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Sermon Series: Rags to Robes – I (Outline)

Cast Away the Old and Receive the New

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“Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.” Mk. 10:50

Introduction

We lost the glorious garment God had adorned us with, in the Garden of Eden, as the first man and woman rebelled against God and fell in sin! The perpetrator has always been the Satan from Eden to this day! Unfortunately, no human effort is sufficient neither to withstand the tempter nor to remedy the consequence!

A serious look at the consequence

Genesis 3:10 – Adam testifies to God what happened to him and his wife as a consequence of adhering to the counsel of Satan.

Luke 8: 27 – When the demons took hold of this man’s will and eventually the whole person, he lost his sanity, his garment, dignity, and everything he once had. Today, he is a threat to himself and the society.

Luke 10:30 – Once the traveler fell into the hands of the thief, he was robbed of everything he had, stripped off, beaten and left half dead.

The only solution

Genesis 3:21 – When Adam admitted what he did and confessed his nakedness, his shame, and fear, God himself makes him a garment, which removes his shame! His own effort of covering the shame, as we see in verse 7 did not work.

Luke 8:35 – After his encounter with the Lord Jesus, the man who once was naked, destructive and a threat becomes just the opposite – dressed, peaceful and in his right mind.

Luke 10: 34 – As the victim of the thief comes under the care of the ‘Good Samaritan’ he gets bandaged of his wounds, proper first-aid is applied instantly, and subsequently put under complete care – being restored of his health, dignity and functionality.

The appropriate response from the victim

In all three cases, the response that brought them resolve was admitting the problem; and confessing their own inability to restore themselves. The best response was noted in the story of the blind Bartimaeus in Mark 11:50, “Throwing his garment away, he jumped to his feet and ran to Jesus.” There is no better response than this. The result is total restoration!

Conclusion

It is too long you’ve been carrying this torn apart, filthy, raggedy garment of sin – whether it is life style, bad habits, destructive behavior – it must be thrown away! Many Christians do everything they can to justify, and cover up their problems and the shame they’re carrying! When you admit your condition and come before the Lord - when you throw away your old garment, that’s when you receive the new garment of restoration!
