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“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.” Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.

TIMES OF SERVICES SUNDAY

Bible Classes*

10:00 AM

AM Worship

10:45 AM

PM Worship

6:30 PM

Today's Sermons:

*AM: The Child's
Place in the Home
PM: The Greatness
of Little things*

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Godly Attire & Today's Christian

Matt Allen

Why should modesty be important to the Christian? There are many who staunchly defend their ideas on modesty, and are quick to dismiss it as a matter of judgment. Some have argued, "Where do you draw the line?" Others are quick to say, "What was modest 75 years ago is not the same as modesty today." And usually, after presenting these arguments—they are content to go on dressing as they please. Let us understand that the way we dress is a reflection of our overall attitude in serving Jesus!

Christians need to be careful of how they dress! There are spiritual reasons for this. In the Bible, we find moral issues fall under one of three groups. (1) Things that are right because God commanded them. (2) Things that are wrong because God condemned them. (3) Things that are neither right or wrong, but are determined by circumstance, conscience, or influence. The way we dress would fall into the third group. We must be aware that immodest dress violates some basic principles of Christianity. (Rick Lanning, Imhoff Ave., Messenger of Truth on "Summer Sins")

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When dressed inappropriately, we compromise our influence. Christians are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16). We are given the charge to lead others to Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20) Will others know that we are of Christ if we wear something questionable?

The definition of modesty reads, (1) "having or showing a lack of conceit or vanity; (2) observing conventional proprieties in behavior, speech, and dress." (Webster) Others have defined modesty as that which calls attention to the personality of a meek and quiet spirit. Of course, immodesty would be defined as the opposite. It is impossible to dress in an improper way and present a meek & quiet spirit. Christians need to take heed lest they compromise their influence.

Immodest dress could cause someone to stumble. Immodest apparel can call undue attention to oneself by inviting sexual interest. Someone argues, "That's not my problem," or "He's just a pervert." But, we must understand that purposely wearing attire that could lead someone to sin is not conducive to the behavior of a Christian. We must guard against placing a stumbling block before others. Jesus said: *"Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!"* (Matthew 18:7) Paul instructed that Christians not put stumbling blocks in another's way. (Romans 14:13) While some will lust after others no matter how modestly they are dressed, this in no way lessens our obligation to wear godly attire.

Not only do we have an obligation to watch how we dress, but we must not look upon others with lust. The Bible teaches that there is no sin when a man looks upon his wife (Hebrews 13:4), but we do sin when we look upon someone besides our spouse and lust (Matthew 5:27-28). The Christian must learn to control his fleshly desires! This is a hard task for some, but it can be done! (Philippians 4:13; Ephesians 3:20) One of the easiest ways to steer clear of lust is to eliminate the temptation. It is easy to invite immodesty into our lives. Be it on the television, movies, the internet, or in other areas. For example, ad-

vertisers use immodestly dressed women to sell automotive parts. What does a bikini-clad model have to do with a spark plug kit? I have known "Christians" who hang these kind of posters in their basement or garage. Why? Guys, how does your wife feel about these posters? Would you hang such a poster in your living room? If not, why not? Certainly we can find other pictures to cover the walls! The subject of immodest dress is a "touchy" one with some. Let me suggest: It will NOT be touchy to the one who is more interested about serving God than self. It will NOT be touchy to the one who wishes to be godly in everything in every way. Christians need to be ready to sacrifice some personal "want to's" and submit to the will of Christ!

The next time you are tempted to shed your clothes, ask: (1) Am I compromising my influence as a Christian? (2) Will I cause others to be misled by the things I am wearing? (3) Would Christ be pleased or ashamed of what I have on? Satan never lets up. He is always searching for new ways to cause us to stumble. We need to be vigilant in our prayers, asking God for guidance & wisdom. We then need to do what is right, knowing ultimately that pleasing and obeying Him will lead us to heaven.

Blessed Assurance

Matt Allen

Financial instability has been the norm over the last six months. Banks filing for bankruptcy and insurance companies needing multi-billion dollar loans in order to stay afloat can make our stomach churn. We may wonder, "What's next?" It is hard to hear anything positive in the media, so we may find ourselves in a time of uncertainty. We commonly hear nothing in life is certain. Times of uncertainty are nothing new. In fact, uncertainty is a part of life. It can be seen with our job, health, family changes, anything. So, how do we find assurance? It comes through a relationship with Jesus. The assurance we must build our lives upon is found in the spiritual,

not the physical. For example:

Christians have been assured of eternal life. John wrote, *"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life"* 1 John 5:13. We do not have to be reminded of the fragility of life. It can end at any moment, Psalm 90:10-12. But yet, the person who enters into a relationship with God can live with the assurance that he will live eternally in heaven. This is the promise which He Himself made to us; eternal life. No matter how "bad" things get in this life, no matter how great the uncertainties we face, we can be assured of eternal life. This is the hope that sustains us. It sustains us when we cope with disappointments and death. We know that one day we will be somewhere better.

We should use times of uncertainty as an opportunity to increase our faith. Faith is often grown during unpleasant times. Paul wrote, *"not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I know how to live in prosperity; in any and*

every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry; both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" Philippians 4:11-13. I am certain that Paul used the dark hours of his life to increase his faith. So must we. As we do this, we move forward in confidence that in the long run God will bring us out on top.

Assurance is given to the person who is in Christ. Forgiveness is made possible through the blood He shed on the cross. Christians have been counted as heirs of spiritual blessings, being adopted as sons and daughters of God through grace. Are you in Christ? If not, I encourage you to begin a relationship with Him today. Life is full of uncertainty. There is no uncertainty in Christ. Act on your faith! Repent and turn away from your sin, Acts 2:38. Confess Jesus as the Christ, Romans 10:9-10. Be immersed for the remission of sin, Acts 22:16. In this world of fear, doubt, unbelief, and uncertainty, God's people can have blessed assurance. Christians can sleep at night, because they walk in the light.

*We would like you to join us as we
spread the Good News during our ...*

Gospel Meeting

May 3-8

with speaker:

Bill Feist

of Altamonte Springs, FL



Sunday

10:00 AM

10:45 AM

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Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Harold Marshall
Announcements	Dave Harless
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Scripture	Daniel 2:24-36
Reader	Terry Smith
Prayer	Ken Prager
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Don Coen, Jr.
Fruit of the Vine	Harold Marshall
Serve	Dan Marton
Serve	Don Coen, Sr.
Closing Prayer	Matt Ferrell

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Dave Harless
Song Leader	Harold Marshall
Scripture	Daniel 2:37-49
Reader	Ed Roberts
1st Prayer	Earl Miller
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Matt Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Earl Miller

Wednesday

Announcements	Dave Harless
Class Prayer	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Dan Marton
Invitation	Harold Marshall
Closing Prayer	Chuck Isinghood

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Recovering:

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| - Joyce Coen | - Marie Roberts |
| - Vicki Renshaw | - Ann Rudolph |

Prayer Requests:

- Bud and Merl Frey
- Zeda Goddard
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Cary and Grace Lancaster
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother is back in Weirton Medical Center
- Rick Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's nephew
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please call 304-914-2262