

# Grave Clothes

Sunday Morning, August 17, 2014

## Thesis:

Leave Behind Your Grave Clothes,  
Put on the New Man!

## Introduction:

Dressing the Part

### I. The New Man

(Colossians 3: 5 – 10)

5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

### II. Dead, Married to Another

(Romans 6: 20 - 7: 6)

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

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

1 Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?

2 For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.

3 So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.

4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another —to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.

6 But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

### **III. Untie Yourself** **(John 11: 28 – 44)**

28 And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you."  
29 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him.  
30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him.  
31 Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."  
32 Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."  
33 Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled.  
34 And He said, "Where have you laid him?"  
They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."  
35 Jesus wept.  
36 Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"  
37 And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?"  
38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.  
39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone."  
Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

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40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"  
41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.  
42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."  
43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"  
44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

Untie - Set Free  
(Greek: Lysate)

Let - Leave Behind, Leave in Place  
(Greek: Aphete)

Go - Move Along, Go, Depart, Die  
(Greek - Hypagein)

#### **Conclusion:**

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