

The Lord's Supper

God's only Requirement
for
HEAVEN



OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

What should I wear today?



That is a question that most of us in this world need to answer every day so that we will be **DRESSED RIGHT** for that day! There are lots of things that determine whether or not we are **DRESSED RIGHT** each day.

The weather is one thing that requires us to wear certain types of clothing if we want to be **DRESSED RIGHT**. For example, you would **NOT** be **DRESSED RIGHT** if you wore



THIS CLOTHING

to go to the beach on a
HOT SUMMER'S DAY!

You would feel like you were

MELTING!



Another thing that determines what kind of clothes we should wear if we want to be **DRESSED RIGHT** is where we are going. Many places like **SCHOOL** or **WORK** & even some places like stores & restaurants have certain **DRESS CODES**. A dress code is a **RULE** or group of rules that say people **MUST** be dressed in a certain way if they want to enter a particular place or participate in

certain things. Certain places or organizations have a **REQUIREMENT** you must meet before you are allowed to enter or participate. For example, one day, many years ago, my husband & I wanted to eat at a certain restaurant. This restaurant was located in a town near some beautiful beaches. Many people would come into town still wearing their beach clothing. The management of this restaurant would not allow anyone to eat there in beach clothes or shorts. People had to dress according to **THEIR RULES** to enter. This place **REQUIRED** a certain way of dressing if you wanted to eat in their restaurant! And lots of people wanted to eat in that restaurant because the food was **DELICIOUS!**

The sign outside their restaurant said:

**NO BEACH WEAR
ALLOWED
PROPER DRESS
INCLUDING SHOES & TIES
REQUIRED**

If you wanted to eat in their restaurant, you had to be dressed properly & men had to wear ties. (And just in case the men forgot to wear a tie, the restaurant would let the men borrow one for the evening!)



Lot's of organizations also have **DRESS CODES!** Sports teams **REQUIRE** that their players come to each game

DRESSED RIGHT!

If any team member comes without his or her proper uniform & equipment on thereby NOT meeting the dress code requirement, that team member is NOT allowed to play that day!

Now I'll bet that some of you are wondering WHY we are talking about DRESS CODES & being DRESSED RIGHT since today is our celebration of

The Lord's Supper!



This is the day when we
Eat the Bread
&
Drink the Cup
to

**Remember the death of Jesus on the cross
where He paid for the sins of all mankind.**

WHY are we talking about DRESS CODES & being DRESSED RIGHT? Does God demand that we dress a certain way to come to church? Of course NOT, so long as we are decently dressed to be in public. Then WHY are we talking about DRESS CODES for our Lord's Supper lesson?

Well, as we shall see, Jesus' death on the cross not only paid for our sins, but His death & resurrection also showed us something else. Jesus' death & resurrection showed us that God DOES have a DRESS CODE! But this DRESS CODE is NOT for our bodies. It is a DRESS CODE for our

SOULS!

There is “something” that God REQUIRES that our souls must have in order to be ADMITTED into GOD’S FAMILY & enjoy a relationship with Him while we still live here on earth! That “something” is needed by our souls in order to be able to ENTER HEAVEN when we leave this earth someday. God’s Word tells us that there is something that our SOULS must be dressed in BEFORE we die if we want to be able to go to heaven AFTER we die! In fact, God’s Word tells us that all the people whose souls are NOT DRESSED with this certain “something” will NOT be able to enter heaven! Instead, all those people will SPEND ETERNITY



in

THE LAKE OF FIRE!

Read Revelation 20:11-15 & Romans 1:18; 1Corinthian 6:9

So, WHAT IS GOD’S DRESS CODE? WHAT IS IT THAT OUR SOULS NEED TO BE DRESSED RIGHT FOR GOD? What is God’s ONLY REQUIREMENT that our SOULS ABSOLUTELY NEED TO BECOME PART OF GOD’S FAMILY & ENTER HEAVEN SOMEDAY?

Jesus’ death on the cross showed us clearly what

God’s ONLY REQUIREMENT is.

The underlined words tell us.

“Whom (The “whom” is Jesus Christ.) God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation (Jesus’ shed blood paid for our sins forever.) through faith in his blood, to de-

clare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;" Romans 3:25 KJB

God clearly tells us what we need to be part of His kingdom by telling us what His kingdom is in Romans 14:17 KJB:

"For the kingdom of God is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy ghost."

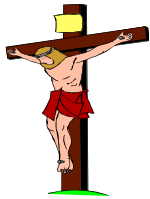
Did you see that word "RIGHTEOUSNESS" in both scriptures? GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS is what we need! You see, God is RIGHTEOUS. That means that God is PERFECT, PURE, HOLY. Everything about Him is RIGHT! Everything He THINKS, SAYS & DOES is RIGHT! There is NOTHING WRONG in God! See Psalm 92:15! So, to be part of His family & His kingdom, WE must be RIGHTEOUS TOO with GOD'S kind of righteousness - PERFECT, HOLY, PURE, RIGHT! Now we sure do know that NONE of us has THAT kind of righteousness! In fact God says that when we are born into this world, we are born as SINNERS - totally UNRIGHTEOUS - totally UNHOLY - UNGODLY! Our souls are NOT DRESSED RIGHT for God! And there is NOTHING WE CAN DO ON OUR OWN to MAKE ourselves RIGHTEOUS!

Read what God says our souls are "dressed in" from the very day we are born into this world:

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness (all the good things we might try to do to make ourselves good enough for God) *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities (our sins) like the wind, have taken us away (away from God)." Isaiah 64:6 KJB



sent JESUS, His very own Son whom He loves, to come to this earth to pay for the sins of the entire world so that those sins would not stand between God & us & so that He could GIVE us His RIGHTEOUSNESS which we ABSOLUTELY NEED!



“For he (God) made him (Jesus) *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” 2Corinthians 5:21 KJB

That is something we can think about that will help us to celebrate the Lord’s Supper as we **REMEMBER what Jesus did for us by His DEATH ON THE CROSS and His RESURRECTION!**

Jesus willingly gave His life for us on the cross so He could TAKE OUR SINS AWAY & then GIVE US GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS so that our souls can be DRESSED RIGHT to be ACCEPTED BY GOD!

Jesus is our ONLY WAY to meet God’s DRESS CODE! Simply BELIEVE in JESUS & God will give you the FREE GIFT of His RIGHTEOUSNESS!

“But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him (Jesus) that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” Romans 4:5KJB

Also read Romans 1:16-17; 9:30; 10:10; Galatians 3:6

Only Jesus can give your soul the proper dress for you to become part of God’s family forever because Jesus IS God’s righteousness! Read 1 Corin-

Jesus even came to earth. Read what the Lord told Isaiah to write in Isaiah 61:10:



"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels."

There it is! Isaiah has CLEARLY told us what our souls need to be dressed in! Our souls need
THE GARMENTS OF SALVATION
THE ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Do YOU meet God's dress code yet?
If not, simply BELIEVE IN JESUS & He'll give you

HIS FREE GIFT
THE GARMENTS OF SALVATION
THE ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!

"For of by one man's offence (Adam's sin in the garden) death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ." Romans 5:17 KJB

Let's eat the bread & drink the cup to remember Jesus & to thank God for His GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS - His only requirement for heaven!

Grace Christian Fellowship

Pastor John A. Ricci

Sunday Morning Service

10:00 A.M.

Sunday Transportation Service ~ Call 24 hours Prior

Weekly Services

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

Communion Service

First Sunday of Every Month

Children's Prep School (Ages 5-14) & Mother's Room

Available for Every Service

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Directions

From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Right*.



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