What Are You Wearing?

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Text: Galatians 3:27

### Intro

1. We know how to adorn ourselves physically:
   1. Clothing – We have our casual and formal wear, favorites and “must wears.”
   2. Hair – We all have our own individual styles, likes and dislikes.
   3. Cosmetics – Many people use things to try and cover up and emphasize.
   4. Jewelry – Has always been a well-sought-after physical adornment.
   5. Fragrances – Some people spend lots of time on their perfume/cologne.

#### Do we know how to adorn our hearts (Our Inner Self)?

1. Pure character springs from fear of God – Eccl. 12:13-14
2. Manner of life “adorns” (“to put on” or “to wear”) the “doctrine of God” – Titus 2:10
3. Manner of life “worthy of the gospel of Christ” – Phil. 1:27
4. The idea of “putting on” appears throughout the Scriptures, and there are things we are told to “put on.”
   1. The phrase “to put on” has the meaning of adorning (dressing) the heart of man.
5. The Scriptures tell us there are things to put on…***What are you wearing?***

#### Christ

1. Gal. 3:27
   1. Those who were baptized have “clothed” themselves with Christ.
   2. NKJV: Those who “were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”
   3. Putting “on Christ” means to be “in Christ.”
2. Benefits of being “in Christ”
   1. Eph. 1:3: All “spiritual blessings” are found “in Christ.”
   2. II Cor. 5:17: One is a “new creature” “in Christ.”
   3. Redemption (Rom. 3:24), sanctification (I Cor. 1:2), nearness to God (Eph. 2:13), reconciliation (Eph. 2:16), and eternal life (I Jn. 5:11) belong to those “in Christ.”
3. Have you put on Christ?

#### The New Self

1. Saints are to “lay aside” (“put off”) the old self (old way of life) and “put on the new self” (new way of life “in Christ” – Eph. 4:22-24; II Cor. 5:17).
2. Baptism “into Christ” is also baptism into His death
   1. Rom. 6:3-4
   2. All have sinned *(Rom. 3:23)* so the one who would be found “in Christ” needs to put away the old self and put on the new creature.
   3. As a new creature one begins walking “in newness of life.”
3. Putting “on the new self” requires change (repentance).
   1. The old way of life is the “former” manner of life *(Eph. 2:1-3)* – must repent and “walk in a manner worthy” of the gospel *(Eph. 4:1; Col. 1:10).*
4. Have you put on the new self?

#### The Full Armor of God

1. Eph. 6:11
   1. “Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.”
2. Clothing one’s self “in Christ” includes putting “on the full armor of God.”
3. This armor does not protect against “flesh and blood” but against “the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Eph. 6:12).
4. The spiritual armor and weapons *(Eph. 6:14-18)* are meant for both protection and offense against “the schemes of the devil” *(Eph. 6:11).*
5. Putting on the whole armor of God is for the saint “to stand firm” no matter what the trial or obstacle to overcome may be (Eph. 6:13).
6. Have you put on the whole armor of God?

#### Love

1. Col. 3:14
   1. “Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.”
2. Love is an important piece of the “clothing” one puts on when they “put on Christ.”
3. Jn. 13:35: Jesus said by our love for one another the world will know we are His.
4. I Pet. 2:17: Peter said saints ought to “love the brotherhood.”
   1. Love seeks after the best interest of another *(I Jn. 3:16-18; Js. 2:15-17).*
   2. Love is not selfish or jealous – *I Cor. 13:4-7*
5. I Jn. 5:2-3: We show our love for the brethren by loving God, and we show we love God by obeying (keeping) His commandments.
6. We are not to love the world or the things in the world – I Jn. 2:15-17
7. Have you put on love?

#### Immortality

1. I Cor. 15:54
   1. Our souls will live on in eternity; we just need to make sure it is with God!
   2. Eternal life is defined as “eternal punishment” and “eternal life” *(Mt. 25:46).*
2. Saints ought to seek after that day we put aside our mortality and put on immortality!
   1. Rom. 2:5-10: Those who seek for immortality will be honored with eternal life, but those who do not obey the truth will suffer for eternity.
   2. I Jn. 5:11: “Eternal life” is promised by God (I Jn. 2:25) and is “in His Son.”
3. Those “in Christ” will be those to “put on immortality.”
4. Will you be able to put on immortality in Christ or suffer eternity away from Christ?

## Conclusion

1. Baptism begins the process of “putting on” these certain things “in Christ!” (Gal. 3:27)
2. Through baptism one calls on the name of the Lord and:
   1. Puts on Christ (Sins are washed away – Acts 22:16)
   2. Puts on the new self (former way of life is put to death)
   3. Puts on the full armor of God (needed to stand firm)
   4. Puts on love (for each other and for God)
   5. Puts on immortality (acquiring the promise of eternal life!)
3. We should all long for the day when the promise shall be fulfilled that says, “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away" *(Rev. 21:4).*
4. Everyday we are to adorn our hearts with the character of Christ to prepare for eternity!
5. ***What are you wearing?***
6. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Repent and be baptized! “Put on” Christ!
7. If a Christian, have you been living as you should? “Put on” the armor of God!
8. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!