

# Church Consecration

April 5-7, 2017

## More Like Jesus!

*ESV Exodus 28:40 "For Aaron's sons you shall make coats and sashes and caps. You shall make them for glory and beauty.*

*41 And you shall put them on Aaron your brother, and on his sons with him, and shall **anoint** them and **ordain** them and **consecrate** them, that they may **serve me as priests**.*

As we approach Passion Week I want us to enter into a deeper more intimate time with Jesus.

**Fasting and prayer is consecrating** (a time of dedication to God and separation from the world).

In **Exodus 28** when God first establishes the lifestyle of His priesthood:

❖ **A priest is a mediator between God and man, heaven and earth and the supernatural and the natural!**

One of the first things God does is **change their clothing** and their **diet**.

**Clothing** represents a person's lifestyle, occupation and personality!

**Diet** represents a person's passions, intentions and what type of being (creature) they are—we are what we eat!

We are consecrating and asked to wear certain clothing.

In order to identify more closely with our **life and calling as God's royal priesthood!** (1 Peter 2:9).

**This helps us identify with the life and ministry of Jesus while on earth.**

*ESV Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

In short we are reminded by Paul to **put on The Lord Jesus Christ!**

Paul didn't just say put on **Jesus** or put on **Jesus Christ!** He said put on **The Lord Jesus Christ!**

**That is to identify with not only His servanthood but His Lordship, His ruler ship and His power!**

We have been correctly taught to identify with Jesus sufferings, His, sacrifice, service and His resurrection. (Phil 3:9,10)

But in **Romans 13:14** Paul makes a distinction, he says we are to put on **The Lord Jesus Christ** taking power over our flesh so we can walk in the power of God to rule over situations in life!

*NIV Acts 2:36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."*

Many have known Jesus as Messiah or Savior!

You know you're saved and on your way to heaven, but there's another title, another position and place Jesus holds on the eternal register:

**Peter** tells us in **Acts 2:36** to make no mistake about it—God has made the same Jesus who died for our sins **both The Messiah and Lord**.

The Father has also made Jesus **LORD!**

The supreme governor, ruler, master, dominion, absolute authority!

It's time for many of you to **know** Jesus as **Lord** and learn how to walk in His Lordship!

Let Him govern your entire life!

Don't let the world, the flesh or the devil make you feel some kind of way about your life—

Let Jesus take authority over **not** just over your pain, sickness or disease, but also our success, victory and dominion!

Let The Christ in you rule!

*KJV 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

*7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*

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❖ **What does it mean to “put on The Lord Jesus Christ and make no provisions for the flesh”?**

To be clothed with a person is a Greek phrase, meaning to assume that person's interests, views, to imitate him, and be wholly on his side.

It means to “clothe” ourselves with! To clothe with is to be endued with the thing, to be invested in it and to be empowered by it!

When we put on The Lord Jesus Christ we walk, talk and minister to others the same way Jesus did—taking authority over all the powers of the enemy!

Like a police officer's uniform, a judge's robe etc. it gives the person wearing it a power and authority they wouldn't have without it!

Another example would be an astronaut or scientist in a laboratory! Their clothing not only identifies them but it also protects them from the environment they work in!

**Since we have to live in this world we need protection from its dangers, putting on The Lordship of Jesus Christ does that.**

Paul also says “*make no provisions for the flesh*” why?

Since putting on The Lordship of Jesus Christ represents strength & power; putting on the flesh represents frailty and weakness!

*Matthew 26:41b... the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

Because the flesh is weak it must be **covered and controlled until** we are transformed and receive our new glorified bodies.

*ESV Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

**As a saved person the old sinful me is as dead as Christ was on the cross; so also the new me is as alive as Christ is in heaven.**

**And as I walk by faith the Christ in me walks this earth in power and authority over all the powers of the enemy (Luke 10:19) and nothing can truly hurt, harm or injure me!**