



# dress up!

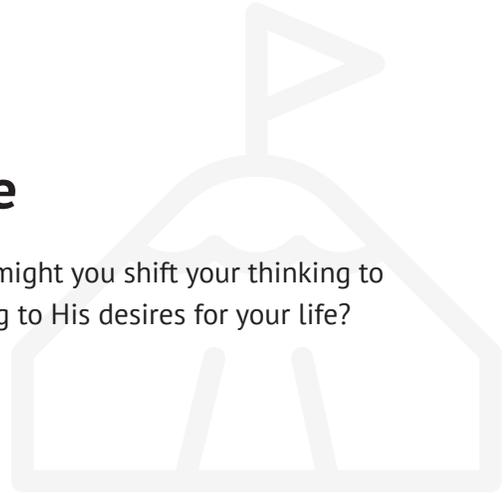
**SUMMARY** | Remember playing dress-up as a kid? You'd get in your mom's or dad's old clothes and role-play adulthood. Tea parties. Restaurants. House. School. Today "dressing up" has hit an all-time low. We joke that during the days of COVID, the person who wore sweatpants the most days a month was the true winner in the pandemic. The Bible is filled with mentions of clothing—both literal and figurative, beginning in Genesis with the first desire for clothing after humankind's fall. Through the New Testament epistles especially, the metaphor of "dressing up" takes on a special significance, directing us to express our internal faith in external efforts, the way we "put on" certain items of clothing. How do clothes play a role in our lives? How might God desire to be the One to dress us up?

## This Week's Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 2:25–3:21. Note all the references to clothes—or the lack of clothing. What role did clothes play in Adam and Eve's lives?
2. When we look at the roles clothing play in the Bible, we can discover that they actually provide clues for deeper meaning in various passages. For example, read 2 Samuel 1:1–12 and see what you learn about the significance of tearing robes. Read Proverbs 31:22 and John 19:2. What is significant about purple clothing?
3. Paul repeatedly refers to our need to put on "new clothes" (Romans 13:14; Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 4:22–24; Colossians 3:9–14). What do "new clothes" mean for followers of Jesus?
4. Read Ephesians 6:10–18 and describe the "power suit" of spiritual armor. Which items do you make sure to put on each day? Is there an article you've been forgetting to wear?
5. Paul describes our heavenly clothes in 1 Corinthians 15:35–55. What strikes you about the new heavenly body God will dress you in one day?

## Challenge

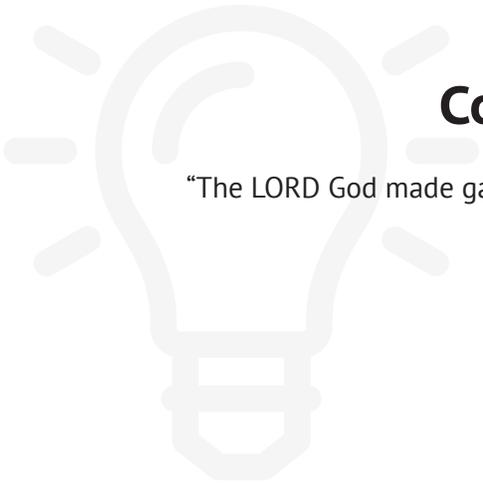
Think about the role of clothes in your life. How might you shift your thinking to invite God to be the one to dress you according to His desires for your life?



## Commit To Memory

“The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them”.

Genesis 3:21 NIV



## Prayer

Dear Lord, thank You for clothing me when I was naked and ashamed.  
Thank You for equipping me with the spiritual clothing I need to live life.

Thank You for the heavenly body You are creating for me  
to indwell in an eternity with You.

Amen.

