

# THE GET READY SERIES

HOW THE BELIEVER IS TO BE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS AND WHY GOD REQUIRES OF US TO BE READY AT ALL TIMES

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## THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **What Are You Wearing? – Get Ready!**

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## SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Last Days, Perseverance, Doctrine, Expectancy, Rapture, Prophecy.

## Introduction and overview to the series

**Church, Heaven, Eternity, Salvation, Faith, Works, Community.**

### **Matthew 22:1-13**

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: **2** “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, **3** and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. **4** Again, he sent out other servants, saying, “Tell those who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.’” **5** But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. **6** And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. **7** But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. **8** Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. **9** Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’” **10** So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. **11** **“But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12** So he said to him, “Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?” And he was speechless. **13** Then the king said to the servants, “Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

**If I were to add anything else to the gravity of what Jesus has said here, it would be what Jesus said in...**

### **Luke 12:40**

Therefore you also be ready,  
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

... and clearly, part of being ready is how you are dressed!

### **What we wear often influences how we act.**

The way that we walk and sit wearing a suit is very different and when we are wearing shorts and flip-flops.

### **There are certain things that you do and do not do based**

upon how you are dressed. For some reason we look more refined and educated and civil if we're wearing formal attire. If we are dressed down and looking casual we most often look a little bit unplugged.

### **Not to mention the fact that what we wear affects those**

that are around us as well. It determines how they think about us, how they view us and so our culture puts a great amount of effort into how it looks.

### **It is human nature, it's part of our nature... But do you have a New Nature?**

This Sunday we're going to be asking the question:  
"WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?" and it is set in the context of  
the Get Ready series.

I am going to be reminding the saints that we have been given every necessary piece of clothing and accessor to live the Christian life.

### **All of us are wearing something, on the outside and on the inside.**

Jesus warned that we had better have the right apparel on so we will be "dressed" to enter into his heaven.

## **What Are You Wearing?**

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#### **1.) Are you wearing the garment of resurrection?**

#### **Colossians 3:1**

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

### **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.

## **The introduction to the crown(s)**

In Scripture, there are Five **Crowns** that are mentioned, known also as the Five Heavenly **Crowns**. It is a doctrine that pertains to the five **crowns** that individuals can receive at the Judgment or BEMA seat of Christ where every True Believer must appear to give an account for their life lived.

There's a crown that matches your new **Garment of Resurrection** and it's **Crown #1** – called **The Crown of Life**

### **Revelation 2:10**

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you **the crown of life**.

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#### **2.) Are you wearing the garment of light?**

I find it interesting that the ancient Rabbis understood that from the Book of Genesis, Adam and Eve were physically naked - but not naked as we suppose. They believed that Adam and Eve were clothed in light.

### **Genesis 2:21-23,25**

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. :23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man. - :25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

### **Genesis 3:7**

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, (innocence lost) **and THEY KNEW that they were naked**; (there is no way for us to relate to this) and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

**Hebrew** meaning for “**sewed**” is to feverishly re-assemble, to try to **put back** together again. To go back. To get back, to undo what was done.  
**(Like toothpaste that’s gone out of the tube. Try as you can...)**

### **1 John 1:5-10**

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

### **Ephesians 5:8**

For you were once **darkness**, but now you are **light** in the Lord.  
Walk as children of light

And yes, there’s a crown that matches your new **Garment of Light** and it’s **Crown #2** – called **The Crown of Glory**

### **1 Peter 5:4**

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive **the crown of glory** that does not fade away.

( This is the crown promised to those who await His appearing )

**Every Christian that is walking in right-fellowship with God** is eager, excited and delighted about the surprise return of Jesus Christ.

### **1 John 3:2-3**

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. **3** And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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### 3.) Are you wearing the garment of holiness?

We need to be really careful about “how we hear” that word ‘holiness’. A wrong understanding of this word has plunged many people into a great darkness.

## It’s a “holiness because”

**Because it is given, not earned. It is imparted, not achieved.**

### Romans 13:12

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us **cast off** the works of darkness, {that’s us doing holiness} and let us **put on** the armor of light.

### Romans 13:13-14 NLT

Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. **Do not participate in the darkness** of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. **14** Instead, **clothe yourself** with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And do not let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

**“Your personal holiness is the practical conduct that flows from your positional righteousness which has been imparted by Christ.”**

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## Ever watch your little kids? - - 2,3,4,5,6 years of age

They spend allot time dressing up like mom and dad. Little boys grab dad’s work gloves while little girls go about wearing mom’s high heels **clickity-clack** down the hallway...

**“That’s your little boy. She’s your little girl”**

### In 2 Samuel 13,

There is the account of Tamar being a daughter of King David and that she wore a glorious tunic with full sleeves and many colors.

**( This set the king’s daughters apart from all others )**

What you put on says something about you.

## **But tragically, those in the parable couldn't care less.**

5 “But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.”

**If verse 5 wasn't sad enough, there is something even worse.**

## **The “friend” in the parable was even worse.**

11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12 So he said to him, “Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?” And he was speechless.

The garment (or formal, suit and tie – the “badge”) was intended to show that the wearer (“attendee”) was a real participant in the joy of the feast, and is in full agreement with the “hope, expectations, and union” of the host.

“While others cheerfully put on the wedding garments the traitor would not; he resolved to defy the rules of the host, and to insult the king by appearing in his own garments. He scorned to wear the livery of respectful joy, he preferred to make himself conspicuous by his daring disrespect. The man was there in body, but not in spirit.”

- C.H. Spurgeon

## **The unholy will always seek to hide among the holy.**

### **Jude 1:12**

These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves.

### **1 John 2:18-19**

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

### **Ephesians 4:22-24**

Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

### **Colossians 3:5-10 NLT**

So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. 6 Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. 7 You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. 8 But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. 9 Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. 10 **Put on your new nature, and be renewed** as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

There's a crown that matches your new **Garment of Holiness** and it's **Crown #3** – called **The Crown of Righteousness**

### **2 Timothy 4:6-8**

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and **the time of my departure is at hand**. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me **the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also **to all who have loved** His appearing.

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