

Sunday Service - PVIC – 10/02/2016

**Sermon Series: Rags to Robes – II (Outline)**

**The Value and the Cost of the New Garment**

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“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Cor. 5:21

**Introduction**

In the first part of this series, ‘Rags to Robes’ we discussed, how we lost our garment of innocence and dignity and how God himself restored it back to us. In the second part, this morning, we’ll be discussing the fact that the garment he restored us was not a cheap replacement. It was a costly garment! In order to bring us back to a relationship with him as his sons and daughters, God had to let His Beloved Son sacrificed!

**The Value of the New Garment**

Gen. 3:21- When the first offender, Adam and Eve admitted that they were naked, and their own effort to solve the problem was not sufficient, God did not leave them to perdition for their offense. He himself made garments of skin for them and clothed them.

I find the value of this garment so tremendous, because of two important reasons:

- 1) It was designed and made by God himself – not even his angels!
- 2) God not only made the garment, he ‘clothed them’ by himself – what a loving affectionate gesture!

**The Cost of the New Garment**

It was a costly garment – as costly as the life of his Beloved Son. In the garden, God had to kill an animal to take its skin to make the garment! What took place in the garden was only a foreshadow of the real sacrifice that was done on the Cross 3000 years later.

2 Cor. 5:21 - First, having been Jesus treated as a sinner and his garment of righteousness stripped off, allowed us to receive the garment of righteousness.

Gen. 2:17 – Second, while God is a loving and merciful God, nevertheless, he is a God of justice! It is his own law that man must die when he would commit sin. A death was inevitable for the sin they have committed.

Lev. 17:11 and Heb. 9:22 – It is also His law that there has to be a blood shed if redemption is to be attained.

Rom. 3:23-26 – However, since he is a merciful God, instead of allowing his most beloved creation - man to die, which is an eternal death, he substituted his own beloved Son!

**Conclusion**

Let it be a sober remembrance that the garment of righteousness that we are clothed with is a costly garment! While it is so hard to comprehend the true value and the real cost of this garment that has removed our shame, guilt and fear, and restored our dignity, and confidence as God’s children, let’s rejoice and be thankful by keeping precious.

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