

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Our Grave Clothes

Following last week – the sacred lives of the living

- **How, who & where** do we help?

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The Body of Christ brings the only real source of help...

- And the most **potential for damage** (misrepresenting Him)

How do we replace our **liabilities with assets**?

- I.D. the **liabilities** & their **replacements**
- **Removal** is never enough

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Last week we noted the dangers of being lost in sin (**I Cor. 6:9-10 & Gal. 5:19-21**)

- **How** shall we empower Christ's followers to help?

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John 11:1-44

Vs. 44, "Take off the grave clothes"

- (**Vs.39**, But Lord... **he's stinks!**)
- What do you think those **grave clothes** smelled like?
- **I Corinthians 6:11**, "And such were some of you. **But** you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."
- **Who** helped you out of **your grave clothes**?
- It's a process **we continue in**. We all have our own thorns in the flesh.

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Where do we get our grave clothes?

- **Psalms 1:1, I Cor. 15:33 & II Cor. 6:14**
- "The counsel of the ungodly, the path of sinners, the seat of the scornful"

- "Bad company corrupts good character."
- "Don't team up with unbelievers. How can righteousness partner with wickedness?"

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We become like who we team up with

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Are they costly?

- **Matthew 16:26**,
- "What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?"

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What are grave clothes made of? (Things that cause death) And what must they be **replaced with**?

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They value the **earthly** more than the **eternal**

- **Matt 13:7**, "Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them."
- **Matt. 6:19-21**, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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What are **the foulest smelling** of our grave clothes?

- **The first ones chosen**, and most persistent
- **The same ones chosen by Eve & Lot**
- **Self-centeredness!**

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What is the **most damaging** impact?

- **Creating Division!**
- **Proverbs 6:16-19**, "Things that **the LORD hates**... that are an abomination to Him: One who sows **discord among brethren**."

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What are the new clothes?

John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; **as I have loved you**, you also must love one another. **By this** all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Philippians 2:3-5, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind **let each esteem others better than yourself**. Let each of you look out not only for your own interests, but also for the interests of others. **Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus**"

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Where & How do we get new our new clothes?

- **Matthew 5:9**, "Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they will be called children of God."
 - **Colossians 3:1-2**, "Set your hearts on things above, **where Christ is...** on things above, not on earthly things."
 - **Hebrews 12:2**, "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, **the author and perfecter of our faith**, who for the joy before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."
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What are our application points?

- **We need to need each other**
- **We need to be willing to be needed**
- **We're called to be servants**
- **They are easy to recognize...**

Be like Jesus. Be an example & help each other.