

Clothing — Continued

The First Clothes. After sinning, Adam and Eve attempted to cover their nakedness with loincloths (Genesis 3.7). But Adam said he was still naked (v10). So “the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments” (v21). The word “garment” means clothing that covered from neck to below the knee.

The Priestly Garments. When God designed the priests’ clothes (Exodus 28.3–4), part of the clothing included a “coat” (same as “garment” in Genesis 3.21) that covered from neck to below the knee. In verse 42, God said the garment must cover the thighs “to cover their naked flesh” (cf. Exodus 20.26).

When God Wore Clothes. John 19.23 tells us that Jesus wore a tunic while he lived among us. A tunic (or chiton) was a long garment that covered a person from neck to ankle.

The Saints’ White Robes. John describes the “white robes” of the saints in Revelation 6.11; 7.9, 13–14. The word “robe” means a garment that covered from neck to ankle.

Every “line of clothing” from God covered from neck to at least below the knee. The Lord says, “I counsel you to buy from me ... garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen” (Revelation 3.18).

- John Gentry -

News & Notes

Please mark your calendar with the following important dates...

April 5-8: Gospel meeting with John Gentry

June 4-8: VBS

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Guest Article: How Much Do You Love?

I may love my hunting dog, but I don't love her near as much as I love my wife! Because I love my wife more than my dog, there are things I will do for my wife that I will not do for my dog. How much do you love the following?

How much do you love your neighbor? Do you love him/her enough to teach him/her the gospel? Paul makes it clear that a person can never be saved if they do not hear the gospel: "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" (Romans 10.13–14). You may be the only hope your neighbor has of every being exposed to the gospel! Do you love your neighbor enough to teach him the gospel?

How much do you love the word of God? Do you love it enough to hate every false way? Some in our society want us to believe that if we are full of love then we will never hate anything. However, God's word teaches that if we truly love God and His Word then we will hate evil and every false way (Psalm 97.10; 119.104, 113, 163).

Paul said we are to "abhor what is evil" (Romans 12.9). The Lord said He hated "the deeds of the Nicolai-

tans" (Revelation 2.6, 15). Do you love the Word of God enough to hate every false way?

David declared, "Oh how I love your law!" (Psalm 119.97). Do you love God's word enough to make a regular part of your daily life? Spiritual life is certainly more important than physical life. We need to ingest the word of God more than physical food (Deuteronomy 8.3 / Matthew 4.4; Job 23.12; Psalm 119.103; 1 Peter 2.2). God's word should guide our lives every day (Psalms 119.105; Proverbs 6.23). We should meditate on God's law throughout the day every day (Psalms 1.1–2; 119.97, 99). Meditation is "giving considerable thought about a person or subject, with a focus of responding properly to the information" (Swanson).

How much do you love your brother or sister in Christ? Do you love him or her enough to forgive him or her? Paul said we are to "put on love" and when we have "a complaint against another" brother or sister we need to "forgive each other" (Colossians 3.12–14). When defining what it means to love our brother or sister in Christ, Paul said that love "keeps no record of wrongs" (1 Corinthians 13.5). Do you love your brother in Christ enough to forgive him? Excellent passages emphasizing loving our brothers and sisters include 1 Corinthians 12.12–26; 13.1–8; Galatians 5; Ephesians 4.1–16; Philippians 2.1–8; Colossians 3.5–17.

How much do you love Jesus? Do you love him enough to keep his commandments?

Many scoff and scorn at the idea of keeping commandments in connection with loving Jesus. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14.15). Jesus also said, "Not every-one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7.21–28). The speaker of Hebrews said Jesus is the author and source of "eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5.8). To be saved we must "obey the gospel" (Romans 10.16). When asked what they must do to be saved, Peter answered those on Pentecost, "Repent and be baptized every one of you into the name of Jesus Christ in order that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2.38). Do you love Jesus enough to keep His commandments?

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Designer Clothing

In the beginning man was naked and without shame (Genesis 2.25). After Adam and Eve sinned their nakedness was equated with shame (Genesis 3.7–10). Many have lost this sense of shame. In the spring, men and women alike, take off their clothes and publicly walk around naked. The solution is to let God design our clothes. There are at least four occasions in the Bible where God is involved in the "design" of clothing. - *continued*