

Please Remember To Pray For The Sick!

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The Clothing of the Godly

People are often identified by the clothes they wear. In the Bible clothing identified people as being widows, harlots, kings, rich men, men, women and wedding guests. Today, just by looking at a person's attire, we can identify doctors, nurses, policemen, firemen, soldiers, football players, ballet dancers, and homeless people. In 1 Timothy 2:9-10, the apostle Paul instructs women to dress in a way which "befits women making a claim to godliness" (NASB). Certainly it would not be fitting or proper for a soldier to dress in the attire of a bum or for a policeman to dress as a doctor. Likewise, it is improper for the godly to dress in clothing which is characteristic of the ungodly.

When Paul instructs us to wear "modest apparel" (1 Timothy 2:9), he is in effect commanding us to dress in a way which is proper for godly individuals. Webster's 7th New Collegiate Dictionary defines the word "modest" as "observing the proprieties of dress." It defines "propriety" as "the quality or state of being proper." But what is proper for those who are godly? The inspired apostle himself gives us the answer. "Modest apparel" for the person who is godly is apparel that can be worn "with shamefacedness and sobriety" (1 Timothy 2:9).

The phrase "with shamefacedness" refers to the fact that a sense of shame is to be demonstrated by our attire. A godly man or woman will dress in a way which shows an appreciation for the fact that God considers nakedness to be shameful (cf. Revelation 3:18). Realizing that God still considered Adam and Eve to be naked even after they had partially clothed themselves with aprons made of fig leaves (Genesis 3:7-10, 21), the godly are not satisfied with being partially clothed. But rather, godly men and women dress in clothes which are designed to cover, not reveal. Now ask yourself, "Are shorts, short skirts, halter tops, sun dresses and bathing suits designed to cover or reveal?" Surely a person cannot wear such clothing in public "with shamefacedness."

What about the word "sobriety" as it occurs in 1 Timothy 2:9? Both W.E. Vine in his Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, and R.C. Trench in his book Synonyms of the New Testament, agree that "sobriety" refers to "that habitual inner self government with its constant rein on all the passions and desires which would hinder the temptation to these from arising." So, godly people dress in a way which hinders temptation. If you profess to be godly, ask yourself, "Are my clothes designed to incite lust or hinder it?" "Do they cause others to stumble, or do they prevent such stumbling?" Often people attempt to justify their clothing by making a claim like the following: "My clothes wouldn't MAKE anyone lust!" But the question is, "Do your clothes HINDER anyone from lusting?"

Those who are interested in conforming to the will of God will be concerned about whether or not they dress in a way that is proper for godly people to dress. Do your clothes identify you as being godly? "Godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:8b). - by Steve Klein

Gods Plan Of Salvation

Hear, Romans 10:17, Believe, John-8:24, Repent, Luke 13:3, Confess, Romans-10:9-10, Baptism, Acts 2:38, Remain Faithful, Revelation 2:10

9/14/25

Gospel Meeting
Speaker: Ron Halbrook
Sept 22nd-28th
7:00 PM Nightly
Regular meeting times on Sunday

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Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:00 PM
Everyone is Welcome To Attend!



PICTURES WITH PURPOSE

By: Allen Shepherd

THE STORY: This is an old piston and liner from a diesel engine out of a 350C John Deere bulldozer. What I like about these little engines is that you can take one completely worn out and drop a set of liners and pistons in it and you have a new engine again. That's right, there's no boring, no honing, and no pistons 20, 30, or even 40 thousands oversize, it's a brand new engine with everything back to standard size. When it's all done and you hear it fire up, it's a wonderful feeling knowing you can start new again. So where are we going with this ...

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: Well ... I guess if you think about it, we might have a lot in common with this little engine. When we started out we were hitting on all cylinders, but over time we skipped an oil change or two, let our air filter get plugged up allowing dust to pass through, ran low of water and overheated resulting in cylinder ware and galling. Over time the abuse and neglect catches up to us and we don't run right anymore and find ourselves in need of a mechanic. That's what SIN does, it makes a mess out of our lives and we need help ...

THE SCRIPTURES:

Isaiah 40:31 ... "But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

Romans 6:1-4 ... "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

II Corinthians 5:17 ... "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

THE POINT: Jesus is the answer, get yourself an overhaul, obey the gospel, and live a NEW again.