

# **DRESSED IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Genesis 3:7-11, 21

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MAIN IDEA: we are guilty, shamed naked sinners but  
God forgives and dresses us in His righteousness

MAGIC: Any shame to honor magic

Cross iodine                      'ink' out of cup    Coloring bk colors

## **INTRODUCTION**

**SUPPOSE arrested for doing terrible crime**

**Know you are guilty and must pay**

**No excuse, no defense**

**Penalty – lose life - Eternity in hell**

**Stand before judge who must pass sentence**

**THAT'S HOW WE ARE BEFORE GOD**

Guilty of sin against holy God – He is holy and we are not!

Or perhaps you can better picture it this way

**SUPPOSE rejected by friends family, mock & hate you**

**Kicked out with nothing,**

**no clothing, shelter, food, money, nothing**

**Embarrassed, unworthy, no hope**

**Have to beg for money or food**

**Scraps of paper, trash to cover self**

**How would you feel?**

**THAT'S HOW WE ARE BEFORE GOD**

**We are shamed before God, have no honor**

**Kicked out of the family – Eden**

**Poor and penniless beggars**

**TRANSITION**

The Bible says we that's how we stand before God

Nothing to cover our sin and shame

Guilty, deserving eternity in hell

## **I. SPIRITUAL NAKEDNESS**

### **A. OUR NEED**

***STORY OF ADAM & EVE IN EDEN – SIN!!***

**Genesis 3:7-8** *Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. 8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*

**NAKED** PHYSICALLY embarrassed, before sin no guilt  
SPIRITUALLY **shame, honor gone**, guilt

**COVERINGS FOR THEMSELVES** can cover own **shame**  
Stand before God with **no honor**, excuse

**HID FROM THE LORD** – avoid, run from God & guilt  
Make excuses  
Turn to false Gods where sin not an issue  
Can't hide from God!

**Gen 3:10-11** *He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"*

**AFRAID shame** brings fear  
**We all deal with fear, it comes from sin**

**"WHO TOLD YOU?"** guilty conscience  
Know inside we can't stand before God  
Could no longer be in God's presence with sin  
Had to leave Eden, daily contact with God

Guilt of sin **PASSED ON** to everyone born **Job 1:21** *"Naked I came from my mother's womb, & naked I will depart."*

#### TRANSITION

Nothing we can do to impress God  
Nothing we can do to cover our own sin, **shame**

## **B. GOD'S PROVISION**

### **ONLY GOD CAN TAKE AWAY OUR SHAME**

**Genesis 3:21** *The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.*

Only God can cover us, make us presentable  
Remove shame and guilt  
Give back honor  
Make it so we can stand before Him

**Of skin-** innocent blood had to be shed to cover sin!

### **PLAN OF SALVATION explain clearly**

#### TRANSITION

God removes shame, gives us honor instead

God removes guilt, gives forgiveness instead

## **II. SPIRITUAL RIGHTEOUSNESS**

### **A. PROVIDED BY CHRIST**

#### **TOOK OUR SHAME ON THE CROSS**

Hung there naked, suffering for 6 hours

Rejected by family (“forsaken me”) friends, everyone

**HONOR** to have Him care about us to take our place

Honor to have Him take our shame

and give us His honor!!!

Sharing our shame was honorable for Him

Gave us that honor so we have honor as well

SALVATION = PROVIDED TO REMOVE OUR **SHAME**

*Isaiah 61:10 I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

**YOU: begging on street – no food, clothes, etc**

**Multimillionaire sees you, stops car, walks to you**

**Takes off clothing, takes your place**

**Wears your scraps**

**Sits and begs for you**

**Gives you his clothes to wear**

**Gives keys to office, wallet, paper giving you all**

**Another document stating you adopted into family**

**Accepted by family, loved**

PRODIGAL SON FATHER TOOK AWAY HIS **SHAME**

*Luke 15:22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.'*

#### **TRANSITION**

HE provided it all, its up to us to accept, let Him put it on us

### **B. ACCEPTED BY US**

WHEN GIVEN HONOR BY GOD CAN NEVER LOOSE IT – **can't be shamed again**

*Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,*

HAVE **HONOR** FOR ALL ETERNITY

Marriage supper of the lamb

given white garments, pure and holy

## **CONCLUSION**

**ME not know dress BEFORE YOU (embarrass, shame)  
BEFORE GOD no problem – His righteousness**

**FROM SHAME: naked, helpless, kicked out beggars  
TO HONOR: righteous garments as bride of Christ**

Challenge/application

Come to Him

Let HIM dress you in His robes of righteousness

For free

For all eternity!