

Three Views of Modesty

hree women face the problem of modesty. All three recognize the teaching of 1 Timothy 2:9: "In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing..." but their attitudes toward modesty differ considerably.

The first woman takes the "Where do you draw the line?" view. If someone could draw the line for her (at the knee? ankle? calf?) and prove by the Bible that it was the line separating modesty from immodesty, she would abide by it (she says). But, meanwhile, until some-one comes up with the Bible line, she wears what she wants to. If anyone approaches her about her immodesty, she justifies herself with one question, "Where do you draw the line?" followed by one observation, "Grandma wore her dress at the ankles, you know."

The second woman takes the "follow the dress code" view. She has listened to sermons on modesty, and has established for herself a code of dress by which she lives religiously: no shorts, no halters, no swimsuit, skirt below the knee, high neck, etc. She is a good woman and is to be commended for her conscientiousness, but it has never "dawned" on her that a woman can dress by her code and still be worldly, suggestive, and immodest in appearance. She would be shocked to learn that reasonable people consider her to be immodest at times.

The third woman is concerned about dress, but is more concerned about the character of which dress

is a reflection. Recognizing Bible teaching concerning purity and chastity, she has become genuinely pure and chaste, not only in conduct, but in heart and disposition. She is pure "through and through," "inside and outside," and her clothing reflects that purity. Decency of dress is not a mechanical, "follow a dress code" type of thing with her. It is a natural outgrowth of her modesty from within. While other sisters in Christ grope with 1 Timothy 2:9, and wonder why the Lord would be so restrictive in their dress, she sees that teaching as being perfectly natural, an obvious supplement to Bible teaching concerning purity and chastity of heart and life.

Her dress reflects her character in other areas. For instance, she seeks to be ladylike in heart and demeanor and this attitude is reflected in her dress. She remembers the warnings in the scriptures concerning pride, and has become truly "poor in spirit." This is also reflected in her dress. Her dress is a commentary on her character. One glance reveals that here is a woman who is pure, lady¬like, and genuine.

And is this not what 1 Timothy 2:9 is teaching? The verse says that we are to dress with modesty, shame-facedness, and sobriety. When we all develop these qualities in our hearts, then, and only then, will our problems of dress vanish.

-Bill Hall

TUMBLEWEED CHRISTIANS







umbleweeds are a familiar sight in the western United states. A tumbleweed is a structural part of the aboveground anatomy of a number of species of plants. Once it is mature and dry, it detaches from its root, and then is blown across the landscape by the wind. "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" is a song made popular by Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and the Sons of the Pioneers and others many years ago.

How well this describes some who call themselves Christians. It seems they have become detached from their roots, and are thus susceptible to be blown here and there by whatever wind of doctrine that comes along.

Our Lord has made provision for His people to be firmly rooted and grounded in the faith. Paul wrote about this in his letter to the church at Ephesus.

"And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ." (Eph. 4:11-15)

We don't know if Paul was familiar with tumbleweeds, but his description of those who are "carried about by every wind of doctrine" surely fits. And what was a danger then is truly a danger in the present. Paul's picture is of a ship at sea that has no fixed course, but is tossed here and there by the winds and waves.

The culture in which we live today is obsessed with the idea of inclusivism. We all ought to sing "com by yah" (however you spell that) and agree to disagree, because truth is relative and there are no absolutes. The commonly seen bumper sticker expresses the idea very well. We should "coexist" all the way from the religions of Islam to Christianity to Hinduism to Scientology to Atheism, etc.

I once asked a high school student if she really understood the message she was sending out by having the sticker on her car. She really had no idea of the teachings of the religions she was promoting. Basically, she just wanted to be Politically Correct. It was obvious that wherever she went to church, there was no fundamental teaching.

We remember the parable of the sower in the gospels. Some of the seed "fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. But when the sun had risen, they were corched; and because they had no root, they withered away." (Matt. 13:5-

6). That's the same problem tumbleweeds have—no roots.

The point is that we need to teach basic principles of the gospel, evidences, how to establish authority and what Biblical doctrine really is. We need to make sure our young people are deeply rooted in truth, for they will face many challenges to their faith in their school classrooms. One survey shows that 66% of denominational young people lose their faith by the time they graduate from college. Some professors have plainly stated their intent is to destroy the faith of any of their students who are so ignorant as to believe in God. Consider the following statement:

"We try to arrange things so that students who enter as bigoted, homophobic, religious fundamentalists will leave college with views more like our own...We are going to go right on trying to discredit you (fundamentalist parents) in the eyes of your children, trying to strip your fundamentalist religious community of dignity, trying to make your views seem silly rather than discussable. We are not so inclusivist as to tolerate intolerance such as yours." (Prof. Richard Rorty, in essay "Universality and Truth.")

This philosophy is spreading in our nation, and is prevalent in our institutions of higher learning. This makes it imperative for both parents and churches to teach God's word to our children, so that they may be planted firmly with deep roots. And parents cannot just leave it up to "Sunday School" to teach their children. Would we expect our children to get a good education by going to school just two or three hours a week? Obviously not! God knew the necessity for parental involvement long, long ago.

"These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." (Deut. 6:6-9).

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4)

Paul wrote to the church at Colossae: "Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ." (Col. 2:6-8).

Paul expressed his desire for the Ephesian Christians "that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love..." (Eph. 3:17).

Without deep roots, we are destined to become "tumbleweed Christians."



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AM Lesson





Why Did Jesus Come to Die?

...ToBecome a
Sympathetic and
Helpful Priest

"Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Dressing to Please the King

(1 Timothy 2:8-10)

Introduction: Have you ever dressed for the pleasure of someone else? We've all done it in some capacity. Today we are going to study the topic of Modesty and we are going to look at it from the perspective of DRESSING TO PLEASE OUR KING – Jesus.

I. Dressing to Please ____ King

- A) Draws Attention To The Enduring Character of the Heart, Not the Temporary Flesh. (1 Peter 3:4, 1 Timothy 2:9-10)
- B) Honors His Plan For Marriage & Protects His Children From Sins of Lusts. (Proverbs 7:10, Job 31:1)
- C) Presents His Children Without Shame. (Revelation 3:18)

II. Immodesty Can Take _____ Forms

- A) Boasting of Wealth: Drawing Attention To Personal Financial Success.
- B) Disorderliness: Draw Attention To A Wild or Rebellious Personality.
- C) Disruptive: Overly Formal in a Casual Setting or Overly Casual in a Formal Setting Draws Attention As Prideful or Disrespectful.
- D) Nakedness: Too Little Clothing Draws Attention To Lust of the Eyes.

III. What Limits Does The _____ Give About Nakedness?

- A) Uncovering The Upper Leg Is Considered Nakedness & Shameful. (Isaiah 47:2, 20:3)
- B) To Be Safe, God Requested Shorts That Reached "From The Loins to the Thighs." (Ex 28:42-43)
- C) How Is The Word "Thigh" Being Used In The OT?
 - Inner Leg (Gen 24:2) Hip Joint (Gen 32:5)
 - Begins At The Loins (Gen 46:26)
 - Side of Leg Where Sword Is Carried (Ex 32:27)
 - 1 Cubit Long Dagger Concealed Here (Judges 3:16)
 - Portion of Leg Above Knee Hit In Anger (Jer. 31:19)

IV. Applying These _____

- A) Only Covering The Loins Is Not Enough.
- B) Shorts or Skirts That Cover The 'Upper Thigh' But Not The 'Lower Thigh' Are Too Short.
- C) The world get it.
- D) Be thankful to God for a definition and option provided by His word.

Conclusion: Let's AIM To Be as Close As We Can To THIS EXAMPLE, Instead of So Close To The World So That We Can HONOR OUR KING.



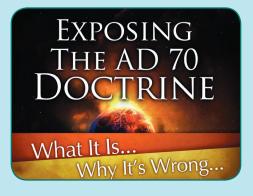
The Preterist or AD 70 Doctrine: What It Is & Why It's Wrong

Introduction: Anytime we talk about a false doctrine it must be because, we care deeply about the people who get caught in it's lies. So with love for these people and all of you consider this so that your faith is not upset by this wrong doctrine.

I. What If I Told You...?

A) 2nd coming of Christ occurred over 1900 years ago, at same time Jesus established His Eternal Kingdom, the tesurrection of the dead happened at that same time, at the same time the Final Judgment Took Place, The End of the World Happened at that same time and All Biblical Prophecies were Fulfilled at 70 A.D.!

II. V	rious and Some Core (2 limothy 2:16-18)
	A) It is a teaching called by various terms
	1. A.D. 70 Doctrine: Emphasis placed upon the year 70 A.D.
	2 Eschatology: All events regarding last things accomplished
	3. Full/Hyper: (Latin = "Past") Method of interpretation which
	says all Bible prophecies are fulfilled—there are no unfulfilled prophecies.
	4. "Kingism": Max King, has done the most to teach this in churches of Christ
	B) Core Beliefs:
	1. Abuse of Matthew 5:17-18 & Luke 21:20-22
	2. The Nearness of Jesus Return (Rom. 13:11-12, Heb. 10:37, Rev. 22:7)
	—But They Pass Over The "Delay" Verses (Matt. 24:48; 25:5, 19)
III. I	xposing The &
	A) AD 70 Says: All prophecy was fulfilled in AD 70
	—Bible Says: 4th Kingdom (Rome) would one day fall. It did in AD 476 (Dan. 2:44
	B) AD 70 Says: Law of Moses overlapped with the early church until AD 70.
	—Bible Says: The Law was a tutor, and both Jew and Gentile are no
	longer under that tutor! (Galatians 3:24-29, Colossians 2:14).
	C) AD 70 Says: The 2nd Coming of Jesus was to spiritual Israel in spiritual form at the
	destruction of Jerusalem.
	—Bible Says: The 2nd Coming of Jesus will be in the same form as His ascension
	and will bring the destruction of the world with fire, as well as the judgment of
	"all nations." (Acts 1:9-11, Acts 17:31, 2 Peter 3:5-13, Matt. 25:32)
	D) AD 70 Says: The resurrection is not literal.
	-Bible Says: The body will be raised/trans. (1 Cor. 15:16, 38, 42-52).
IV. \	hat's So Attractive?
	A) Knowledge Puffs Up: Adherents set themselves apart as experts on prophecy.
	B) Appeals To Impatience: Adherents are no longer waiting for Christ's return.
V. "	" The AD 70 Doctrine Was True
	A) Jesus Did Have All Authority In Mt. 28. He was only over-lapping with Moses
	B) Partaking The Lord's Supper Today Is(1 Corinthians 11:26).
	C) Is Meaningless Today (Luke 20:34-35)
	D) Living Was For The Age (Titus 2:13)
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VI.	pplications For Us
	A) Remember God's
	B) Patiently for Jesus Return (James 5:7-8) C) Carefully Everything By The Scriptures, In Their Context!
	D) Carefully Everything by the Scriptures, in their Context!
	D) For Those Who Have Abandoned Doctrine of the Apostles (Acts 2:42).
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Have you ever been driving in an unfamiliar area in complete confusion? Perhaps you had been given directions to a place "you can't miss."

In your frustrations you tossed aside "those useless directions."

We've all been there.

Similarly, in a spiritual sense, many people are wandering around lost, without bothering to read the directions. In Jesus' compassion for the multitudes He said they were like "sheep without a shepherd."

There is only ONE way to heaven. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

It's important for us to READ THE DIRECTIONS (i.e. the Bible).

As your friends here at the church of Christ we want you to know we are all on the road of life together.

This is a place where you can stop and ask for directions and a place, "Where You're Always Welcome!"



Shut In Members:

Marjorie Dodge & **Grace Singleton**

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Jerry Maudlin Stacie Rothrock Allison Unruh

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Let Shannon Know of **Additions or Changes** on this List

OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO...

...the family of Paul Aryes. Brother Paul passed from this life last Wednesday. He was one of the shepherds at Taylorsville Road church. Funeral arrangements:

Highland Funeral Home • 3331 Taylorsville Rd.

Visitation: Thursday, June 29 from 2-7pm Funeral: Friday, June 30 at 10am

Burial: Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, 2501 Dixie Hwy, Fort Knox / Radcliff.



Let's all rejoice together since on Tuesday, June 20th Evelyn Loughmiller was baptized into Christ!

OUT OF TOWN...

Buchanans, Millers, Schoenbaechlers





INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD WEDNESDAY

THIS WEEK

Barker July 2 nd	Dowling July 9 ^h	Loughmiller July 16th	Mitchell July 23 rd	Scott July 30 th	Stout June 25 th
Farmer Keehn Loughmiller, B. Woolbright, Randol	Barker, Ashlyn Keehn Michell Sieg, Don	Dooley Schoenbaechler Shaffer Woolbright, Ryan	Buchanan Hudson Sieg-Swank	Bailey Miller Sieg, Donny Culver	Loughmiller, N. Maudlin McKinney Woolbright, D.

June Servants

Building Cleaning & Communion:

D. Woolbrgit & Ryan Woolbright

Benevolence Organizers:

Mitchell & Sieg

Meal Organizers:

Tina Mitchell & Lou Sieg

JUNE

- 2 Helen Bailey B'day
- 8 Jonas Loughmiller
- 10 Evelyn Loughmiller
- 11 Madelynn Dowling
- 13 Mary Beth Maudlin
- 16 Ruth McKinney
- 24 Shanon & Desirae
 - Miller
- 25 Gus & Carmen
 - Schoenbaechler
- 28 Belinda Loughmiller
- 29 Amy Loughmiller
- 29 Jessica Scott
- 21 Nick & Carla Loughmille





NEXT WEEK

Sunday Morning (06/25)

Announcements: Dale Woolbright 1st Prayer: Kyle Dowling Song Leader: Seth Shaffer Lord's Table: Tim Maudlin (Lead)

R. Woolbright, S. Miller, D. Culver **Sermon:** Shannon Shaffer **Closing Prayer:** Michael Stout

Sunday PM (06/25)

Announcements: Dale Woolbright **1**st **Prayer:** Mike Loughmiller

Song Leader: Don Sieg

Lord's Table: Tim Maudlin (Lead)

R. Woolbright

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer **Closing Prayer:** Scott Mitchell

Wednesday (06/28)

Announcements: Shanon Miller

1st **Prayer:** Jim Hudson **Song Leader:** Jeff Farmer **Invitation:** Luke Dooley

Closing Prayer: Randol Woolbright

NEXT WEEK

Sunday Morning (07/02)

Announcements: Bill Buchanan **1**st **Prayer:** Jonathan Maudlin **Song Leader:** Dylan Culver

Lord's Table: Shanon Miller (Lead) K. Keehn, R. Scott, L. Dooley Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Gus Schoenbaechler

Sunday PM (07/02)

Announcements: Bill Buchanan **1**st **Prayer:** Benny Loughmiller **Song Leader:** Donny Sieg

Lord's Table: Shanon Miller (Lead)

K. Keehn

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer **Closing Prayer:** Nick Loughmiller

Wednesday (07/05)

Announcements: Daryn Barker

1st Prayer: Tim Maudlin

Song Leader: Ryan Woolbright

Invitation: Don Sieg

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