

# Love Covers

## **1 Peters 4:8 -**

And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”

## **Proverbs 10:12 –**

Hatred stirs up strife but love covers all sin

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## **Naked Dream –**

- Growing awareness of nakedness.
- Running and trying to find a place to hide.
- Fall. People laughing at me.

## **Genesis 2:8-9 – Garden of Eden**

**8** The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. **9** And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life *was* also in the midst of the garden, and the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**

## **Genesis 2:15-17 – Do not eat of tree**

**15** Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. **16** And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the

garden you may freely eat; **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

**Genesis 3:1-11** – They Ate and were Ashamed

**3** Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

**2** And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; **3** but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

**4** Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

**6** So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

**7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

**8** And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

**9** Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where *are* you?”

**10** So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

**11** And He said, “Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

### **Tree of Guilt and Shame**

- Knowledge of Good and Evil
  
- Sin Consciousness –
  - A problem for sinners
  - A problem for Christians
  
- Fig Leaves Represent Man Made Effort To Cover Their Own Sins.
  
- “I’m sorry for being naked!! I’m sorry for my sin...let me try to make up for it!”

**Guilt and Shame** drive us OUT of relationship! Drives us away from God!

- Guilty people Run
- Shameful people Hide
- “I don’t want to get to know God because God doesn’t want to get to know me!”

**Genesis 3:21** – Coat of Skins

Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

- Something besides fig leaves would have to die. At this point, God established the sacrificial system.
- Robes of skin, thus symbolizing that Jesus would have to die to cover the sin and nakedness of the lost.

**When we sin, one of two things will happen:**

1. We either start looking for fig leaves to make our own flimsy cover-up. **Atonement**.
  - a. Doesn't take away shame and guilt.

**OR**

2. We look to Jesus for His robe of righteousness.

**Atonement** - Theologically speaks of God's acting in human history to reestablish the original relationship between God and man by dealing with sin.

- To make reparation or restitution
- Make up for
- Pay For or Compensate

**Propitiation** – To make up for a wrong

**1 John 2:2** – *He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

And He Himself is the propitiation (atonement) for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

**1 John 4:9-10** – *God manifested His love to us!*

**9** In this the **love of God was manifested** toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. **10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. (To Atone for and take away our sins!)

**Isaiah 61:10** – *God has clothed me!! Covered me!*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
My soul shall be joyful in my God;  
For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
As a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments,  
And as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels.

**Jesus is the Love of God!!**

- His love Covers me!!
- His love removes my shame!
- His love is my righteousness!

Galatians 3:26-27 – For ye are all Children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ!

## **Guilt and Shame Nailed to Cross! – Love Covers**

- Conscious of Righteousness!!
- Our focus and **consciousness of our sin** was killing us!
  - Driving us out of relationship
  - Causing us to run
  - Causing us to hide!
- **His LOVE Covers!!**
- **Clothed in God's Glory!**
- **Clothed in Jesus**
- **Clothed in Righteousness and Holiness**
- **Clothed in The Love of God!!!**

## **Robe of Righteousness**

The Lamb of God did not just take away your sins. **He also gave you His righteousness.**

Beloved, you are covered by Jesus' blood. You are righteous by His blood. God has clothed you with the robe of righteousness, which was paid for by Jesus' blood. I am not talking about a physical robe made of cloth. I am talking about the robe of righteousness that was on Jesus when He said to the storm, "Peace, be still!" and there came a perfect calm, when healing flowed from Him to the sick and when He raised Lazarus from the dead.

When you believe that you are righteous because of Jesus' blood, you will see the effects of wearing His robe

of righteousness. You will see miracles happening before your very eyes. You become a blessing magnet, a favor or grace magnet. It is not your own righteousness, but the righteousness of Jesus which you have put on, that is attracting all these blessings of God into your life.

**Have the consciousness of being clothed with Jesus' robe of righteousness.** Every day, come to God and say, "Father, I thank You that Jesus is my burnt offering. He covers me from head to toe with His righteousness. What He is to You, I am. As He is now, so am I. I am in Him." And you will see the manifestations of the blessings of health, wholeness, protection and provision that the robe attracts!

**God's Love To Us, In Us and Through Us!**