her family (Prov. 31: 21, 22). Clothing can also announce a harlot (Prov. 7: 10). You see, those who believe the Bible is silent relative to dress have not really considered what the Bible says about clothing.

The matter of daily dress. Different Scriptures govern the daily dress of a Christian. One primary Scripture is I Peter 3: 1-4. Peter taught, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold or of putting on of apparel" (vs. 3). It is obvious that Peter is not simply condemning the use of gold and certain hair arrangements. We know this because he continues to include "or of putting on of apparel." Peter's next statement suggests the meaning: "But let it be the hidden man of the heart..." (vs. 4). In other words, we are not to place the primary emphasis on the outward, the dress, but on the inward, the "hidden man of the heart." In addition to focusing on priority, Peter also teaches that clothing is not to be gaudy, tawdry, or ostentatious (cp. Rev. 17: 4). Many Eastern women would spend much time and money to present themselves outwardly, but would have little or no concern regarding the real person, their spirits. We need to look into the mirror of God's word and adorn ourselves spiritually (Jas. 1: 25 ff.)

Dress in worship. We dress accordingly for different purposes and functions (Gen. 41: 14; Matt. 22: 11-13). Public worship should be no exception. The priests of old wore clothing that reflected the gravity and solemnity of the occasion (Ex. 28: 2 ff., I Pet. 2: 9). I Timothy 2 beginning in verse eight seems to particularly address public worship Paul addresses the attire of women thus: "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array..." (vs. 9). The descriptive terms used are very helpful in determining the teaching and requisites.

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WELCOME VISITORS:

We are so glad you decided to be here today! It is always such a blessing to be able to meet you and be encouraged by your presence. Thank you for coming our way.

FOR THE CHILDREN:

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at the back for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

Attended Nursery for infants through age two. Parents may leave their children in the nursery before the worship service begins.

A Training Room for parents to use anytime during the worship service is also provided across the hall from the attended nursery.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Hearing aid devices are available and may be received from the attendant in the sound room at the rear of the auditorium.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR (Luke 11: 28)

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

BELIEVE (Mark 16: 16)

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

REPENT (Acts 2: 38)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

CONFESS (Matthew 10: 32)

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

BE BAPTIZED (Acts 22: 16)

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

New Wednesday Night Class



Come join us in a study of the MAJOR DISCOURSES AND PARABLES of Jesus that will began Wednesday evening, room #2 in the new building. This class will be taught by Carl.

Attention Ladies

This Tuesday, April 4th, the Ladies Class will be studying Lesson 3 "Oh Brother - Miriam, The Protector." Sue Morris will be the teacher for this lesson.



What's New



This winter season has been a busy one in our church library. We have acquired three new bookcases and our collection now stands at over 900 books as well as cassettes and videotapes. The library is organized according to the Dewey Decimal System and the books are classified and ready for circulation. Please feel free to visit and check out books for pleasure or study.

We have received books from the libraries of Edison Green, Alda Horne, Dale Naugle, Bill Rhodes, and Dale Spung. We also have received memorial gifts from Helen & Robert Underwood and a large number of cassette tapes from Billy and Janice Nix.

We have a good selection of Bible helps-commentaries, concordances, and dictionaries. There are many doctrinal studies and a variety of devotional and class study helps. There is a small collection of adult fiction and children's books.

The library is located in the left room off the fellowship room.

Much Thanks

Our pantry is looking much better thanks to Bill and Marilyn Sweeton's daughter who made a generous donation. We continue to need help keeping the pantry stocked. If each family would purchase one or two extra items for the pantry, while getting their groceries, we could keep the pantry in better shape.



"Adorn" (kosmeo) means "primarily to arrange, to put in order" (W.E. Vine is quoted on all these terms). "Modest" (kosmios) means orderly, well-arranged, decent, modest. "Apparel" (katastole) suggests "to send or let down, to lower (kata, down, and stello, to send). "Shamefacedness" (aidos) is defined as, "a sense of shame, modesty." Last of all, "sobriety" (sophrosune) means "soundness of mind, sound judgment." The composite description of the dress is the dress is to be put in order, well-arranged, decent and modest, dress is to be let down (more later) there is to be a sense of shame to guide in our dress, and good, sound judgment to guide the choice of our dress.

Dress in general. Keep in mind that it appears that one reason God clothed Adam and Eve was to provide not only adequate clothing, but clothing that covered their bodies as opposed to the "aprons" they had made for themselves (Gen. 3: 7; 21, the "coats" or tunics God made evidently came down at least to their knees). Keep in mind also that God included Adam (some seem to think that proper dress only applies to the female). The specified attire for the priests was designed to cover their "nakedness" (Ex. 28: 42). Thus God specified clothing covered their "thighs" (the exposing of the thighs was called nakedness).

Dress or the lack thereof on the part of Bathsheba played a major role in the temptation and fall of David (2 Sam. 11: 2, 3). Jesus taught, "But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matt. 5: 28). Seductive and revealing dress can certainly be conducive to such "adultery in the heart" and those so clad will also be held responsible.

In general, clothing that is not gaudy, appropriate for the occasion, distinguishes the genders, does not take priority over the spiritual development, shows a sense of shame and good judgment, is well arranged, and comes to about the knee is the dress taught in the Bible.

In closing, clothes do not make the person, but they often reveal the person!

Tim Smith

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Say the right words, hide behind plastic smiles, 'play' church... or discover something more!
THE CHOICE IS OUR OWN! Mt. 10:29-31, 1 Cor 12:26

Our Record: March 26th, 2006

Bible Study	120
Sunday AM Worship	151
Sunday PM Worship	111
Contribution	\$3940
Wednesday Bible Study	119
Building Fund	\$25
Ukraine Building Fund	\$95
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission Efforts	\$40

Upcoming Birthdays



Evelyn Smith	4/3
J. Allen Overfield	4/4
Verna Miller	4/4
Walter "Dickie" Wheeler	4/5
Dianne Parson	4/11

Anniversary



Marvin & Patty Massey	4/3/73
Lorri Ann Gibbs & Edward Barnett	4/4/04
Dale & Carolyn Naugle	4/7/56

Communion Sign up

There is **no one** signed up to prepare the communion for services from the months of **May thru December**. If you are interested, please sign up today. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Prayer List

- ❖ **Marilyn Sweeton** had a pacemaker implanted on Thursday. She is making improvements.
- ❖ **Marjorie Vandivor's** biopsy results showed cancer, she will be seeking a second opinion.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** is recovering from fall last week. He has seen several doctors and will be undergoing some tests.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** will have another surgery on April 10th, to relieve pain on the nerve possibly caused by bone growth.
- ❖ **Sandra Powell** will have an Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy test on Tuesday.
- ❖ **Joanne Cope** is having back problems.
- ❖ **Frank Henry** continued health concerns.
- ❖ **Al Overfield** continued improvement.
- ❖ **Leon Tubbs** is recovering from prostate surgery.

Prayer List

- ❖ **Laura Ware** has recently been diagnosed with glaucoma.
- ❖ Several members have been under the weather with allergies and illness.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **John Anderson**, 97 yr. old uncle of Wayne Anderson, is back in nursing home recovering from a fall and broken hip. He is doing better.
- ❖ **Olive Anderson**, aunt of Wayne Anderson, is now at home recovering from heart bypass and doing better.
- ❖ **Margaret Mickholtzick**, Steven's mom (son-in-law of Olin & Brenda Shinholser), is recovering from an appendectomy.
- ❖ **Dorothy Maxwell**, mother of Brenda Shinholser, will be staying at the All Saints Nursing Home in Jacksonville.
- ❖ Son of Glen and Joanne Wooters is recovering from cancer surgery.
- ❖ **John Mathis**, fellow worker of Beth Horn, was in a motorcycle accident and is in Tampa Hospital.
- ❖ **Gary Taylor**, son of Kathryn Taylor and brother of Betty Abrams, is at home recovering from surgery.
- ❖ **Mae Dorst**, 96 year-old-mother of Patty Massey, continued health concerns.
- ❖ **Jim Casey**, friend of the Barber's, is at home now recovering from a heart transplant.
- ❖ **Debbie Vigar**, Marjorie Vandivor's sister is currently taking chemotherapy.
- ❖ **Dorothy McCracken**, health concerns with cancer in both lungs.
- ❖ **Pearl Mitchell**, Aunt of Teresa Naugle, has been recently diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ❖ **Shirley Waldrop** undergoing treatment for cancer in spinal cord.

MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaul and family and Javeed Ally** in Guyana. (Concern from criminal activity preceding this year's elections.)
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F.H. & Becky Gates** in Brazil.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE		REMINDER:																
THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY	<p>If for some reason you find that you cannot serve as scheduled in the monthly assignment schedule, please call Chris Fowler as soon as possible so that a substitute can be selected.</p> <p>Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts.</p> <p>Those who participate Sunday morning are asked to wear appropriate dress attire, preferably, though not required, a dress shirt and tie. At other services casual sport shirt and slacks are acceptable; no T-shirts or shorts should be worn while serving the congregation.</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation.</p>																
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Sunday Evening	Sunday Evening	<p>Harry Johnson 655-3386 (Evangelism/Membership Directory/Membership Fellowship)</p> <p>Dave Marcum..... 385-8899 (Treasurer/ Administration)</p> <p>Olin Shinholser 382-1060 (Worship Services/ Education)</p> <p>Paul Talbert 385-3756 (Building & Grounds/ Benevolence/ Membership Services)</p>																
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