## What Will I Wear?

Isaiah 61:8-11

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations. (Isaiah 61:8-11, NIV)

How often do we take notice of the clothing we will wear for the day?

Are you one who likes to lay out clothing the night before, ready for a new day or are you like me? I get up and see what mood I'm in for the day. It's fine to be aware or concerned of the garments we will wear for our new day, but how often do we think about the "garment" we will wear on our Heart for the day?

Is it one of PEACE and GOODWILL or one of despair, dread, anger, etc.?

When Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph, I feel sure, did not concern themselves with the "outfit" they would put on Jesus at his birth. You see, Jesus was wrapped in a swaddling cloth and laid in a manger.

What he wore was a glow of God, radiating Peace to all mankind, Savior of the World, King of Kings. A garment of our Salvation and a robe of our Righteousness.

This Advent season and all year long let us begin our day by praying and asking Jesus to cloth our Heart with Peace and Good News. Isaiah prayed in verse 3 that God would bestow on Zion a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

We are a nation of Christians, clothed in the righteousness of God! Let us wear it with a glow that was like unto that moment of Jesus's birth in Bethlehem. The garment we clothe our heart in will affect others for eternity. Blessings and Peace.

**Prayer:** Our Loving Heavenly Father, may we be aware everyday of the "garment" our heart wears. May it be one that will have the glow of peace and goodwill, a garment of salvation and a robe of our righteousness. May others be aware of our "garments" of our heart so that Jesus our Lord and Savior will be revealed unto them. In Jesus's name we ask these things. Amen

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