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SERMON OUTLINE 6/7/09

SERIES: BENEFITS OF SALVATION

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Ephesians 4:17-24](#)

TITLE: “LEARNING CHRIST/GRAVE CLOTHES VS. GRACE CLOTHES”

INTRO:

1. We have learned that believers are called to live in \_\_\_\_\_, (salvation). They are also called to live in \_\_\_\_\_, (sanctification).
2. The Bible was not only written to be studied but also to be obeyed. Notice the repetition of the word “therefore” in *Ephesians 4-6*. Believers are commanded to be hearers AND doers of the Word, [James 1:21-25](#).
3. Wardrobe is a \_\_\_\_\_ issue in today’s world/more choices than Adam and Eve. Regarding spiritual life this passage speaks clearly: Grave clothes OFF/grace clothes ON!

PROPOSITION: BELIEVERS: Be vigilant, be obedient, be holy with God as your example.

- I. THE GRAVE CLOTHES OF THE “OLD” MAN, *Ephesians 4:17-19*.
  - A. Intellectual Futility, *verse 17*.
    1. Believers \_\_\_\_\_ differently from unbelievers.
    2. The “world” has lots of knowledge, but very little wisdom, cf. [1 Corinthians 1:20-31](#).
  - B. A \_\_\_\_\_ Mind, *verse 18a*.
    1. Alienated from God.
    2. Ignorant of spiritual truth.

C. A Hard Heart, *verse 18b*.

1. Purposed rejection...

2. The downward spiral of sin, cf. [Mark 7:17-23](#).

D. A Sin-Saturated Life, *verse 19*.]

a. Past feeling/callous

b. Lewdness/sensuality

c. Uncleaness with greediness- cf. [Romans 1:18-25](#).

II. THE GRACE CLOTHES OF THE “NEW” MAN, *Ephesians 4:20-24*.

A. Conversion Reality/Eternal Security, *verses 20 & 21*.

B. Sanctification As A \_\_\_\_\_, *verse 22*.

C. Strengthening A Renewed Mind, *verse 23*.

1. Mind-Lighted by God’s Word, cf. [Psalm 119:101-106](#).

2. Heart-Fullness of God’s life, cf. [Romans 12:1, 2](#).

D. Solidifying The Likeness Of God In Me, *verse 24*.

1. I am (believer) a creation of God!

2. There must be \_\_\_\_\_ evidence of change.

CONCLUSION:

a. Are you a believer?

b. Will you aspire to the victory God has prepared for you?