

"For our sake he made him to be  
sin who knew no sin, so that in  
him we might become the  
righteousness of God."  
2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV



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### Times of Worship

Sunday:

9 am - Bible Classes / 10 am - Worship / 5 pm - Worship

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### The Shame of Nakedness

Revelation 3:17-18 pictures a proud church like a poor, diseased man with inadequate clothes. If the church repented, Christ would supply every spiritual need, "that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear." This figurative use of inadequate clothing is based on the concept of the shame of nakedness and on the failure of some people to recognize this shame.

Nakedness may refer to nudity or to inadequate clothing. Adam and Eve were first nude but then partially clothed with "aprons" (girdle, loin-covering; Gen. 3:7). God replaced this inadequate clothing with "coats," proper and adequate garments "generally with sleeves, coming down to the knees" (v. 21; Gesenius, Hebrew & Chaldee Lexicon, 420). God replaced their shorts with garments covering from the shoulders down to the knees to cover the shame of their nakedness.

To uncover or see nakedness is a euphemism for sexual intercourse (Lev. 18:6; 20:17). Nakedness with its sexual appeal and implications is a blessing in marriage, but a curse and shame when displayed outside marriage. Therefore, in addition to outer robes, the priests wore pants reaching from the waist to the knees "breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach" (Exod. 28:42). Even heathen women knew the embarrassment of lifting their skirts to cross a river "make bare the leg, uncover the thigh. . . . Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen" (Isa. 47:2-3). Exposing the thighs reveals the shame of nakedness.

God commanded women to "adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" (1 Tim. 2:9-10). Shamefacedness or shamefastness is an innate sense of honor which "shrinks from over passing the limits of womanly reserve and modesty, as well as from the dishonor" of such an act (Trench, Synonyms of the New Testament, pp.63-68). It is "a sense of shame" or "modesty which is "fast" or rooted in the character" (Vine, Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, IV:17).

Modesty, shamefacedness, and sobriety deeply rooted in a woman's character cause her to shrink back from exposing the shame of her nakedness. This shame is exposed before men by her wearing skirts and shorts above the knees, miniskirts, low cut dresses and blouses (front or back), strap-less or backless dresses, swimsuits, tube or tank tops, tight or form fitting attire (leotard, bicycle shorts, etc.), and the generally abbreviated uniforms worn by majorettes, cheerleaders, and flag or drill teams. A man in shorts revealing his thighs and without a shirt exposes the shame of his nakedness to women.

The sin of exposed nakedness is fraught with dangers. It creates temptations for the opposite sex, sears the conscience, and refuses the truth of God's word (Matt. 18:6-7; Jer. 6:15; Hos. 8:12). It weakens the home by causing parents to fail in their duty to their children, or children to rebel against parental leadership (1 Sam. 3:13; Deut. 21:18-21). When Christians are guilty, they conform to the world, start down the road of apostasy, set the wrong example, and bring shame on Christ and his church (Rom. 12:2; Judg. 2:10; Matt. 5:13-16; Eph. 5:26-27). Souls will be lost over such sins (Gal. 5:19-21).

Christ can clothe us spiritually and teach us to dress properly when people in the world repent and are baptized to be forgiven through his blood, or when erring Christians repent and pray forgiveness (Acts 2:38; 8:22).

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## Are My Friends a Blessing?

A strong warning is given in 1 Corinthians 15:33, "Do not be deceived: 'Evil company corrupts good habits.'" Those with whom we surround ourselves will impact the kind of people we are. Some friends are a blessing, others can be a curse. Who should I choose as a friend? What does the Bible say?

**Psalm 1:1 says a blessed man will make some choices:**

- **"Walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,"** When our advisors are those who do not respect God, we set a course for disaster.
- **"Nor stands in the path of sinners,"** People who transgress the commands of God, will encourage you to be like them.
- **"Nor sits in the seat of the scornful."** Those who are cruel and oppressive to others, will influence us to take on those same ways.

There is a very deceptive nature of peer pressure. We don't always see the influence that others have on us. Notice in the passage above that first we walk, then stand, then sit down with those who are evil. We can become comfortable with things that should shock us. Choose your companions carefully. Real friends help you to please God. We would love to be your true friend and teach you God's way.

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