The Best Outfit Ever!

2 Corinthians 5: 1-20 Part I.

Focus 1-10

V1-4: We live in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! Which is only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! We will soon have a building built by God which is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. God is literally building beautiful places for us to dwell in eternity. No, we don’t know exactly what they will look like, but we trust Jesus to prepare a place for us. Exodus 25-40 1 Kings 5-6, Matthew 24: 2, John 14:1-6, Revelation 21:1-6, 10-27 Ch 22:1-5

 We also will be clothed with the best outfit; not money can buy, but that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ paid for with His sacrifice! 1 Peter 1:18-21, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20We are clothed with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The perishable is replaced with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

We should also clothe ourselves with the righteousness of God. No, we cannot earn our salvation, and it is not about rules and religiosity. However, once you give your life over to Jesus, you have to make a conscious decision to put away the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and let God burn them and put on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Being “born again” is a onetime supernatural transformation that God does through the Holy Spirit. However, “sanctification”, becoming more like Christ is a daily decision of obedience as a follower of Christ. Just as you decide every day what clothes you are going to put on, you decide everyday whether you will follow Jesus or not. Ephesians 4:22-24, Colossians 3:5-14

Verse 5 is a key transition verse: The Holy Spirit was given to us after Jesus returned to the Father to guide us and empower us on how we are to live. John 14:16-21, Acts 1:4

Verse 6-10 be of good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! With the power of the Holy Spirit, you can do it! “Puedes hacerlo!” Philippians 4:13. 2 Timothy 1:7, Hebrews 4:16 There for our true \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should be to live a life that pleases God! Galatians 1:10 So make your goal to please God and not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! That is why we walk by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and not by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! The Holy Spirit leads us through this life and into eternity!

That does not mean you do not love and serve others and try and bring them to Christ. It means our first allegiance is always to God. Even if it means losing friends, family, freedom, or even…. our\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 5:11,10:32-42, Acts 5:29, Revelation 4:13

The minute a believer in Christ dies they go to be with Jesus in heaven. There is no soul sleep, or unsure resting place or middle purgatory. There is no fear of judgment for the born-again believer. We have security for eternity through the work of Christ and his death, burial, and resurrection. We cannot “lose” our salvation. Philippians 1:20-26 amen! Just like Stephan in Acts 7:54-56 we can almost see our Savior and look forward to being with Him. Yet, even for the believer there is accountability of how we live our lives and a different kind of judgement than the one that “nonbelievers” face.

 Remember we are saved by grace and not works, Ephesians 2:8-9 but were created for good works v10-11. So, we still stand before Christ to give account as to how we lived our lives… Romans 14:9-12, John 5:25-29, Most Bible scholars teach there are two basic judgements during the end times. There is the “Bema seat of Christ” vs “The Great White Thrown”:

Bema: Greek “step or raised platform”1 Corinthians 4:5, 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 2 Corinthians 5:10, Luke 19:12-27 is for believers whose salvation is assured by the sacrifice of Christ but still will receive rewards based on their obedience in this life to Christ. 2 Timothy 4:7-8, James 1:12, Matthew 25:23

Great white Thrown: Revelation 20:11-15, Matthew 25:1-30 is for unbelievers who have rejected Christ and their salvation is based on their good works which will not be enough. Without Christ they are lost.

So, clothe yourself with the righteousness of God while you live in this temporary tent, with love and obedience to our King and Savior Jesus. Then you can look forward to our eternal dwelling and the best outfit you have ever worn!

**Answers: tent, temporary, eternal, Jesus, immortality, imperishable, old clothes, new clean clothes, courage, ambition, faith, sight, other people, very lives**