

“WORD OF LIFE”

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41. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (21) –

In the Fulfillment of the Types and Figures of the Old Testament

O 4. The Sacrifice Affording the **Coats of Skins** for Adam and Eve

Hymns: #474 / #1126 / #20

✚ “...the **words** which I have spoken to you are **spirit** and are **life**.” (John 6:63b)

[Type/Figure]

Gen. 3:21 - And Jehovah God made **coats of skin** for Adam and for his wife and **clothed** them.

[Fulfillment]

Gal. 3:27 - For as many of you as were **baptized** into Christ have **put on** Christ..

✚ “...to come to the **full knowledge of the truth**....” (1Tim.2:4b)

❖ Christ is the sacrifice affording the **coats of skins** for Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:21).

- The **coats of skin** are an anticipation of the **redemption** that was to be accomplished.
 - Adam and Eve, needed **redemption**, they tried to cover themselves with fig leaves (Gen. 3:7).
 - Then God made **coats of skins** and **clothed** them, **implies** that there’s some kind of **sacrifice**.
 - To clothe them **means** that He **justified** them.
 - To be justified **means** to be **covered** with the righteousness of God, which is Christ Himself
 - That **sacrifice** was a **type** of **Christ as our righteousness** (1 Cor. 1:30) to cover us with Himself.
- Christ as God’s righteousness (Phil. 3:9) to **cover us**.
 - The **sacrifice** that produced the **coats of skins** was **slain** as our **substitute**.
 - The **putting on** of the **coats of skins** was **based** on the **shedding of the blood** of the sacrifice.
 - God covered us with a **coat of lamb’s skins**, and we became **one** with the **lamb**.
 - We became **one** with the **substitute**; this is a matter of **union**.
 - **Union** brings about the effectiveness of substitution, for without union substitution stands alone.
 - We become one with Christ **through** believing in Him, **whatever** He **accomplished** on the **cross** becomes ours.
- “As many as were **baptized** into Christ have **put on Christ**.” (Galatians 3:27)
 - The **first** step is by believing in Christ, we **enter** into Him which is **inward** and subjective.
 - The **second** step is to be **baptized** into Him, an act which is **outward** and objective.
 - In this way there takes place in **full** an **organic union**; in this union we are truly **clothed** with Christ.
 - To **put on** Christ by **being** baptized into Christ is to **clothe** ourselves with Christ,
 - This **means** that the we have become **one with** Christ; **one spirit with Him**.
 - We need to **believe** into Christ and to be **baptized** into Him.

✚ “...Pursue **love**, and desire earnestly **spiritual gifts**, but especially that you may **prophecy**.” (1Cor. 14:1)

✚ God made **coats of skins** for Adam and Eve and **clothe** them that they may be **justified**. To be **justified** is to be covered with the righteousness of God, which is Christ Himself. Our **coats of skins** are Christ as God’s righteousness (Phil. 3:9) to **cover us**.

✚ Christ has done everything for us on the cross, **whatever** He **accomplished** on the cross becomes ours. We put on Christ to enter into an organic **union** with the Triune God. We need to **believe** into Christ and to be **baptized** into Him. In this union we are truly **clothed** with Christ.

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Hymn 474

1 I am one with Thee, **Lord Jesus**,
One in spirit now with Thee;
All Thyself I now possess, **Lord**,
All Thou art now lives in me.

Chorus:

One with Thee, **one with Thee**,
One with Thee, one with Thee;
Day by day I share Thy riches,
Thou art everything to me.

2 Now I share Thy **human life**,
Lord,
Filled with Thy humanity,
All of Thy complete obedience
Is available to me.

3 One with Thee in **crucifixion**,
On the cross I died in Thee;
I am dead unto the world, **Lord**,
And the world is dead to me.

4 One with Thee in **resurrection**,
Risen now to live in Thee,
With that life which is Thyself,
Lord,
Now in me, Lord, even me.

5 One with Thee
in Thine **ascension**,
In the heavens now with Thee;
Here a pilgrim and a stranger,
My true life is hid in Thee.

6 One with Thee
in Thine **enthronement**,
Sharing Thine authority,
Even as I share Thy life, **Lord**,
I in Thee and **Thou in me**.

Hymn 1126

1 O **Jesus Lord**, we come to Thee,
Thy presence to enjoy;
Our entrance now
with boldness is,
As we Thy **blood** employ.
Not by our merit do we stand,
Nor in our righteousness,
Thy **blood** and **righteousness**
we need;
Their worth we now confess.

2 Thy judgments, **Lord**,
we must admit,
Are holy, righteous, fair.
We own our sins as crimson are,
We've no excuse to bear.
We've no argument, no plea;
No veil our sin can hide.
But, praise Thee, **Lord**,
Thy precious **blood**
Is to our sin applied!

3 **God** has not overlooked our sin,
But judged it once for all;
His righteous fury, not on us,
But on His **Lamb** did fall.
A new and living way is made—
We stand on legal ground;
Our Surety and our **Substitute**
Has pardon for us found.

4 O **Jesus Lord**, we worship Thee,
Redemption now enjoy;
Thy precious **blood** again we see,
Its virtue now employ.
Dear **Lord**, Thy mercy is so vast,
Unlimited and free.
Oh, **Lamb of God**,
we'll sing Thy praise,
Through all eternity!

Hymn 20

1 **God** our **Father**, we adore Thee,
For the sake of **righteousness**;
Thou in **Christ** hast **justified** us,
Who our conscience can depress?
Thou art righteous,
and art faithful,
On Thy **righteousness** we stand;
No unrighteousness is in Thee,
None can turn
Thy righteous hand.

2 Thou hast laid our sins on **Jesus**,
By Thy justice He was **killed**;
All Thy holy law's requirements
For Thy justice He fulfilled.
Recompense from Him receiving,
Thou art fully satisfied;
How couldst Thou,
O God most righteous,
Claim it once more from our side?

3 **Father God**, Thou hast accepted
Jesus as our **Substitute**;
Judged the Just One for the unjust,
Couldst Thou change
Thy attitude?
As a proof of perfect justice,
At Thine own right hand He sits;
He, as Thy full satisfaction,
Righteously Thy need befits.

4 **Father**, through
the blood of **Jesus**
We possess Thy **righteousness**;
By Thy **righteousness** protected,
None can shake our steadfastness.
Righteousness of Thine
Thou mad'st us,
None can ever us condemn;
We'll forever testify this
In the **new Jerusalem**.