

The Uniform of Jesus

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” (Colossians 3:12)

Certain uniform of dress is for an establishment or institute and we recognize the place of work of the person who wears it. Every part of the uniform is well chose – the color, the fashion, the number of uniform pieces, the head cover, and the footwear – and every part has its meaning to serve certain purpose.

To those who belong to Jesus also have certain uniform to wear! Jesus came down from heaven calling the people to follow Him as their Saviour and Lord. He offered Himself to die on the cross for paying the price of the sins of men. The punishment that we should pay, He carried it on our behalf. ***“And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.” (2 Corinthians 5:15)***

Not only that we are saved and have eternal life, but through believing in Jesus we became children of God. ***“You are all the sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:26)*** And as we become the children of God we become brothers of Jesus. Brothers have similarities in their faces, their body build-up, attitudes and characters. We who believe in Jesus and follow Him we would be similar to Him, and ultimately we would carry His characters and become like Him. For the word of God instructs us and we are blessed if we follow what it says: ***“Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.” (Romans 13:14)*** Therefore ***“Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and debauchery, not in dissention and jealousy.” (Romans 13:13)***

Being the children of God, let us cover ourselves with the uniform that shows that we belong to Jesus Christ:

1-Compassion: the merciful feeling toward others is the true desire to help them. Compassion is to be exposed in action. The Bible describes how Jesus had compassion to the people when they were with Him, that He did not want to send them with empty stomach or without food: ***“I have compassion for those people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them home hungry, they will collapse in the way, because some of them have come a long distance.” (Mark 8:2-3)***

In another occasion ***“When He saw the crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36)*** Jesus is God, but He came down from heaven to shepherd those who follow Him. Jesus said, ***“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lay down his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)*** we should have that same compassion and love toward the people. We receive eternal life because someone told us about Jesus. Let us then tell others about Him so that they too will receive eternal life. We should have the same compassion of Jesus toward the people who are away

from God, because they are considered lost sheep. ***“He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.” (Acts 10:42)***

2-Kindness: Jesus was so kind; His action was not associated with anger or loud voice or burst of rage. He did not like to make troubles or promote riot. He is the true example that we should follow, as God described Him: ***“This is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on Him, and He will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear His voice in the streets.” (Matthew 12:18-19)*** Kindness means not to raise a hand, no fist to fight or stone to throw to others.

3- Humility: Is the humbleness and the readiness to associate with people of low position and low prestige. ***“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.” (Romans 12:16)*** Our Lord Jesus is our true example ***“Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be gasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbles himself and became obedient to death – even death on the cross.” (Philippians 2:4-8)***

4- Gentleness: Jesus said, ***“Learn form me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.” (Matthew 11:29)*** gentleness is the beautiful approach to other people; it comes out from a loving heart. Gentleness in speaking is required. Gentleness is a must in approaching problems and solving them in the right way. Gentleness is needed in discussion to reach proper agreement. The low tone of voice without shouting and yelling is a good character that expressed gentleness. Gentleness is of great blessing to the person who practices it.

5- Patience: The trend in this world is to be in a hurry, to compete with the time, to gain more by whatever means. But the word of God teaches us: ***“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways when they carry out their wicked schemes.” (Psalm 37:7)*** Let us be diligent in doing what God asks us to do. Let us refrain from doing evil to achieve good goals and let us avoid ways that God do not allow for us.

My Dear and Beloved: What we read above are the characters of Jesus. As we clothe ourselves with these characters we reflect Christ’s glory, love and concern for the other people around us. Let us continue to mediate on these characters and ask God to clothe us and be more like Christ.

“Heavenly Father, I come before You in the name of Jesus who died for me on the cross to give me eternal life. O Lord, clothe me with compassion for the lost, kindness and humility in action. Take my pride away, and clothe me with gentleness as I speak and deal with other people. Give me patience as I am waiting for You to fulfill your promises in me. Thank You, Lord. This is my prayer in Jesus’ name, Amen.”