

NEW: Clothed with Christ

Genesis 3:1-21

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. - Galatians 3:26-28 NIV

Have you ever been playing outside and gotten your clothes really muddy? Maybe your parents told you specifically not to jump in the puddles, and you did anyway. When we get messy and muddy what we really need is a bath to clean off all the dirt so we can be clean again. After you get clean, would you put your dirty clothes back on? Of course not! After a bath, it feels good to put on clean clothes again.

In Genesis 3, Adam and Eve sinned and tried to hide from God. He punished them because they did wrong, but he also was merciful to them by giving them the promise that Jesus would come to save his people from their sin. When Adam and Eve ate the fruit, they realized they needed clothes. God provided that for them. When we sin, God provides us with something we need too- forgiveness! Just as God promised to Adam and Eve, He sent Jesus to die for us to wash away our sins.

Galatians 3 reminds us that God doesn't see our sin anymore because we are clothed with Christ. This happens through the waters of baptism. Just like we need to take a bath when we get muddy, we need to be washed clean of our sin. Through baptism, God the Holy Spirit works faith in our hearts and provides us with the forgiveness we need. Unlike how we need to keep taking a bath when we get dirty, we only need to be baptized once! The Holy Spirit continues to work forgiveness in us through our baptism.

Because we have been clothed with Christ, we can ask for forgiveness when we do wrong. Through Jesus' death, God forgives us for our sins. Now, because we are clean through Christ, we can share His love with others that we meet because Jesus died for everyone and wants us all to be holy as He is holy.

Let's Pray:

Dear Lord, thank you for sending Jesus to die and rise again for me so that I can be clothed with Him. Thank you for washing me clean from my sin through the waters of baptism. Amen.

