

HAVE YOU GOT THE LOOK?

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Clothing fashions and trends are forever changing, with many feeling a great need to conform to the current, accepted style. Clothes can make a fashion statement, often needing to be updated, well before they wear out. For some, fashion and brand is more important than function, often being slaves to the designers and marketers. However, clothes still need to protect us, keep us insulated and also provide a modesty barrier. Another overlooked factor about our humanity is that we are spiritual beings as well as physical ones. Likewise, our spirit and personality also need to be 'clothed' in a safe and suitable way. God's Holy Spirit provides exactly the same function, but on a Spiritually permanent basis. Effective Christianity protects us from the effects of sin and death: the elements that are always present... thus the need for spiritual clothing.

*Just as many are slaves to fashion, so are many slaves to this world. God first clothed Adam and Eve after they faltered... **GEN 3:21** And the Lord God made for Adam and his wife garments of skins, and clothed them. God has always been interested in doing the right thing by his creation. God changed the fashion from fig leaves (their efforts) to something more suitable for the greater needs of their new lives... their spiritual covenant was changing because of their sin and rebellion.*

*While covenants have come and gone, Jesus now offers a spiritual covering. **LUK 24:49** And I send the promise of my Father upon you: but stay you in the city till you be **endued (clothed)** with power from on high. Once the Holy Spirit enters our bodies, we have the latest, Spiritual status.*

***Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit... it needs to be Spiritually clothed. 1COR 6:19** Or know you not that your members are **the temple of the Holy Ghost**, who is in you, whom you have from God: and you are not your own? This means that we have to make changes to the way we look at our lives, especially, the new Spiritual powers that now is able to cover our sin and guilt, as well as our failings and weaknesses.*

***Spiritual clothing needs spiritual maintenance and cleaning. REV 3:18** I counsel thee to buy of me gold, fire tried, that thou mayest be made rich and mayest be clothed in white garments: and that the **shame of thy nakedness** (a soul exposed to the elements of sin and death) may not appear. And anoint thy eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. Good clothes that fit properly add to the appearance of the individual. Many cannot, or purposely refuse to see the garments of salvation. God offers to open their eyes.*

*The bible reminds us that there is going to be another major 'clothing' trend when Jesus returns... we need to be ready. **LUK 21:28** And when these things **begin to come to pass**, then **look up**, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.... Verses 20 to 27 cover specific historic, natural and social failures.*

*This will be the last change overcomers ever need to make. **1COR 15:51** Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, **52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal **must put on** (be clothed in) immortality. **54** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*Once clothed ourselves, we are required to clothe others who have no protection from this world. **JOH 4:34** Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. **35** Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, **Lift up your eyes** (have you got the look?), and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. **36** And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. **37** And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. **38** I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.*

This world continues to rush from one fashion to another, from one failing to another... always repeating the same mistakes of those who have already come and gone. We have a different life and a far superior understanding of how to live our lives well. God is with us... we are the latest version of living souls that are on the planet. Just as God made skins for Adam and Eve, Jesus Christ has made a new Spiritual covering for the human race.

Sin and Death are covered, but the choice is always yours to make and yours to promote.