**R872 Rumination for October 10, 2010**

The **T**heme: **Put On (Clothe)…**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have* ***put on*** *Christ.* Gal. 3:27

The **T**hots:

Introduction: As Christians, there are things we need to ***Put On or*** to ***Clothe*** with, as follows:

The **E**xplanation of *to Clothe* or to *Put On*:

The Greek ***enduō*** <G1746>, however, goes deeper than just "getting dressed." It's a compound comprised of the prefix *en* <G1722>, "in," and *duō* <G1416>, "to sink, go in or under, to put on." The complete idea in the word, however, going back as far as Homer, is not only the literal meaning of dressing oneself, but the figurative meaning of assuming qualities or virtues. Aristophanes, for example, said to "take courage," that is, to take on that quality of life. JD Watson

1. **Christians are to Put on the Armour of God**.
2. The **E**xhortation to **D**o so – Rom. 13:12

***Let us*** *therefore cast off the works of* ***D****arkness, and* ***Let us*** *put on the armour of light.*

1. The **E**quipment to **D**on with. Eph. 6:11

*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the* ***D****evil.*

1. Our **D**uty to **S**tand, **W**ithstand and **D**e**fend** with the following **W**eapons in **S**piritual **W**arfare. Eph. 6:12f

*For* ***W****e* ***W****restle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this* ***W****orld, against spiritual* ***W****ickedness in high places.*

***W****herefore take unto you the* ***W****hole armour of God, that ye may be able to* ***W****ithstand in the evil day, ‘*

*and having* ***D****one all, to stand…* Eph. 6:14-16

***S****tand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all,*

*taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

1. **D**o not forget to take the **S**word of the **S**pirit and Of**fend** with the **W**ord: Eph. 6:17

 *And take…the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

1. **Christians are to Put on the Ascriptions of Christ.**
2. They are **B**aptized into Christ, **B**e like Christ. Gal. 3:27

*For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have* ***put on*** *Christ.*

1. They are **C**rucified with **C**hrist, **B**e **B**uried and Raised with Christ, Gal. 2:20
2. *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:*

*and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,*

*who loved me, and gave Himself for me.*

1. *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above,*

*where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.* Col. 3:1

1. **Christians are to Put on the Attributes of the New Man.**
2. *That ye put on* ***the new man****, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.* Eph. 4:24
3. *…put on* ***the new man****…renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him:* Col. 3:10

*Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness,*

*humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering.* Col. 3:12

1. **Christians will ultimately Put on an Abiding Immortality***.* I Cor. 15:53, 54
2. *For* ***C****orruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

*So when this* ***C****orruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.*

1. *Who is made, not after the law of a* ***C****arnal* ***C****ommandment, but after the power of an endless life.* Heb. 7:16
2. **The Company of Angelic Hosts in Heaven are Clothed…**
3. **In Holiness** Rev. 15:6 *The seven angels…clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.*
4. **In Righteousness** Rev. 19:14

*The armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*

Cf. the Clothes of the Lamb’s Wife: Rev. 19:7, 8

*Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed* [put on] *in fine linen,*

*clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

**Conclusion**: Be **C**autious when attending the Lord’s Supper, that each Christian be **C**lothed **R**ightly, and **R**everently to **R**emember the Lord! Mt. 22:11, 12 (1-14) cf. I Cor. 11:28

*When the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment*:

*And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?*

*And he was speechless.*

*Take off his clothes of shame and sin, The father gives command,*

*“Dress him in garments white and clean, With rings adorn his hand.* Isaac Watt

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 872**

1. We are exhorted in Rom. 13:14 to "***put on Christ***". What does it mean?

There are two aspects to consider –

**The Negative aspect,** not to make provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts therefore.

Rom. 3:12 *– But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh,*

*to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

John mentions two specific lusts in relation to the world in I Jn. 2:15-17:

*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world,*

*the love of the Father is not in him.*

*For all that is in the world, (1)* ***the lust of the flesh, (2) and the lust of the eyes****,*

*and (3) the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

In today’s world, Satan’s strategy to use the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life to tempt Eve as recorded in **Genesis 3:6 (KJV)**
*And when the woman saw that the tree was (1) good for food, and that it was (2) pleasant to the eyes, and a tree (3) to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat...*

is not different from his tactics to tempt the youths and the seniors of today away from the Lord and many have fallen from the faith due to these two lusts and the pride of life.

He used the same three-fold strategy to tempt the Lord in the wilderness in Matt. 4:3-11 –

1. The Lust of the Flesh – *If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.*
2. The Pride of Life *– If thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee: and in their hands they shall bear Thee up,*

*lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone.*

1. The Lust of the Eyes – *the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto Him,*

*All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me.*

*Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan:* ***for it is written****, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.*

The Lord was tempted thus but He won because He Resorted to the Written Word of God.

Adam and Eve fell because they did not heed the Word of God but Jesus in all three occasions referred to the Written Word of God to what it said! And thus won the victory.

Have you been tempted likewise even in this present day?

You need to *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from* you. (Jas. 4:7) **REFLECT**

1. There is also the **Positive Aspect of putting on Christ** to manifest these named qualities: **Colossians 3:14-17 (NRSV)**

***A****bove all,* ***clothe*** *yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.* ***A****nd let the peace of* ***Christ*** *rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.* ***A****nd be thankful.*

*Let the word of* ***Christ*** *dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.*

***A****nd whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,*

*giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

Go through the list of the qualities named above and see if you have been **C**lothed with and manifesting **C**hrist in you and through you. **REFLECT.**

**Points To Ponder:**

*To* ***put on*** *and be* ***C****lothed with* ***C****hrist is to* ***Put on*** *His* ***C****haracter and* ***C****onduct.*