

8.31.20 – Ok or Preferred?

Does God just accept naturism or is it His preference?

We are going to make the case that God favors non-sexual nakedness as the normal everyday attire for everyone and that He has preferred it from the time He created man naked and not ashamed until now. We would also like to state that we do not mean that you are out of God's will if you are dressed at times when you are in public. There is no commandment about clothing or the lack of it. It is an area where we have liberty to do what we think God wants us to do, like being a vegetarian versus being a meat eater and like whether to celebrate a given holiday or not. We expect to build a strong case that God is for naturism, but He will accept textile believers regardless of the case against them. If we are saved, God sees us as righteous regardless of how we react to the textile/naturism decision. That said, if I knew that God preferred us naked and not ashamed and that Satan preferred us to cover, I choose to go with God's preference rather than Satan's.

Let's start off with a basic reminder that God created us naked and then He declared that creation very good in its naked condition. **Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.** We do not know how long Adam and Eve lived in the garden before they fell to Satan's temptation, but it very well could have been years before they finally gave in and ate the forbidden fruit. Adam and Eve would have spent the entire time naked while they worked, played and fellowshiped with each other and God. God did not recommend that they clothe themselves at any time during this period and neither did Adam or Eve. Therefore, we can conclude that in the beginning, God was pleased with nakedness. Now before we move on to the next point...can anyone tell us from the Bible where He ever recorded that He had changed His mind and that He was no longer pleased with His image being displayed in their naked bodies? No, well you're in good company because we cannot either.

There are a lot of opinions as to what Adam and Eve's reason was for eating the forbidden fruit. Regardless of the reason, they felt a need to cover themselves after eating the forbidden fruit. Notice that their feeling did not come from God, but rather another source. Since the lie that influenced them to eat the fruit came from Satan, it is very likely that the suggestion to cover in fear was also made by Satan. **Gen 3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?** Nowhere in the entire account of the first sin do we find God ordering Adam and Eve to cover their nakedness. Instead we find God asking them who told thee. Seems as if God is placing the blame for their covering on Satan...since the idea to cover did not come from God I believe that we can safely assume that Satan was the one suggesting clothing as the way to "get right" with God. So...clothing or covering the image of God in man was not God's idea before or after the fall, but it certainly appears as if it were Satan's idea. This alone is enough to convince us to desire to live as God originally intended rather than cover in shame as Satan suggested.

So, they spent an unknown time in the Garden of Eden before the fall in the naked and not ashamed state that they were created in with God's blessing. After the fall we see God asking Adam and Eve "who told thee" indicating that the idea to cover was not His. Now, what about the covering? Do the aprons prove that God had changed His mind about showing His image in mankind via nakedness? **Gen 3:2 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.** This verse does not indicate that God wanted all of us wearing clothes from that moment on. We have no idea what the "coats" looked like. God's "coats" could have covered less than the fig leaf aprons...we truly have no idea what they looked like at all. Let's break it down this way...there was no need for clothing for lust's sake as Adam and Eve were married to each other and were the only living human beings on earth at this time. We've also covered in previous articles that clothing does not stop lust anyway as lust is a condition of the heart. Add to that the fact that the tropical climate would be easier to live in without clothing. Additionally, and here's the big one for us...if God favored covering our naked bodies...the naked bodies that display His image...the naked bodies that He declared to be "very good", then there would have been

specific written instructions in scripture as to what the coats needed to cover and when they should or must be worn. Since there were no specific instructions given and since scripture does not record God ever changing His mind about His image being displayed in us then we can safely assume that He didn't change His mind on the subject...after all, God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

So, God was pleased with our nakedness before the fall, He wasn't the One to encourage Adam and Eve's covering in fear and He gave no instructions as to the wearing of clothing at the departure from Eden. Where then did the idea that God prefers covering come from...well, we believe that is Satan's great lie that the church has become the great propagator of.

Additionally, if God wanted clothing worn from that time forward, He could have simply changed the climate. I have been in churches where the pastor wanted the women to cover themselves, but he didn't want to make a lot of rules on the subject so he would just keep the temperature low enough that they would be very uncomfortable without covering most of what the pastor wanted covered. God knows where the thermostat is for the whole planet. He could have easily adjusted Earth's thermostat and made clothing a near necessity, just to be comfortable. We can assume therefore that God still favors nakedness when the conditions are right.

Since God does not do anything without a purpose, we assume that He had a reason for creating us naked and having us live naked from the beginning. Displaying the pinnacle of creation seems to be the purpose as we see it in the scriptures. He made man last. He made man in His own image. And then He made them naked so that His image in mankind would be on display. Again, we can see no where within the pages of scripture where that has changed. We are still the pinnacle of His creation. We are still the last of His creation. We are still made in His image. And I can see nowhere, where He now wants that image hidden in shame or for any other reason. The only being that benefits from covering the image of God in mankind seems to be Satan as He hates God and therefore, he hates the pinnacle of God's creation!

Now let's look at some of the more practical reasons for naked as God's preferred way of life rather than Him just ok with it.

The body is very dependent on sunlight. Rickets is not the only condition caused by the lack of sunlight. Here is some information from a website that I have been studying regarding health and fighting disease:

By 1933

165 different diseases for which sunlight proved to be a beneficial treatment...

Lowered BP 40mm Hg

Lowered abnormal high blood sugar

Increased number of white blood cells

Gout, eczema, acne, asthma, anemia, arthritis, kidney problems, colitis

US Government Dept of Labor 1931

Sent out brochures with Sun exposure recommendations

Baby should slowly get a tan and don't allow a burn

Diseases of darkness

Rickets

Tuberculosis

Osteoporosis

Diabetes

Psoriasis

Anemias

Autoimmune

Every disease has a connection to a lack of exposure to sun

Many of the health problems that exist today are caused at least in part by a lack of vitamin D which is formed when the skin is exposed to sunlight more than 45 degrees above the horizon. The more exposed skin the more vitamin D produced. Sunlight produces vitamin D from cholesterol. Oh, and you cannot overdose on vitamin D, however the skin can be harmed by

overexposing it to sunlight...so sunburn is never a good idea. The maximum dose of vitamin D would be obtained by a naked body with no sunscreen until the skin starts to turn pink or if your skin is darker, when it begins to show signs of overexposure. Many body rhythms are tied to sunlight. God designed the body to be exposed to sunlight for optimum wellbeing. I wonder who might like the idea that we are not at optimum health if we cover our bodies. Another one of Satan's tricks / lies?

We have covered in great detail with previous articles the decreased sexual view of the body with the commonplace of non-sexual nudity, the porn proofing of husbands and children by making a regular habit of non-sexual nakedness, the increase of self-image in men, women and children alike due to a lack of body shaming issues.

In short, we believe the only reason for clothing when not needed to protect the body, is to follow the laws of the land. God or His Word cannot be used in context to compel anyone at any time to clothe and cover the image of God in us in normal everyday life. We have found nothing after years of research that would indicate that God is in favor of covering His image in us. In fact, the only verses that have come close have been taken out of context or have been completely mis-defined.

We have shown in this article and many others like it that the textile position is just not biblical. God made the first people naked. All of us come into this world naked and we will take no clothing with us when we leave. We recommend that you choose to live as God intended from the beginning...naked and not ashamed!