

God's Amazing Garments

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Zechariah 3:1-10

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I. God Cleanses sinners on the basis of Grace

NOT on the basis of their Merit 3:1-5

How quickly we forget God's grace & revert to works based salvation ...

- **Joshua had no merit of his own**
v3 – filthy garments = excrement covered
- **We can't earn any merit on our own**
Why not put on clean clothes (good works)? Isaiah 64:6; Rom 3:10
- **The Accuser always accuses, But God's grace is what matters!**
Satan is the accuser of the brethren (Rev 12:10), he always accuses
He has a great case if you forget God's grace!
- **Know the difference between Satan's accusations & the Holy Spirit's conviction**
Holy Spirit convicts of sin John 16:8. God provides forgiveness with repentance 1 John 1:9. Not so with accuser.
- **We can't defend ourselves by our own merit**
Joshua is silent. He knew he was guilty. We are all guilty Rom 3:23
- **Only Christ can defend us, He defends His own**
The Lord rebukes Satan not on our merits, but by His choice to save!
Not foreknowledge, but God's mercy Rom 9:15-16
- **God not only removed Joshua's sin, But clothes him with clean garments**
It is not enough to have sin forgiven, we need imputed righteousness of Christ Rom 3:21-22; 2 Cor 5:21 [be of sin the double cure]

II. God cleanses guilty sinners through Christ 3:6-10

- **My Servant, the Branch** 8
Servant: Isa 42:1; 53:11; Sprout Isa 4:2; 11:1; 53:2; Jer 23:5; 33:15
Messiah would bring ultimate glory to the humbled priesthood
- **The Stone** 9
Messiah: Psa 118:22; Isa 28:16; Mt 21:42; Act 4:11; 1 Pet 2:6
7 eyes = God's omniscience/protection
inscription = we're not told; perhaps names of God's people Ex 28:21

- **Remove iniquity in a single day** 9
the Cross – the high priests had to make annual atonement for the sins of the people BUT Christ's work was perfect, once for all! Heb 10:10-12

III. God uses cleansed sinners to serve Him and calls them to walk in His ways & enjoy Him 3:7,10

- We are brands plucked from the fire! Why pluck a stick? Because you have further use for it! That is why God saves us for His use & glory!
- God has cleansed you, don't listen to the accuser, walk in God's ways as God has cleansed you
- Enjoy the grace God provides for His own - 1 Kng 4:25; Mic 4:4 - a picture of peace and contentment found ONLY in God's grace

Discuss:

- Read Romans 3:10-20. What do these verses teach us about the reality of sin? How does Romans 3:21-26 answer this? What are the implications of these truths? How does Zec 3 illustrate this?
- Paul addresses righteousness Phil 3:1-11. What do we learn? Where do we find the righteousness required by God?
- List out the pictures of Christ found in Zec 3. How do they help you in daily life to remember these?
- Can our consciences be overly sensitive? How do we know the difference between the Holy Spirit's conviction and an overly sensitive conscience?
- How does the doctrine of God's election help your assurance of salvation? How does that comfort you?
- How is justification by grace through faith alone an essential of the gospel that can't be compromised?
- Is there a sin that disqualifies a person from Christian service?