

The Robe

A dream or a vision, John could not tell. He was looking through a portal into an great hall. At the end of the great hall was a throne, and on that throne was a King of such majesty and power that he fell to his knees in absolute wonder. Around the throne and throughout the great hall people in glistening white robes moved about with such joy and delight that all he could do was smile in wonder. "What a magnificent place this must be," he thought to himself. Then a voice from inside the great hall beckoned him to come in. In horror, he looked at his attire. The life he had led had left every part of his garment tattered, and filthy. In utter hopelessness he cried out! "I cannot come in, I am not fit to be in such a place! I do not have a robe. Please do not make me go in and face the King!"

Then the King's Son, with a robe more splendid than could be imagined and with a voice full of compassion and care, called out to me, "Come follow me. I have a robe for you. Then you can meet My Father." With an eagerness that John could hardly contain, he yelled, "Yes, I will follow you!" The Son took off His robe and placed it around John's shoulders. The warmth and security of that robe was more than could possibly be explained. It was then that John noticed that the hand which gave him the robe had a gaping wound. He looked at the other hand. It too had the same type of wound. Without His robe His body was exposed. John gasped he saw the slash in His side and the scars on His brow. His back looked like it had been gone over with a meat cleaver. Finally, John saw the puncture wounds in His feet. "What happened to you?" John asked, "Who could have done this?"

"This was done for you," the King's Son answered, "it is the price I paid for your robe. Only those who are adorned with this robe can be welcomed by My Father, and I am the only one who could purchase the robe for you."

"What is this robe that such a price should be paid for it?"

Looking at John with love and acceptance the King's Son replied, "This is the robe of My righteousness. The righteousness you must have, but can never get on your own. I chose to

suffer what you should have suffered, so that I could give you the robe of My righteousness that you could not earn.”

John fell at The Son’s feet in deep sorrow and wept that his need would cause such great suffering, and at the same time he rejoiced that The Son of God would do this for him. Then Jesus looked at him and said “Come, let’s go to My Father’s house, He has a place for you.”

Isaiah 61:10 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
My soul shall be joyful in my God;

**For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,**

The salvation that God offers is free to us, but was very costly to God. We, being the great unwashed, unrighteous, rebellious and selfish beings we are, are deserving of all the wrath that God would choose to pour out on us. Thankfully, He chose to love us and pay a great penalty that he might give us a righteousness that we did not and could not earn. This righteousness comes to us only through Jesus Christ. Accept Him and follow Him as Lord, Then all eternity and much more is yours. Fail to do so, and eternal death is your destination.

John 3:16 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Romans 3:23 New King James Version (NKJV)

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 New King James Version (NKJV)

²³For the wages of sin *is* death, but the ^[a]gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 3:10 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁰As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one;

Ephesians 2:8-9 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Romans 10:9 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁹that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

John 14:2-4 New King James Version (NKJV)

²In My Father's house are many [Ⓜ]mansions; if *it were* not so, [Ⓜ]I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴And where I go you know, and the way you know."

John 14:6 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.