

Great Swamp Baptist Church

October 8, 2023

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Praise & Worship

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Offertory Special

Pastor Ralph Lee

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery



Teacher:
Olivia Stanley

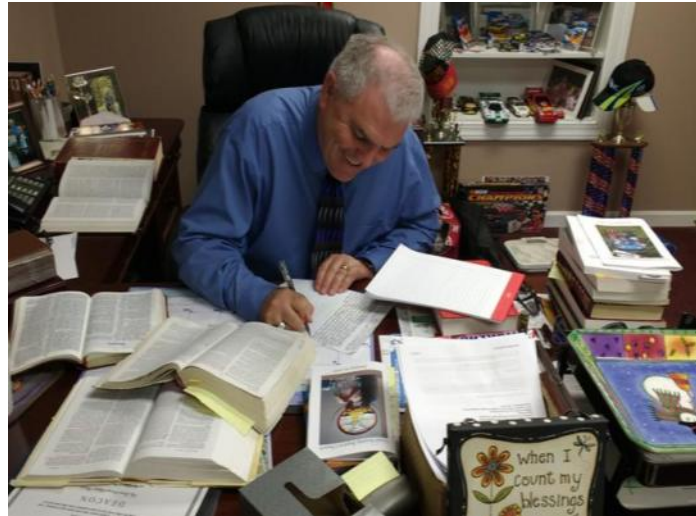
DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Keith Gamo



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*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Now That You Are Properly Dressed **(Col 3:12-17)**

Introduction:

What you wear can speak loudly about where you are going or about what you are about to do. For example, if you are wearing a tuxedo, then we could probably conclude that you are either attending a wedding, a prom, or attending a gathering with a lot of dignitaries. Whereas if you're wearing a suit and it's not your typical work clothes, then we would probably conclude that you're either going to church or a funeral.

In my last three messages we have focused on the clothing that God intends upon us to put on. Of course, we're referring to the inner clothing or spiritual clothing. So in this message I want us to notice that now that we are properly dressed according to the attire found in the previous messages, what can we experience? Where does it say that we are going? With this proper attire, what will we be attending?

Well, in this message and these verses, we will discover that there are some amazing thing that this proper attire will allow us to experience.

I. First, now that you are properly dressed, you can experience the peace of Christ (vs 15).

Now it should be very obvious to us that no one can live in peace if they are not wearing the proper Christian clothing that we've been looking at for a few weeks now. For to experience peace you need to have compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, bearing others, forgiving others and loving others.

However the peace being referred to here is not a peace that is humanly produced. For this peace is the peace of Christ. So this peace comes from knowing the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. It's also true that if a person is going to put on the Christian clothing, which are necessary to knowing peace, must enter into a relationship with Christ in order to put on the attire that makes up the Christian clothing. Thus Christ provides both the clothing necessary and the peace that it produces.

There are many, many Bible verses that speak of our peace with God. "Therefore since we have been justified throughout faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1).

Jesus Himself said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives you. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27).

Now when it comes to the peace of Christ we are told to let it rule in our hearts. In other words it's to take precedent over fear, anxiety, anger, and other emotion as we face the issues of life. For we know that through Christ we are at peace with God.

II. Second, now that you are properly dressed you can be thankful (vs 15).

For the Apostle Paul the Book of Philippians is called his Book of Joy because it mention joy several times. Well, we could easily call the Book of Colossians his book of gratitude for in the four chapters that make up the book gratitude and thankfulness are mentioned seven time (1:3, 1; 2:7; 3:15, 16, 17; 4:2). Therefore what the Apostle Paul is showing us is that the life of a Christian is one of constant gratitude and thanksgiving, while the mark of an unbeliever is one of ingratitude.

Now Paul does not mean for us to infer from his call for us to be thankful that as a Christian our life will always be trouble free, and thus causing us to be grateful for that.

Paul's call to gratitude has nothing to do with our circumstances, but rather Paul is calling us to a life of gratitude based upon what Christ has done on our behalf. Paul most adequately reveals this in the first chapter of this book when he said, "And giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light. For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Col 1:12-14).

So as we can see all because of our blessed God we have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness and brought into the kingdom of light and of Christ Jesus our Lord, at a very high price, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ the Holy Son of God. So no matter what our circumstances may be we will always forever have a reason to give thanks.

An ungrateful person will definitely not be one who will be wearing the proper clothing that we have been discussing. When you are ungrateful, you will not be able to be gentle, kind, humble, or patient and all the rest.

Oliver B. Green, a radio preacher from the recent past, said, "One of the outstanding marks of consecration and spirituality is thankfulness. God pity the believer who grumbles and finds fault when he knows that God gives him the very air he breathes and the sunshine that is a necessity of life. Every good and perfect gift comes from God, who has bestowed upon us everything good and worthwhile." So let's get properly dressed and start experiencing God's peace and display gratitude.

III. Third, now that you are properly dressed you can worship (vs 16).

Now I believe that this verse is referring both to private, personal worship as well as public worship. Paul reveals that the first thing involved in our worship is the Word of God. You can't have genuine worship without the Word. For the Word of God gives us all the reasons why we should worship to begin with.

Also it must hold a prominent place in our worship because God is the one who gave us His Word and it is His Word. So if we are going to hear from God we must dive into His Word.

The prophets from old, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the apostles all preached from God's Holy Word. There's power, wisdom, truth, and guidance found in the pages of God's Holy Word. Thus, Paul challenges us to let it richly dwell within us and to use it for our teaching and admonishing one another.

In another one of his books, Paul, writing to a young preacher named Timothy, said it is best in illustrating the prominent place of God's Word in worship when he said, "But as for you continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Tim 3:14-17).

Paul also reminds us tht worship involves a time of praise and thanksgiving by the means of psalms, hymns, and songs of the spirit singing them with great gratitude to God from our hearts.

Worship without the Word, and hymns of praise is not true worship. So let us open God's Word and hymns of praise and worship our awesome God.

IV. Fourth, now that you are properly dressed you are to be Christ like (vs 17).

This last verse in this message is not last because it is least. Rather it is last because it shows the end result of continually wearing the proper Christian clothing. That result is that your life will demonstrate the presence of Jesus in your life,. Your actions, your attitude, and your behavior in all situations will show that you belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. You do all things in His name and that will keep you from not doing the things you shouldn't do.

Do others see Jesus in us? John MacArthur relates a story of a man named Guy King that illustrates this point. "Years ago I was leading the childrens' special service mission at one of our south coast holiday resorts. As I was approaching the beach one morning this little fellow was going along there, too. As he caught sight of me, he said, 'mommy, here comes the Jesus man.' He only meant that I was the man who spoke to the children about the Savior; but his remarks meant more to my heart that day. What right had I -- have I -- to be called a Jesus man? What degree of resembles is there about us?"

One more time, can they see Jesus in us?

Conclusion:

My prayer is that by God's grace we will put on the Christian clothing so that we can enjoy the peace of Christ, and give Him gratitude and experience worship through His Word and praise with songs and finally demonstrate His presence in us.

Jesus Loves You,
Ralph Lee, Jr.



October:

10/8 - Kim & Richard
10/15 - Juliette & Mike W
10/22 - Latrelle & Mike D
10/29 - Courtney & Jeff

November:

11/5 - Kim & Richard
11/12 - Juliette & Mike W
11/19 - Latrelle & Mike D
11/26 - Courtney & Jeff

AGENDA

Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting

Monday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

Every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Grandmothers' Group

Monday, November 6th at 11:30 a.m.

Meet at the youth house to help with Operation Christmas Child. Please bring a soup or a sandwiches to share. Hope to see everyone there!
All ladies welcome!

Swamp Kids

Every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m.



**MEETING
NOTICE!**

There will be a church council meeting today after the service.



Movie: Love's Enduring Promise

Sunday, October 22nd



Concessions at 6:00 p.m.



Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.

Please bring finger foods to share!

Tea and Popcorn provided.

Come watch an amazing movie with us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCC Packing Party

Saturday, October 14th at 9:30 a.m.

GSBC's Homecoming

Sunday, October 15th.

** SEE BELOW**



SRBA Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

Ridgeland Baptist Church

More information to follow.

Harvest Fest

October 28th from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

More info and sign up sheets coming soon.

See Jennifer or Keith for more info.



Lord's Supper

Sunday, October 29th during the service.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 31st

Beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the MPB.

Sign up online or walk-in.

HOMECOMING INFO:

Bobby Thompson will be preaching. The church will provide the meat and drink. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share!



Operation Christmas Child

These are the items being collected for October. Please remember you can make a donation and we will do the shopping for you and/or you can pick an angel off the tree.

October:

Matchbox cars
Stuffed animals
Jump ropes
Barbies
Yo-yos
Puzzles
Assorted toys for 5-14 yr olds

PACKING PARTY:
Saturday, October 14th at 9:30 a.m.



Wednesday Night Supper

Meals served from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
every Wednesday night.

Wednesday, Oct. 11th:

Cooking Team: Team Keith

\$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per
family of four or more.

No meal deliveries.

*****NO SUPPER ON 10/18****



Sunday Morning Breakfast

Beginning Sunday,
September 10th. Breakfast
will be served from 8:00
a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

\$5.00 per person or \$15.00
per family of four or more.

GSBC Prayer Page

Church Leadership

Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries
Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons
Church Finances

Leadership

President / Vice President of
the United States of America

Bereavement

Family of Mary Elizabeth
Smith (Bobby & Susan
Thompson's Daughter)

Unspoken

Other Health Needs

Mary Kay Cade
Debbie Hale
Gene Price
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Judy Smith
Kathy Breland

Hospitals

Marie Malphrus - Beaufort
Memorial
Mary Cooper - Beaufort
Memorial

Cancer/Treatments

Revel Crosby - 4 years old
(Leukemia)
Morgan Warren
Ken Lawler
Sandra Youden-Corrivean

Mr. Williamson - heart attack
Mike Wall
Grace Hetrick
Arthur Pierson
Dwight Malphrus
Clark Daring
Arlette Jones
Max Cole
Nicole Cole

Surgery/Recovery

Judy Smith
Karen Malphrus
David Raines - Sprenger Rehab
Marie Cole

Nursing Centers

Bobby Mohn - Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at South
Pointe

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>
<i>Rose Boyles</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Doby Cleland</i>
<i>Vera Floyd</i>	<i>Lucille & Ron Degler</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Thomas & Erma Cooler</i>
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	<i>Marie Malphrus</i>

Expected Mothers:

Chelsea Lake - Due 10/16

Pray For Our Military

Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Matthew Mills-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent/Air Force
Washington, D.C.
Michael Sottile - Ret.
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/SWCC
Andrea C. Daring-Charleston, SC
Schuyler Johnson - Basic Training Marines

Church Staff

Pastor: **Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.** *jehu27@gmail.com*

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Pianist: **Michelle Waitt** *waittfamily83@gmail.com*

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School Administrator: **Donna Carter** *dcarter@hargray.com*

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$4,193.00	\$ 5,012.49	\$-819.49
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>		
Designated Funds		*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip</i>	<i>\$203.00</i>	*****	<i>\$5,156.94</i>
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>	*****	<i>\$966.83</i>
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,556.72</i>
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	<i>\$231.00</i>	*****	<i>\$18.39</i>
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>	*****	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>Gleaner's SS</i>	<i>\$46.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,185.06</i>
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,219.85</i>
<i>Harvest Fest</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>	*****	<i>\$-28.07</i>



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Sunday School.....9:15AM
Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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