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The Clothing of Jesus

Clothe Yourself

Romans 13:14 (NIV)

14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

The most expensive clothes are identified by their brand names, such as Gucci, Vuitton, Chanel, Brioni, Armani, Versace, Prada, Dior, etc. There is a type of clothing that dwarfs all these in the sight of God: the clothing of Jesus. Paul called on his hearers to "Clothe yourself with Christ" - an invitation to live a life that reflects Jesus' character and teachings about the Kingdom of God, and to radiate Jesus' love to the world. We are transformed and called to conform to the image of Christ. Clothes are a way to show identity, for example a school or career uniform. You cannot wear a chef's uniform to a surgical theater, nor can you wear a swimsuit to a business conference. The clothes you wear at various times are appropriate for your comportment in various contexts. The clothing of Jesus must be worn at all times.

Your Clothing

Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

"Clothe yourself" is about believers choosing how to present themselves to the world, not just physically, but also in attitude and actions. It is not a one-time event but a daily process of deciding what kind of attitude and actions to wear. 'Clothe yourselves with Christ' means to clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, binding all these virtues with love. As believers we are to demonstrate these things wherever we are and let them abound in us, for God's glory. When you clothe yourself with Christ, you walk, talk, see, and think like Christ.

Take Away

'Clothe yourselves with Christ' means clothing yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and binding all these virtues with love. As believers, we are to demonstrate these things and let them abound in us, for God's glory. When you clothe yourself with Christ, you walk, talk, see, and think like Christ. May we clothe ourselves with Christ daily. Amen.