

Our Garment of Salvation

"I delight greatly in the LORD, my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." Isaiah 61:10

For many women, the most beautiful garment they have ever worn or ever hope to wear is their wedding gown. It is costly—often the most expensive article of clothing a woman will ever buy. It has the power to transform a woman, to make her beautiful and radiant for one very special day.

Isaiah uses this picture to illustrate our radiant appearance before God because of what Jesus has done for us. Jesus died to take away our sins, and in doing so, he took away everything that made us ugly before God. Jesus also lived a perfect life in our place. He has given us his perfection to wear—a beautiful, spotless gown. By providing for us this garment of salvation—which cost him so dearly—he has transformed us. It's a transformation so breathtaking and profound that it can only be hinted at in Isaiah's picture of a woman being made exquisitely beautiful for her wedding day.

This transformation is not just for a day. Unlike a wedding gown, which is worn once and then packed away, we wear our priceless gown from Jesus every day. God sees us in this gown today, tomorrow, and always. We are beautiful in his eyes, and each day we come before him without any fear or shame.

When I look in the mirror with the eyes of faith, I, too, see the beautiful, precious gown that makes me pure and radiant before my God. Jesus has purchased it and dressed me in it. No one can ever take it away from me. I thank him for it, and my heart rejoices.

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank and praise you for sending Jesus to clothe me in the gown of his righteousness that makes me pure and beautiful before you. Forgive me for the times that I have failed to thank you for this gift. Let my love for you grow more and more as I remember and reflect on the precious garment that I wear every day. Amen.

Further Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-3, 10-11

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