

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JULY 4, 2010**

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AM SERMON - NEIL MYERS

PM SERMON - NEIL MYERS

**BE PRAYING FOR OUR CAMPAIGN TO LAURENBURG JULY 18-21**

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**

**WORSHIP 10:20**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

### ELDERS:

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**“THANK GOD I’M FREE”  
Ben Wright**

You may recognize the title of this article as a phrase from a familiar song entitled, “I’m Free Again.” Notice the words of the chorus: “Praise God I’m free, I’ve been set free by the grace of God; I’m free, The blood has cleansed every sinful stain; I’m free, I’m free again”

As we think of our nation’s gaining independence and freedom on this day many years ago, we are excited and thankful for what was sacrificed by so many to gain that freedom. Much death, pain and loss was endured by many to gain the freedom that was so desperately wanted then and, at times, so taken for granted now.

However, there is a greater freedom you and I can have, and that is the freedom from sin. Read the words of Paul, “Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made **free** from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness” (Romans 6:16-18).

Sin enslaves and destroys, both now and eternally. The wages of sin is death we are told by inspiration (Romans 6:23). What sin brings is death, but Christ brings life. One is made free by the blood of Christ because that is what removes sin (Matthew 26:28).

The freedom that Christ offers is only in Him and only on His terms. The terms are not difficult to meet if we are willing to humble ourselves and come to Him. We are told that His commands are not grievous (1 John 5:3). The Lord is not some taskmaster, beating us down and enslaving us. He simply asks us to do His will because of the great sacrifice He made for us. He gave up His equality with the

Father and His physical life to obtain our freedom. All He asks of us is that we serve Him.

It is wonderful to live in a land that offers freedom from oppression and tyranny. It is much greater to be a part of a kingdom that offers freedom from sin and death. As we think of freedom on this day, let us never forget the words of Paul, given him by inspiration: "Stand fast therefore in the **liberty** wherewith Christ has made us **free**, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Galatians 5:1).

## **God's Dress Code**

**David R. Pharr**

A sign in front of a church building invited, "Come As You Are, God Has No Dress Code." No doubt the intended meaning was that casual attire would be welcomed at their services, but is it really true that "God has no dress code?"

James made it clear that there must be no discrimination in our assemblies on the basis of whether one wears the fashionable clothing of the rich or the shabby raiment of the poor (James 2:1-4). "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (I Sam. 16:7). In the world it may sometimes be true that "Clothes make the man," but this should never be the viewpoint of spiritually minded people.

On the other hand, in some respects God does have a dress code. When I saw the sign, I wondered how that church would react when someone shows up in the near naked outfits seen in many public places. We are

hearing of churches where shorts are thought to be acceptable attire. The Lord's dress code is "modest apparel" (I Tim. 2:9).

There is also a dress code for the heart. "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man [person] of the heart...For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves..." (I Pet. 3:3-4). The text speaks especially to women, but the principle of "adorning" the inner person applies to all. In Heaven's sight men and women are measured by character, not by clothing.

We are sometimes asked to define exactly what is modest clothing. It might be expected that specific measurements and styles should be listed. Frankly such efforts are never satisfactory. The key to deciding what is modest is within. In the text above Peter shows that one must get the heart right before selecting apparel for the body. One who has a heart adorned with purity, humility, honor, goodness and virtue will not choose clothing that is provocative, suggestive, ostentatious or lewd.