

The word from Word of Life

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Giving Thanks for Garments!

Brr!! It is getting cold outside, time to retrieve the winter garb, the hat, mittens, boots and warm coat. With each season comes the continual changing of our attire to fit the occasions. Sometimes there is the need to purchase a new piece of clothing because the old one doesn't fit or the fashions have changed and we like to keep up "with the Jones". Whatever the reason, we do think about clothes every day. Even our very first parents, Adam and Eve, thought about clothes as they found themselves naked in the Garden of Eden after they had tasted the fruit from the forbidden tree (Genesis 3:7). What was their solution? They found fig leaves and sewed them together. Along comes God and has a conversation with them. Following their talk, God's solution to their situation was to make garments of skin. (Genesis 3:21).*

Throughout the entire Bible, from Genesis thru Revelation, there are references to all types of clothing; some real, some figurative. What can be seen in the Genesis account is the difference between man's solution and God's solution. Man tries to fix a situation with a garment that has a limited amount of durability. God provides a garment of greater strength and warmth.

We can all recall Bible stories that included a piece of clothing: Israel (Jacob) giving his loved son Joseph a coat of many colors; the father asking for the best robe for his prodigal son; dice being thrown for Jesus' robe. Even Moses was commanded by God to make special clothing for his brother Aaron and his sons to wear as they officiated as priests (Exodus 28:4). In all these instances the clothing has been an actual item you could touch and handle, the "real", but what about the "figurative" clothing?

One example reminds us to be on the watch for those who would draw us away from following Christ by appearing in clothing which is deceptive (Matthew 5:17 – false prophets that are really wolves in sheep's clothing). You may also be familiar with these glorious visual illustrations:

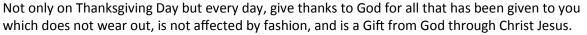
1 Peter 5:5 - "clothe yourselves with humility toward one another"

Ephesians 6:10-17 – The Armor of God (i.e. belt of truth, helmet of salvation)

Revelation 6:11 – "Then each of them was given a white robe..."

The most treasured "figurative" garment may be the one God gives us at our Baptism:

Galatians 3:27 – "for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ". *



* Required a sacrifice



Worship Texts for November					
Date		1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Nov. 5	All Saints Sunday	Revelation 7:2-17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Nov. 12	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Nov. 19	24th Sunday after Pentecost	Zephaniah 1:7-16	Psalm 90:1-12	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Nov. 26	Christ the King	Ezekiel 24:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 95:1-7a	1 Corinthians 15:20-28	Matthew 25:31-46

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Happy moments, praise God. Difficult moments, seek God Quiet moments, worship God. Painful moments, trust God. Every moment, thank God." -Author unknown

Thanksgiving Verses from the Psalms

Psalm 9:1

1 I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Psalm 95:2-3

- 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.
- 3 For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.



Psalm 100:4

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalm 107:8-9

- 8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
- 9 for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.





Word of Life Core Values

- Jesus is Lord.
- Jesus is our guide.
- Forgiveness of sin leads to healing.
- Prayer changes things.
- Faith is God's gracious gift that saves.



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Sunday, November 5

Delicious POTLUCK meal served at 5:00 pm

> Interactive sermon, and **Holy Communion** at 6:00 pm