

Does God Care What I Wear?

Text: Titus 2:11-15 and Selected

Preface

In the ministry of our church, it has been my pleasure to see the Lord bless with the addition of new believers to the church family. Of course, new believers present unique opportunities for growth and ministry. These new believers are untaught in the Word of God and, yet, their desire is to know more of the Word and to grow into the likeness of Christ.

Having observed many uncertainties in the lives of new believers, it became my conviction that it was time to preach a series of messages on the foundational beliefs of the Christian life. In order to insure that their questions were answered, the members of our church submitted questions that they would like to see answered during the forthcoming series of messages. It has been a joy to teach those who have had no prior teaching on the basic matters of Christian living. Several of the questions related to the issue of proper Christian dress. Thus, the two-message series of “*Does God Care What I Wear*” was given birth.

In this booklet, biblical principles of the Christian decorum are presented. It is the understanding of this author that there will be those who hold different positions. It is desirous that conflicting opinions are held with a gracious spirit. This booklet is not an attempt to declare the standard by which all dress is measured. Neither is this study an attempt to define a line of separation by which all fellowship must be determined. Rather, it is a treatise on Christian dress by which those, who are earnestly seeking to maintain Godly standards, can benefit and learn.

May the Lord grant you guidance and wisdom as you seek His direction in the area of dress for your life. It is the author’s desire for this simple booklet to be a blessing and a challenge to high standards of Godliness and Holiness.

Introduction

To address the subject of Christian dress, it must be stated that the Word of God is to be our final authority. The Bible, alone, defines what is right and what is wrong. Our beliefs and practice must be based upon what is right and what is wrong.

For many people today, the issue of dress is a non-issue. They argue that God is concerned only with what is within the person. They further argue that what we decorate the outside with is of no real concern to God. Their proof text for this is a quotation from First Samuel 16:7b which states, “*for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.*” While it is true that God looks on the inside, it is erroneous to use this verse to teach that God ignores the outside. Proper exegesis of this verse would render the idea that God was telling Samuel that man sees only the outside, but God sees both outside and inside.