

Go For God World.
Sermon No 8
Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ



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BR Romans Ch13v13-14

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*13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put on the **Lord Jesus Christ** and make no provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof. **AMT***

B&S just like me , I know that you love the Lord Jesus Christ with all your heart, and you want to please Him, you want to be proud of Him you want your life to be pleasing to Him.

You want a glorifying life. But how ? How can we do that?

Is it talking to Him daily? Is it saying our prayers, singing hymns and choruses, is it telling others about Him witnessing for Him?

The secret B&S of a glorifying life is contained in those words ***Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.*** I am sure some of you have heard of the great theologian Augustine. There was a time in his life when he was very worried and in deep distress about his soul. He was taking a stroll through a garden meditating, thinking on the things pertaining to his future, the year was 386 AD in Milan. He began to hear a voice from a neighbouring house chant, **Take Up And Read, Take Up And Read.**

He knew those words referred to the Holy Bible. He opened the **N T** at Romans Ch13v14 and suddenly verse 14 came alive to him. **Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.** Those words meant something to him, they led him to renounce his old life and accept Jesus Christ as his Saviour by faith.

From then on Augustine became a Christian and a loyal servant to Jesus Christ. **Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.**

B&S We understand Matthew Ch 11v28 *Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

We understand the word COME. We also understand the word Believe. Acts Ch16v31. *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved.* John Ch14v 14-15. *If you love Me keep My commandments.* We can understand that Matthew Ch 10v30 *Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him I will confess before my Father which is in Heaven, him that denies Me before men him I will deny before My Father which is in heaven.*

We can understand those, we know exactly what they mean.

But to put on the Lord Jesus Christ? Does that mean to wear Jesus Christ like we wear a coat, a jumper, our clothes?

B&S we have always got to remind ourselves who we really belong to. God's eyes are watching you, YOUR EVERY MOVE, His eyes are on the righteous. Peoples eyes are watching you , Do you paint a good picture for Him for God? Your own eyes are watching you, Let a man examine himself and what do you see? The enemies eyes are watching you, like a roaring lion just waiting to pounce, The devil also knows your every action, and he is the accuser of the brethren. As God looks at us what does He see? In Genesis Ch 6v5 He say that the wickedness of man was great in the Earth, and that every imagination of their thoughts of their heart was only evil continually, all the time Jeremiah Ch 17v19 states. *The heart of man is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it?*

I have often heard Christian say. I don't care what people think about me, It is what God says and thinks about me.

And B&S that is wrong. You should care what people think about you. You are a child of God and you are to let your light shine before men before others, be nice, make friends be pleasant. You represent the family of God which includes me, and the brethren. If you are not liked and people say bad things about you **WHY?** Do you ever stop to think, what does God think about me? Could you tidy up your act, could you represent Him better? You are what you are and that is what God sees.

How can we come before God in this rotten condition?

He is Holy, He is Pure. The answer is we cannot come before Him in this condition, B&S we must have some covering to hide our sin's. And the message of the Gospel is that God has provided that covering in the person of His only Begotten Son, The Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Isaiah knew that he was covered, that he was clothed with Christ. In Ch 61v10 He said. *I 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. As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as the bride adorns herself with her jewels.* B&S When we trust the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, God reckons us righteous because we have Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, we have covered ourselves with the robe of Righteousness, and because of that we are in Christ Jesus, and if we are in Christ Jesus we are mentioned in Romans Ch 8v1.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Let me encourage you B&S. You know God is love, and God loves You. Think about that great Hymn. **Are you washed in the blood, In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb?**

Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Do you have on the wedding garment of Christ's righteousness or are you dressed in the filthy rags of your sin? It is great to know your abiding in the vine. Amen. Everywhere we are watched by others, neighbours, friends, family, Especially Family We profess to be Christian followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the world expects us to be different, and we should be different, we should be like Him and represent Him well.

If we profess to be His, but deny Him in our lives, we are hypocrites. Titus states In Ch1v6 *They profess to know God but in their works they deny Him. Being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.* Amen

B&S How can we be like Him? The only way is by putting on the Lord Jesus Christ. Once we were dead, but now we are alive, For how long? **FOR EVER.** Once we put on the Lord Jesus Christ we are clean. John Ch5v24 States Verily, Verily I say unto you, he that hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has **Everlasting Life.** Amen Every day is a new day, when we all wake up we should always remember acknowledge Him and acknowledge who we are, He is God of that day.

One Day At A Time

Yesterday B&S Is history it's dead it's gone, tomorrow is future. But you may not see tomorrow, for tomorrow is promised to no man. Today you put on Jesus Christ one day at a time, not on your own strength, you must depend on the Holy Spirit *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit* Romans 8v5. Have you ever heard a Christian brother or sister say, I'm not worthy? Sometimes when we look at ourselves we see failure, that you fall short, far short of your idea of a good Christian. You may be conscious of your sin, and it makes you feel lousy unworthy and ashamed. Then before long you are filled with despair and discouragement. If you truly examine yourself and look into your own heart, you will find Jealousy, Pride, Uncleaness. You will find your own weakness and faults. This will depress and discourage you beyond measure. This is why Christians are discouraged, depressed and down. They are looking at themselves. What they should be doing is **Put on the Lord Jesus Christ** and look at Him whom they have accepted, in whom they are trusting and who is their Righteousness and their Holiness. *He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.* He will finish it. This is the meaning of Hebrews Ch 12v2 *Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of your faith.* He is the Author of it, and He will be the finisher of it.

It means look away from your sins, your self, your flesh your circumstances and look to Him, In Him you stand complete. Don't sell yourself short, you are His and all that He owns is very good, and He owns **YOU** For in Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and you are complete in Him who is the head of all principality and power. Every morning when you get up, what is the first thing you put on? Is it Slippers, a Housecoat, Shirt, Blouse? What ever it is, you pretend that it contains **Jesus Christ**, He is in it and you are putting on Him.

Here is your remedy for the Poor ME's. Self Piety, Depression. Here is the way to find relief when trials and testing's come, here is the medicine for your soul when sickness comes upon you. **Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ** for this is the only way to escape from the attacks of the Devil who prowls around like a roaring lion, and plays football with your head, and puts all sorts of daft thoughts in there and he is just waiting to pounce. If you stand alone in your own weakness you are easy pray for the Devil. But if you put on the **Lord Jesus Christ** Satan can't touch you. We are always to seek Him first, seek Me first then resist the Devil and he will flee from you. B&S You hear many Christians saying, Resist the Devil and he will flee from you, he won't, he wont. What is God saying? God is saying, seek Me first, resist the devil and he will flee from you, It is God that he flees from, not you The only safe place for the Christian is to hide and depend on no other than our Saviour.

David said in Psalm 143v9

Deliver me O my Lord from my enemies, I flee to You to hide me.
And his son Solomon said in Proverbs 18v10 *The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run into it and they are saved.* Amen B&S When Satan tempts us the thing to do is turn to Christ and turn to Him at once, don't play football with Satan **WHY?** To hide from the enemy, and to get the protection from the Lord's strength. **Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ** Do this by faith every day, and you will find that He is quite sufficient, He is all that you need, He is your sufficient covering. In closing let me read you this portion of scripture from Revelation Ch 7v9-10

*After these things I looked and behold a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues standing before the throne and before the Lamb **clothed with white robes**, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne and the Lamb. Amen.*

Let us close in prayer

Through a Simple Prayer

*You can never bat the Devil
Well that is, on your own
There's only one way to victory
That's through God upon His throne
But if you don't accept the Shepherd
And acknowledge God the Son
Then the fight is lost already
And the Devil's strength has won
We can't say. that we didn't know
The Lord was on our side
For it's written in the scriptures
And is published far and wide
Jesus Christ, who shed His blood
On a cross on Calvary
Spelt it out quite clearly
So all of us could see
That the power of Satan's armies
And the evil that they do
Can be attacked by God and beaten
Through a simple prayer from you.*

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