

WHAT ARE YOU WEARING...?

Exodus 28:1-29:37

- I. As priests, the SACRED GARMENT we wear is...
 - a) The RIGHTEOUSNESS of CHRIST.

- II. As priests, the HOLY SACRIFICES we offer are...
 - b) THANKFUL and CONTRITE hearts.

- III. As priests, our primary DUTY is...
 - c) To PURSUE HOLINESS in our lives as God's INTERCESSORS in the world.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What does it mean to you to be a benefactor of the royal priesthood, as 1 Peter 2:9 describes? Have you ever viewed yourself in this way? What speaks to you most in the description used? Can you relate, why or why not?

2. Have you ever thought about being clothed in the righteousness of Christ? How does that look to you? How does God see you? (Romans 8:1-4) What should this look like to the world? What part of your robe could use a little mending? Discuss Galatians 5:22, and Colossians 3:12-15.

3. What are you most thankful for? How does the forgiveness of Christ determine our measure of gratitude, and thankfulness in our lives? 1 Thess. 5:16-18, Psalms 95:2, 97:12, Romans 6:22, Rev. 4:9-11

4. How do you express thankfulness to others? How can your Home Group help? Do you see this as an act of sacrifice to the Lord? Hebrews 13:15-16

5. As royal priests, we need to exercise spiritual disciplines if we're to pursue holiness in our lives. What does this look like for you? Spiritual disciplines like Bible reading/study, scripture memory, prayer, meditation, fasting, serving, evangelism, exercising spiritual gifts, etc. Which disciplines are more challenging than others for you? Which discipline encourages you most in holiness? 1 Tim 4:8, 6:11, Titus 2:11-12, 1 Thess. 4:7, Psalm 29:2

6. What do we learn from Paul in Romans 9:1-3 about intercession? Who in your life are you interceding for right now...? Take time to share and pray for these individuals that God has in your life as their intercessors. 2 Cor. 5:20

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CHAD WOOD



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