

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Clothing the New Man

AM Sermon: Tom Betti

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Deb Betti, the Morigeau family, Josiah, Helen Spicer, Bill and Peggy.

Traveling/Working: Wyatt Couch, Tina Crawford, Steve and Abby

Radio Programs: Listen to "Searching the scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today's Scripture: " 2 Corinthians 5:4 (KJV 1900) "4 For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life."

Wisdom for Today: "Job 29:14 (KJV 1900) "14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me:My judgment was as a robe and a diadem."

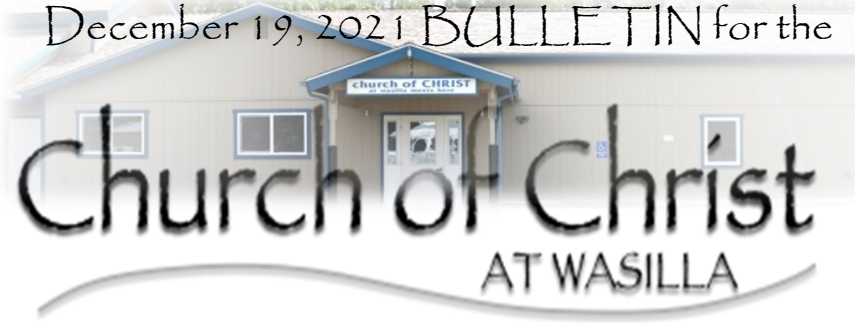
PM Sermon: Eddie Maxwell

Attendance Last Sunday - **XX/XX**

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God's Plan of Salvation

HearRomans 10:17
BelieveMark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Remain Faithful.....Matt 24:13; Rev 2:10; James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:
Bible Classes: 10AM
AM Worship: 11AM
PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:
Bible Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS
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“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us

. Clothing the New Man

By: Bill Beebe

We have all heard the statement “Clothes makes the man.” This proverb, or close variations to it can be traced back as far as Homer in 7 or 8 BC. Similar to this statement is the admonition “Don’t judge a book by its cover.’ We all have a tendency to judge a person by what or she is wearing. Just think about the last time you saw someone wearing dirty, baggy and ragged clothing. Were your thoughts along the lines; that must be a successful CEO of a major company, or why is that beggar near our house.

The Bible commands the Christian to be appropriately clothed, both physically and spiritually. We all recognize the pitfalls of being immodestly underdressed in that it can cause unhealthy thoughts by those around them. But what we do not often understand that we can also be underdressed spiritually as well. Both Paul and Peter deal with clothing the Christian. But it is Paul that tells us more about being properly clothed as Christians in **Ephesians 6:13–17 (KJV 1900)**. In that passage, Paul tells us how to be prepared for the battles that we all will certainly face. He uses the metaphor of a warrior to let us know how we need to be dressed in order to stand a chance of resisting the devil. Paul describes this dress from the helmet on our heads to the shoes on our feet and the weapons we carry.

But today I want to discuss what Peter tells us about being clothed as a Christian. In **1 Peter 5:5–6 (KJV 1900)** Peter tells us that we must be clothed in humility, *“⁵ Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:”*. Lacking humility causes us to be spiritually underdressed, often resulting in pride. But that is not all Peter has to tell is here, part of humility is subjecting ourselves to others. The younger Christian are commanded to be in subjection to the elder Christians, and

go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

we all are commanded to subject ourselves to each other. So how do we do this? First the younger Christians must listen and learn from the older Christians and subject themselves to their wisdom. This is true even if we disagree with them, unless (of course) they begin leading us down an unscriptural path. Next we are all commanded to be in subjection to each other. This is more difficult to understand. The best example of this is found in John 13:3–5 (KJV 1900) where John writes: *“³ Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; ⁴ He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. ⁵ After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.”* Notice in verse 3 John tells us that Jesus knew that God the Father had given “all things into his hands” yet he took off his clothes, bound a towel around his waist and knelt down before each of his disciples and washed their feet. Now, this is the very definition of humility. Jesus has all power, he has all things, yet he humbled himself to the point of washing their dirty feet!

The point is that when I am clothed in humility, I am not going to lord myself above other Christians, but that I will humble myself so that they are served in the way that they need serving. And finally back to Paul in **Galatians 5:13 (KJV 1900)** *“¹³ For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.”* It is through love that we serve one another. But we have to first put on humility and humble ourselves. Then in love we can truly serve one another.

Schedule of Events

Brother George Jensen will be here January 14-17, 2022 to meet with us about the possibility of working here as another Evangelist. He will teach the adult class, and preach the morning and evening sermons on January 13.

There will be a men’s meeting immediately following the evening service on January 15, 2022