

WHAT YOUR CLOTHES SAY

1 Timothy 2:9

INTRODUCTION

A. Definitions:

1. "Modest" - kosmos - "well-arranged, seemly, modest" - Thayer, p. 356.
The proper order extends not only to dress and demeanor but also to the inner life, which expresses itself in outward conversation - manner of life - "how one is turned."
2. "Apparel" - "a lowering, letting down; hence...a garment let down, dress attire."
Thayer, p. 337.

B. Clothing originated with God. GE 3:21, 7.

DISCUSSION

I. CLOTHES HAVE ALWAYS SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THE PERSON WEARING THEM.

GE 38:14-15; EX 28:2, 4.

- A. Suggest whether rich or poor. JA 2:2.
- B. Clothes can suggest sorrow. 2 SA 3:31.
- C. Can present false piety. MT 23:5.
- D. Those with whom identified. ZP 1:8.
- E. Clothing identifies male and female. DT 22:5.
- F. We read of the attire of a harlot. PR 7:10.
- G. Clothing can suggest lack of headship. 1 CO 11:3.
- H. Can reveal one as a prisoner. JE 52:33.
- I. Can suggest cared for. PR 31:21-22.
- J. Clothing can reveal activity. MT 22:11.
- K. Clothing can reveal pregnancy. HE 13:4.

II. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE REVEAL?

A. The Bible reveals not only decent dress, but dress that is appropriate for the occasion.

B. Note:

1. GE 3:21.
2. MT 22:11ff.

C. "My Appearance."

D. There is a continuing movement that seeks to promote and exalt casual attire. Casual attire is thought to suggest sincerity and lack of inhibition, spiritually speaking. The movement often attempts to do away with restraint, authority, and respect by profaning the assembly to worship occasion. The aim is to turn the assembly into simply a human event in which the participants are at ease and the paramount thing is to be comfortable. Fully viewed, the casual movement is transforming public worship to a matter of dignity in which Christians assemble to worship the all-powerful God to just a social circumstance.

CONCLUSION

- A. Our clothes say a lot about us!
- B. From the human standpoint let us as Christians dress modestly and appropriately.
- C. From the spiritual standpoint:
 1. Have you put on Christ? GA 3:27 ("to sink into (clothing), put on, clothe one's self." MK 16:16; Acts 17:30; RO 10:9-10; GA 3:27.
 2. Are you dressing your soul spiritually? 2 PE 1:5-11.
- D. Obey today!