

Clothing After Our Resurrection

Commentary for January 1, 2024 — What Will We Wear?

The apostle Paul wrote to the *ekklesia* at Corinth about the resurrected body of all believers in 1 Corinthians 15:38–58. He wrote more in the epistle of Second Corinthians about the future status of our bodies after our resurrection to glory:

“For **WE** are aware that, if **OUR** terrestrial **tabernacle** house¹ should be demolished, **WE** have a building of God, a house not made by hands, eonian, in the heavens.

For in this also **WE** are groaning, longing to be **DRESSED** in **OUR** habitation which is out of heaven, if so be that, being **DRESSED** also, **WE** shall not be found naked.

For **WE** also, who are in the tabernacle [our present body], are groaning, being burdened, on which **WE** are not wanting to be stripped, but to be **DRESSED**, that the mortal may be swallowed up by life. **NOW**

He Who produces **US** for this same longing is God,

[He] Who is also giving **US** the earnest [a down payment] of the spirit
[God’s Holy Spirit].

Being, then, courageous always, and aware that, being at home IN THE BODY,

WE are **AWAY FROM HOME** from the Lord

(for by faith are **WE** walking, not by perception), yet

WE are encouraged, and are delighting rather

to be away from HOME OUT OF THE BODY and
to be at HOME with the lord.”

• *2 Corinthians 5:1–8, Concordant Literal Version*

“Yahweh, He reigns! With augustness [majesty] **is He CLOTHED**; **Yahweh is CLOTHED with strength**; Thus has He BELTED Himself. Indeed, the habitation is established; It is immovable.”

• *Psalms 93:1, CLV*

The topic of Psalm 104 is a description of some of God’s actions in creation:

“Bless Yahweh, my soul! O Yahweh, my Elohim, You are exceedingly great. With [1] **splendor** and [2] **honor** are **YOU CLOTHED**; You are **muffled** [covered] **with light as raiment**. Stretching out the heavens like a sheet.”

• *Psalms 104:1–2, CLV*

The apostle John’s visions in the Book of Revelation, says garments of white are the appropriate attire worn by future resurrected martyrs of the *ekklesia* in the city of Sardis. After they are resurrected and appear before a divine council with God and His angels present:

“The one who is conquering, **he shall be CLOTHED IN WHITE GARMENTS**, and under no circumstances will I be erasing his name from the scroll of life, and I will

¹ A “tabernacle” is a movable temporary dwelling. Paul, a tentmaker by trade, says our body provides a shelter from exposure to the elements outside our body.

be avowing his name in front of My Father and before His messengers.”

• **Revelation 3:5, CLV**

Other human martyrs are honored, but they cannot be counted. They wear robes of white:

“After these things I perceived, and lo! a vast throng which no one was able to number, out of every nation and out of the tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lambkin, CLOTHED IN WHITE ROBES and with palm fronds in their hands.

... And one of the elders answered, saying to me, ‘These CLOTHED IN WHITE ROBES, who are they, and whence came they?’

And I have declared to him: ‘My lord, you are aware.’

And he said [replied] to me, ‘These are those coming out of the great affliction [tribulation]. And they rinse their robes, and THEY WHITEN THEM in the blood of the Lambkin.’”

• **Revelation 7:9, 13–14, CLV**

John saw a vision of people of the *ekklesia* (not angels or spirit beings) after their future resurrection to glory. White garments will be worn by those appearing before God’s presence in heaven.

Flesh And Bones

When **WE** interact with physical human beings on earth other clothes will be worn. **WE** who are resurrected to glory will have a body composed of spiritual substance, but also able to form **“flesh and bones”** of humans and recognized as humans. Christ told His disciples:

“Perceive My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and perceive, for a spirit has not flesh and bones according as you behold Me having.”

• **Luke 24:39, CLV**

As children of God with personal variations, **WE** will be like Christ and will be similarly clothed as He is now. Yes, at certain occasions **WE** will be clothed in glorious attire just like our Elder Brother Christ Jesus.

- **WE** will **“be conformed to the image”** of God’s Son (Romans 8:29).
- **WE** will bear the image of the **“celestial”** (or the **“heavenly,”** 1 Corinthians 15:48–49).
- Our body will be from heaven and it **“... will transfigure the body of our humiliation, to conform it to the body of His [Christ’s] glory”** (Philippians 3:20–21).
- **WE** will be **“become participants of the divine nature”** (2 Peter 1:4).
- **WE** will be exactly as Christ is now (1 John 3:2). **WE** shall see Christ as He truly is, and
- **WE** will see God our Father (Psalm 17:15; Matthew 18:10). Personally, I believe God will smile at each of us individually, and at all of us collectively. **WE** will be home with our Father!

This is the inheritance our God and Father promises each of us. **WE** will be appropriately clothed for any and all occasions, often in white, but still human as Christ our Elder Brother is a human (John 1:14; Philippians 2:6–8; 1 Timothy 2:5).

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