
Christ's Garment v.s. a Foreign Garment

Which Are You Wearing?

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Physical clothing came to be important when Adam and Eve sinned. In the garden and Eden; after Adam and Eve's eyes were opened to their nakedness, they covered themselves with fig leaves. This event in history is important since it teaches a spiritual lesson. Spiritually covering oneself with whatever we choose to wear (aside from what YHWH chooses for us) isn't good. As the forerunner of the proper attire, the book of Genesis informs us that YHWH sacrificed the first animal and covered Adam and Eve with animal skins. (Ref: Gen 3:7,21) This first sacrifice and animal skin covering foreshadowed Christ's sacrifice and blood covering. We need to accept His blood covering and dispose of the fig leaves so-to-speak.

There is truly a righteous garment v.s. an unrighteous garment. In Matthew 22:11, Christ spoke a parable. Paraphrased: the King (being Christ/Messiah) came in to see the guests; although, one individual was not wearing a wedding garment. As this parable demonstrates, the NT believers are required to wear a designated garment. Zephaniah 1:8 expressly says; during YHWH's wrath upon this earth, He will punish everyone who is wearing a **foreign garment**. Again, there is a righteous garment verses an unrighteous one.

Isaiah 30:1 defines what the righteous garment actually is. Isaiah 30:1 informs us that the rebellious Israelites took a covering, but not the covering of YHWH's Spirit. Henceforth, the righteous garment covering is the Holy Spirit.

PHYSICAL CLOTHING REPRESENTS THE NATURE AND HEART OF THE WEARER

When we purchase clothing, each of us chooses clothing that we personally like: colors, patterns, styles. It reflects our personality, and the clothing can even reflect our moral beliefs. For an example representing moral beliefs: some women choose to wear skimpy clothing that is too revealing. This reflects their moral code or the lack of. Moral beliefs can be reflected in other clothing types and styles also: in vogue sun glasses with corresponding clothing that illustrates haughtiness and the pride of life. And of course, the way in which someone walks and acts will support their choice of covering.

Most religious leaders wear uniform garments. For example: the Catholic Church priests are required to wear designated garments as like many other types of religious leaders do likewise. These garments are actually a reflection of their deities and/or beliefs. The color and style hasn't changed much since ancient times. The ancient pagan sun/moon/star-god Jewish priests wore black robes. (Ref: 2-Kings 23:5, Ez 8:13-17) The Hebrew word that reveals "black-ropes" in 2-Kings 23:5 is "chemarim", Strong's Concordance #3649. Some bible versions translate this word as "idolatrous." *However; according to Gesenius's Lexicon, the etymology of this word is blackness and mourning. As concrete, one who goes about in black attire.* Therefore, these idolatrous said priests in 2-Kings 23:5 wore black.



Image: old synagog mural.



Contrast the pagan priests' BLACK attire with the WHITE righteous attire demonstrated in scripture. In Matthew 17:2, when Christ transformed in front of his disciples, His raiment was white as the light. The Ancient of Days garment is white as snow in Daniel 7:9. The Levites in 2-Chron 5:12 were required to wear white linen garments. In Revelation 15:6, the seven angels coming out of the temple in heaven holding the seven plagues are clothed in pure white linen. In Revelation 19:8, the bride comprised of the saints wear fine, clean, white linen. The angel that sat in Christ's sepulchre after Christ's resurrection - in Mark 16:5, was clothed in a long white garment. There are many more examples given in scripture than what is presented here demonstrating that the righteous wear white rather than black. White represents light and YHWH. Black represents darkness and Satan.

WHAT SPIRITUAL CLOTHING ARE YOU WEARING? AND, HOW DO WE PUT-ON THE RIGHTEOUS WHITE ROBE?

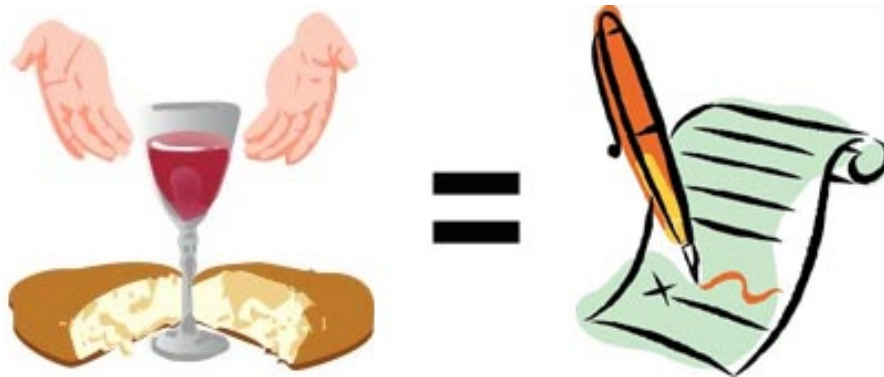
If you are a TRUE believer in the NT, then you'll have a desire to follow and practice the mandates within the NT which are rooted in the OT. I emphasized TRUE because to many people mouth it, but their actions show something different. James 1:21-25 admonishes everyone to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Christ will not give you the white righteous garment for only knowing the truth. You MUST be obedient to the Word.

In Acts 2:38, the apostle Peter said, REPENT and be BAPTIZED in order to receive the Holy Spirit. As a repeat, Isaiah 30:1 defined YHWH's Spirit as being the right garment attire. Therefore; in order to receive the white righteous garment, a person is required to follow the said two part mandate: 1) repent of your sins, and 2) be baptized. YHWH's Holy Spirit is given to those people who want to OBEY Him. (Ref: Acts 5:32). Separate from the Holy Spirit, a person cannot obey and please YHWH/Christ. The carnal mind (left to itself) is enmity against our Creator since it is not subject to the laws of YHWH. (Ref: Romans 8:7). The Holy Spirit is a Spirit of power to overcome, a Spirit of love and sound mind. (Ref: 2-Tim 1:7).

HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT EQUATE TO CHRIST'S BLOOD COVERING?

Firstly, Romans 8:9-11 says that if we no longer possess a carnal mind (inferring we have been baptized), then Christ/Messiah - Himself dwells within us. Consequently, Christ's covering is more literal than what you might have previous thought.

Secondly; in John 6:53, Christ said that if we don't drink His blood and eat His flesh, we do NOT have any life within us. What exactly does this mean? Christ provided the answer during the last night He spent with His disciples when He introduced the NT covenant (contract) symbols. (Ref: Matt 26:26-28, Mark 14:24, Heb 12:24) Christ said the bread represents His Body. We are to eat of it. Christ said the cup (of wine) represented His blood. We are to drink of it. And, this same cup IS Christ's covenant/contract. [*Please know that the word "covenant" is just an old English word that means "contract" in our modern language.*] These two symbols - when we partake of them, is like signing your name on a paper contract today. Christ/Messiah expressly stated that the cup (of wine) represented His blood ***and the contract!*** Consequently, when someone drinks from the cup during the first month of the year, on the 14th day of the month, they are agreeing to the terms of HIS



contract. What if you're not baptized and you partake of the cup? As I've already demonstrated from scripture, without the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the carnal mind is against YHWH's/Christ's commandments. (Again, Ref: Romans 8:7) Consequently, observing and obeying the commandments is impossible without the Holy Spirit. Therefore, if one drinks of the cup - *signs their name on the contract*, and does not have the means to fulfill the contract terms, you/they are in serious trouble. In 1-Corinthians 11:27, the apostle Paul warned people against partaking of the contract symbols unworthily. He expressly stated that if a person partakes of the contract symbols unworthily, then they are guilty of the blood and body of Christ/Messiah. In other words, its the same type of scenario as like those people who stood in-front of Pilate and yelled, "CRUCIFY! CRUCIFY!" This is serious, don't take it lightly. (Additional Ref: 1-John 1:5-7)

Whether you are baptized or not, but you know you are sinning (i.e., you are in a sexual relationship with someone who you are not married to) and partake of the cup, the death of Christ is held against you. You have not been washed clean.

Redemption is only through Christ/Messiah. (Ref: Col 1:14, Eph 1:7, Heb 9:14). Redemption was never meant through animal sacrifices. Although, the OT covenant through Moses was instituted by the blood of bovine and goats (Ref: Heb 9:19, 10:4), it could not take away sins. For this reason, we MUST partake of the NT and not revert to the OT. We NEED to put-on (wear) Christ, not animal skins. (Ref: Rom 13:12-14).

SUMMARY

Due to the sin of Adam and Eve, mankind is required to wear clothing. Besides physical nakedness, one can also be Spiritually naked. In the case of Adam and Eve, they became Spiritually naked once they sinned. Due to this event, YHWH sacrificed the first animal and gave them animal skins to wear. Their fig leaves were replaced. Although, both of the physical coverings (the fig-leaves and animal skins) represent Spiritual realities.

The blood skin coverings of animals represented and foreshadowed Christ's own sacrifice and blood covering in the first century. Christ's blood covering replaced the animal blood covering since animals have no power to expunge our sins and keep us from sinning. The Spirit of animals do not and cannot live within a person. (Ref: Ecclesiastes 3:21)

The book of Isaiah informs us that the Spiritual covering garment YHWH wants all of us to have and wear is HIS Spirit. Today, we know it to be the Spirit of Truth - the Holy Spirit. (Ref: John 16:13) When someone *truly* wants to follow Christ, *truly* repents, and is baptized, YHWH gives him/her HIS Spirit. This said Spirit is Christ who then lives within the person. (Again, Ref: Romans 8:8-14) Christ is composed of Spirit and He is the way, the TRUTH, and the life. (Ref: John 14:6) The saints become part of His body upon the indwelling of His Spirit. (Ref: 1-Cor 12:11-12) In this way, we are clothed with Christ.

Baptism is not a stand-alone event. It is coupled with the partaking of the bread and the wine the night Christ was betrayed. (Ref: 1-Cor 11:23) Both rituals are required. These two said rituals can be likened to the entry door into the House of Yah - the Kingdom of Life. Firstly, a person is unable to receive the free gift covering - the Holy Spirit, without agreeing to sign the contract. Secondly, the opposite is also true. One should not partake of the contract symbols (sign the contract) without receiving the ability to fulfill the contract terms. The ability to fulfill the contract terms is only through and by the Holy Spirit, because the carnal mind by itself is against the laws of God. Baptism and the bread/wine rituals are coupled together. By partaking of both, Christ's Spiritual blood - the true life, runs through our veins. Again; Christ expressly states, no one has life within themselves if they don't drink His blood and eat His flesh. (Ref: John 6:53-63)

Our Spiritual condition is reflected in the physical form. We all wear physical clothing that reflects our personalities. Although, the reflection can be and is deeper in many cases. Outward clothing also reflects what is within our hearts and which spirit is running through our veins. Is it life or death? The ancient Israelites rejected YHWH - the Life, so He rejected them as being His priests (Ref: Hos 4:6). The rejected priestly leaders wore black and remain wearing black. Black represents death, darkness, mourning (Ez 8:13-15), and can also represent idolatry as in the case of 2-Kings 23:5. Black robes -when worn for religious purposes or leadership positions, always represent idolatry. Anyone caught wearing this type of clothing at the end time (whether physically or Spiritually) will be punished severely during YHWH's wrath. The Father in heaven, Christ, the heavenly host, and the saints all wear WHITE. White represents purity, cleanliness, righteousness, light, and life.

The goal is to toss aside personally sown fig leaves, reject the black-robed religious *leadership*, and put-on Christ. Let HIM be your clothing.