

CLAD WITH THE CLOAK OF ZEAL

In **Ephesians the 6th Chapter** the Apostle Paul provides us with a crucial list of items that we as Christian must put on as we take part in the constant war against sin. In **verse 11** we are instructed to put on the whole armor of God that we may stand against the wiles or schemes of Satan. That armor consist of covering our loins with the truth, putting on the breast plate of righteousness, fitting our feet with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, picking up the shield of faith, putting on the helmet of salvation, and drawing out the sword of the spirit. In **Isaiah 59** concerning Christ when discussing His coming to earth, the prophet speaks of armor and attire that He would come equipped with. Some of which we may add to our wardrobe concerning our Christian attire from a spiritual point view. In **verse 17** the prophet says for he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon his head; (Both of which are mentioned concerning the Child of God in Ephesians 6) and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, (vengeance belongs to the Lord I will repay, He says in **Romans 12:19**) also scripture says was *clad with zeal as a cloak*. As Children of God this cloak of zeal that is spoke of concerning our Savior is without a doubt something that we as Christian can and should add to our apparel as we take our Christian walk. A cloak in the literal sense was an outer garment, which consisted of 2 pieces of thick wool that was worn much as we would a coat and it offered a good source of protection from the weather... It could be used as a blanket for warmth and also to hide items. So this cloak was a very thick concealing article of clothing. To be clad with something means to be covered in a particular thing. In connection with the cloak that particular thing being covered with here is zeal and from our description of a cloak this covering would be a thick protective layer of zeal, not one easily penetrated. An enthusiasm for the cause of Christ that no situation can shake. Looking unto the example of Christ as He was clad with the enthusiasm of the cause in which the Father desired of Him, his passion took Him to the cross. His fervor led him to being humiliated and crucified. He did so because of the fervent zealous desire He had to provide you and I with the salvation that is now available to us. We to must clad ourselves with this type of zeal for the cause of Christ. It must be as such that we would allow our enthusiasm and passion to take us to the most dire circumstances necessary for the cause of our Lord and Savior. Let us all as Christians be clad in this way and add the cloak of zeal to our Christian garments.

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