

Our High Priest Jesus (Hebrews 2:17, 3:1, 4:14-16, 5:5, 9:11, 10:19)

operates today through His body--the Church (1 John 4:17, 1 Corinthians 12:27)

those: 1) who are set apart body, soul & spirit (Leviticus 20:26, 1 Thess. 5:23)

2) who offer gifts & sacrifices to God (Exodus 30:7, Leviticus 9:7, 1 Peter 2:5, Hebrews 4:16)

3) who facilitate healing/cleanings (Lev. 14, Exodus 15:26, Psalm 103:3, Mark 16:18)

4) who **remit sins*** (Exodus 30:10, Leviticus 5:6, 19:22, John 20:23)

5) who teach (Lev. 10:11, Psalm 51:13), putting God's Word on people (Numbers 6:27)

6) who soberly maintain God's dwelling (Numbers 18:8, Leviticus 10:9-10, 1 Cor. 6:19-20)

7) who condemn wickedness (Deuteronomy 25:1) & deliver the oppressed (Psalm 82:4)

8) who die (1 Corinthians 15:1) so others can be free (Col. 3:3, Num. 35:28, Josh. 20:6)

***PRIESTS CAN REMIT (pardon) SIN**

John 20:21-23: "Then said Jesus to them again, 'Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.' And when he had said this, he **breathed on them**, and saith unto them, '**Receive ye the Holy Ghost:**

Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.'"

If you receive the Holy Spirit & put on Christ (Galatians 3:27 & Romans 13:14), you can function as a priest by **remitting sins**--which doesn't guarantee someone's salvation, but it does silence the Accuser--so they can hear God's voice (otherwise, saying '... go & sin no more' wouldn't be necessary--John 8:11).

God desires a kingdom of PRIESTS (Isaiah 61:6, Exodus 19:6, Deuteronomy 7:6, 1 Peter 2:5 & Revelation 1:6) -- intercessors/healers/arbitrators/deliverers.

Jesus breathed on his disciples and made them **PRIESTS** but told them to wait for more power (Luke 24:9) to function as He did--as **HIGH PRIESTS**.

A priest represents people, a high priest represents God.

But, one can NOT do both simultaneously.

Note: while functioning as a **LAWYER** (intercessor) for someone, one cannot **also** speak accusations against them--becoming their **JUDGE**. (i.e. one CAN be both a wife AND a mother--but not to the same person.)

Titus 2:15 "These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with ALL AUTHORITY..."
Put on Christ and use your authority (as one born into the Priesthood of God) to rise up against the works of the devil (1 John 3:8).

GOD'S REMEDY FOR THE 'WORKS OF THE DEVIL'

Job 40:10-14, Hebrews 2:14

"**Deck (clothe) thyself** now with Majesty and Excellency; and **array thyself with Glory & Beauty**. **Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath:** and behold every one that is proud, and **abase him**. Look on every one that is proud and **bring him low**; and **tread down the wicked** in their place. **Hide them in the dust together**; and **bind their faces** in secret. **Then** will I (GOD) also confess unto thee that: **THINE OWN RIGHT HAND can save (deliver) thee.**"

Job became their **Priest** and offered sacrifices. (Job 42:7-10)



The international sign to **STOP** is a raised **RIGHT HAND**.

All creation awaits a church that will finally **use their delegated authority!** Romans 8:22

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From Genesis 3:21 to Revelation 19:14, clothes are important in Scripture. This brochure looks at what they may represent--spiritually.

Take Up the Whole* Armor of God:

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can make your stand against the devil's schemes." (Ephesians 6:11)



"Thou, therefore, endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."
(2 Timothy 2:3)

Pictured here is the attire of a Roman soldier (whom Paul was chained to) --used to depict what Christians should 'put on' (Gal. 3:27, Eph. 4:24, Col. 3:12-14). Had his readers been all Jews instead of Gentiles (Gal. 2:8), Paul could have similarly used priest's garments--made for 'glory & beauty' (Ex. 28:2) -- and which identified the priests who had access into the **Holy Place**, and, with heavier garments, into the **Most Holy Place** (Holy of Holies--Kadosh Kadosh) where rest was found (Heb. 4:9, Ps. 132:8). (Armor is also spelled Armour.)

***ARMOR of Light** (Romans 13:12) & **ARMOR of Righteousness** (2 Cor. 6:7) is a different Greek word.

When you ask Jesus into your heart, you join God's spiritual army.

The **ARMOR of Light** is what **God's enemies** should see--and fear.

But, **GARMENTS of the Priest** (next page) is what **God** sees when one approaches the **ALTAR** (of repentance) & the **LAVER** (of baptism) to draw near to Him. He's looking at the heart for Faith, Love (unselfish) and Truth. Priests did not wield a sword (representing God's Word) or wear shoes on holy ground. God's Word is hidden within them (Jeremiah 31:33-34, Ezekiel 11:19-20, 36:25-27, Romans 2:15,29 Hebrews 8:10, 10:16).

A new covenant requires a new priesthood (Hebrews 10:1, 8:9-10).

The Levitical Priesthood was a shadow (Hebrews 5-7, 8:5) of something better.

"**And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.**" (Ex. 19:6).

The **Melchizedek** Order** came before the Law. (Genesis 14:18, Psalm 110:4).

You needn't be a Levite to be a priest in this order. Jesus wasn't a Levite (Hebrews 6:14) and yet He still ministers as a High Priest--by giving His saints (in Him) access (Eph. 3:12) into the Holy of Holies! (Hebrews 4:16, 9:8-10)

**Melchizedek means King of Righteousness (Melek=King, Tzedek=Righteousness)

GARMENTS OF A PRIEST (LAWYER / ARBITRATOR / HEALER)
 coat, girdle, bonnet & breeches (Ex. 28:40-42)
 & **WHAT THEY REPRESENTED**

Priests were authorized to heal, teach, bless & declare people clean from sin, defilement & all diseases!

Strong's Concordance numbers (to find the original Hebrew words) are labeled H...

Priests had access to the **Outer Court** of the Tabernacle and, once a week, to the **Holy Place**. (Exodus 29:30)



SALVATION
 Isaiah 59:17

Bonnet/Cap (H4021)
 Exodus 28:36-39

FAITH
 1 Thess. 5:8

Coat/Tunic (H3801)
 Exodus 28:39, 39:27

TRUTH
 Eph. 6:14

Girdle (sash/belt)
 (H73) Exodus 28:40

LOVE
 1 Thess. 5:8

Breeches (undershorts)
 (not shown) (H4370) Lev. 16:4,
 Ex. 28:42-43, Ezek. 44:18

Clothing of a Priest:
Love, Truth, Faith & Salvation

Clothing of a High Priest
Love, Truth, Faith, Holiness*
 ('Holy unto the Lord') (*SET APART)
 plus **Humility, Praise** (gratitude),
Righteousness (just & merciful),
Strength (boldness)

These garments represent **Godly virtues**--
 'putting on' Christ--who IS our **High Priest**
 (Hebrews 2:17, 3:1, 4:14-16, 5:5, 9:11, 10:19)
 and Who desires to minister--**through us**--
 to a lost and hurting world.

GARMENTS OF A HIGH PRIEST (JUDGE / KING)
 breastplate, ephod, robe, coat, mitre, girdle, crown &
 breeches (Ex. 28:2-4) & **WHAT THEY REPRESENTED**

The High Priest had access to the **Outer Court, the Holy Place** and once a year, the **Most Holy Place** (Hebrews 9:7-10, 25)

Gold Crown
 (H5145)
 Exodus 28:36-39, 37:2
 Lev. 8:9, Zech. 3:5

HOLINESS ('set apart')
 (H6944) 'Holy to the Lord'
 Exodus 39:30, Isaiah 59:17

Mitre (type of cap)
 (H4701)
 Exodus 28:39, 39:28

HUMILITY
 1 Peter 5:5

Ephod (H646)
 Exodus 29:5, 39:5

PRAISE
 Isaiah 61:3

***Breastplate of Judgment**
 with **12 gemstones** (H2833)
 Exodus 28:15-29, 29:4, 38:8-21

STRENGTH
 Isaiah 51:9, 52:1, Ps. 93:1

Coat/Tunic (H3801)
 Ex. 28:39, 39:27, Lev. 16:4

FAITH
 1 Thess. 5:8

Curious Girdle (belt)**
 Ex. 29:5, 39:5, Lev. 8:7 (H2805)
 (**finding more truth requires curiosity)

TRUTH
 Eph. 6:14

Breeches (undershorts)
 (not shown) (H4370) Lev. 16:4,
 Ex. 28:42-43, Ezek. 44:18

LOVE
 1 Thess. 5:8

Robe (of the Ephod) (H4598)
 (represented here in blue)
 Exodus 28:31-35, 39:22-27
 (Isaiah 59:17 in KJV says
 'breastplate' (H8302) of righteousness.
 H8302 is also translated 'coat of mail' 1 Sam. 17:5)

RIGHTEOUSNESS
 Job 29:14, Isaiah 61:10

On the bottom of the blue
Robe were alternating gold
pomegranates and bells
 (representing **fruits and gifts**--
 Galatians 5:22 & Rom. 12:6-8)

*Inside the **Breastplate** were
 2 stones: **Urim & Thummim** Lev. 8:8
 (black & white stones?) Ex. 28:30, 39:8-26
 (severity & goodness?) Romans 11:22
 On the outside the **Breastplate** were
 12 **precious stones** for the
 12 tribes of Israel in 4 rows.

John the Baptist (who should have become Israel's High Priest at the age of 30 since he was the son of the High Priest Zacharias) was anointed by God (Luke 1:15), **not men** (Luke 3:2).