

Covered In White Makes You Right!

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angel Revelation 3:5

This Bible study is all about the righteousness of God, “*And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.*” (Matthew 17:1-2). When Adam and Eve were created, they were created perfect and without sin. Unfortunately, that didn’t last very long. When satan, the tempter (1 Thessalonians 3:5), came a calling and tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden, who was already looking at the forbidden tree of the “knowledge of good and evil” (Genesis 2:17) with lustful eyes (Genesis 3:6), satan knew he had an open door. When the temptation came, Eve succumbed and ate the forbidden fruit and gave some to Adam and he also did eat (Genesis 3:6). At that point sin entered into the world, and death by sin (Romans 5:12). They were no longer pure in God’s eyes. From that point on, everyone that was born, was born with the Adamic nature of disobedience and sin (Psalm 51:5, 58:3, Isaiah 48:8), which separates us from the holy and just creator of the universe, (Isaiah 59:2).

The Bible says “*without the shedding of blood, there is no remission (forgiveness) of sins*” (Hebrews 9:22). That is why two innocent animals had to be killed, and their skins used to cover Adam and his wife’s nakedness for their transgression (Genesis 3:21). We were now all by nature, the children of wrath (Ephesians 2:3). But God was not going to leave us in that condition. Isaiah 1:18a states: “*come now and let us reason together, sayeth the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.*”

How was this going to be accomplished? Since God knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10), He knew what was going to happen before it ever took place. And, from before the foundation of the world, a plan was set in motion to redeem mankind from this predicament. At the proper time, the Father would send God the Son (Jesus) in the form of a human being to pay the price for mankind’s redemption. And it would be a very heavy price to pay. But, “*God not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*” (2 Peter 3:9b), was willing to pay that price. And since “*we are all as an unclean thing and all our righteousness’s are as filthy rags*” (Isaiah 64:6), only a righteous God could make us clean in His eyes once again.

White represents God’s purity, and since we are all unclean and impure in God’s eyes when we are born, thanks to Adam’s sin, we must attain that purity through God’s redeeming blood (Revelation 5:9). Once that happens, we are not only clean on the inside, but we are also clean and eventually clothed in white on the outside.

Jesus spoke a parable in Matthew 22:2-13, about a certain king who made a marriage for his son and sent his servants to call them (the Jews, and especially their religious leaders) that were invited to the wedding – but they would not come! Again, he sent other servants to bid the invited guests to come to the marriage because the dinner was prepared. But they didn’t take it seriously and went their ways. And some of the servants they actually killed. When the king heard this, he became angry and sent his army to destroy the murderers. He then sent his servants to go out into the highways, and as many as were found (gentiles) invite to the marriage. But, there was a man who had entered in, not having on a wedding garment (religion, good deeds, self-righteousness) and when the king saw him, He was angry. He then told his servants to bind this man hand and foot and to cast him into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth (hell). The gist or the point of this parable is that if you are not covered with the white robe of righteousness which can only be attained through the Lord’s holy blood, you will not enter into the kingdom of God (2 Timothy 3:5).

Study the following scriptures, and you’ll see that they testify to the fact that when we are in heaven, or are returning with the Lord to the earth at His second coming, we are all clothed in white which also makes us look like white clouds as we are approaching.

Psalm 51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Ecclesiastes 9:8 Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.

Daniel 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Daniel 11:35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

Daniel 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

Matthew 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Matthew 26:64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Mark 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Luke 9:29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering.

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Revelation 3:4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

Revelation 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Revelation 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Revelation 6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Revelation 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Revelation 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Jesus Christ is coming back to the planet to save Israel and mankind from total destruction. When He returns, He does not return alone. All of the angels (Matthew 16:27) and all of the saints (1 Thessalonians 3:13) return with Him, all wearing white apparel and riding white horses (Revelation 19:14). Even though the Lord's robe will start off white, it will not remain that way. Isaiah 63:1-4 says: "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come."

As the Lord begins to slaughter His enemies that have gathered together to fight against Him (Revelation 19:19), blood begins to flow and forms a river 1,600 furlongs long and up to a horses' bridle. According to the K.J.V. Bible, a furlong is about 1/8 of a mile, which would make the river of blood about 200 miles long and up to 4' deep (Revelation 14:20). The Lord's white robe begins to turn red as human blood splatters all over it. "This is the day of the Lord's vengeance," and it will be something to behold (Isaiah 34:8).

What a contrast from the Lord's first coming. The first time He came, He came as the Lamb of God, to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29). He suffered horribly (Psalm 22, Isaiah 50:6, 52:14), He died, was buried, and rose from the dead according to the scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Forty days later He ascended back up into heaven (Acts 1:3) and took His rightful place at the right hand of the Father (Psalm 110:1), awaiting the day He would return in triumph and glory (Mark 14:62)!

What a gift He gave to mankind (Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Corinthians 9:15) – eternal salvation! It's absolutely free, bought and paid for by the Lord at the cross. It can't be worked for or earned. If it could, then it wouldn't be free. But it is free to anyone who is willing to take that gift by receiving Jesus into his or her heart (John 1:12) and making Him Lord and Saviour of their life. The only thing that is required is true repentance (Acts 17:30) from a humble and contrite heart (Psalm 34:18). And since none of us are guaranteed our next breath, that repentance should come today (Isaiah 55:6) while there is still time.

In ending this Bible study, we are issuing a dire warning: if you're not covered in white, then you will go to the great WHITE throne judgment at the end of the Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20:11-12) to stand before the Lord to answer for all of your sins. Yes, if you're not covered with WHITE, then you're not RIGHT with God.

AMEN

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