



Campbell Chapel

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Spiritual Clothes

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There are just a couple of thoughts here that we want to talk about tonight. There are some things here tonight that we want to talk about that the Lord has laid upon our hearts. When we get saved, and when we are saved; there are some demands that God has placed upon our lives. There are some things that we need to do. There are some things that we need to change in our life. There are some things that are positive and some things that are negative. There are some things we need to get rid of and some things we need add to. That is what we want to talk about tonight. There are some things here we need to lay aside and some things that we need to kill; and then some things that characterizes our new life that we need to put on. The Lord being our helper tonight, we want to talk about those things.

Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Colossians 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Colossians 3:7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

Colossians 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Colossians 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Colossians 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.

Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

Colossians 3:14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,

singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

When we get saved, the Bible tells us that we are brand new creatures in Christ. Doesn't it? Old things have passed away and all things have become new. When we have received Jesus Christ, and when you read the book of Peter, it tells you that we have divine nature. Our nature has changed. It is like we have said many times, a dog barks because it is a dog. A hog will wallow in the mud because it is a hog. You can clean a hog up. You can put bows on its ears and put footies on its feet but as soon as you let it loose; do you know what it is going to do? It is going to run for the mud because it is a hog.

Before you and I were saved we were just like that. Even in our world today—we see this a lot today in religion—we see people trying to clean up the outside. We put bows in their ears, footies on their feet, and lipstick on their lips. However, when we go out into the world do you know what we do? We wallow in the same mud as the world does. That is an evident token that there is something wrong in our lives with our relationship with God when we do those things.

Paul is writing to the church at Colosse. Paul has never been to Colosse. It was a hundred miles or so from Ephesus. Hierapolis...and some of the other cities were close by, but Paul had never been here. Paul is writing to this church while he is in prison in Rome, somewhere probably around 60 to 63 AD. We know that he is there. He is writing to the church because of some heresy, some false teaching that was trying to infiltrate the church and lead people astray. You would think, 30 years after the church began at Pentecost; you wouldn't think that heresy or false teaching would arise that quick but it had. Every one of these churches that you read about in the new testament, you will find out that there was always someone there, some kind of a sect or group that was trying teach heresy, trying to teach things wrong.

Listen. The enemy is not going to lay down and play dead when people are getting saved and getting farther away from him and getting closer to God. The Word is being spread and the gospel is being preached. Do you know what he is going to do? He is going to do everything he can to stop that. That hasn't changed any. If you will be quite honest in your own life, you know that. You know that the more you read, the more you study, the closer you get to God—that is a great way to live—but do you know what the enemy does? He is going to try to trip you up any way he can. Do you know what I am glad of today?

I thought about this, today, we were thinking about some stuff. Even though the enemy is trying to destroy. Even though the enemy is trying to take down people and do all kinds of stuff; do you know what I am glad of? I'm glad the scripture tells me and I know this—that greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. Do you know what that means? The power that we have as Christian people is a whole lot stronger than what the enemy is. If we will just Him. Again, if we did not trust Him today, do you know

what He would do? The enemy would kill us all. You can't take care of yourself. You are not that smart. I'm not either. We don't have that kind of power to take care of ourselves. Do you know why? We are fighting an enemy that we can't see anyway. Truth! We can't see him. We don't where he is at. He is all around us. he is in the air. He is the prince and the power of the air. We know that don't we. Paul is combating that. Paul is writing to the church here about the heresy that was there. A lot of different things had been said and taught here but Paul wants to let them know—like our Sunday school lesson was on Sunday—that when Jesus Christ comes in then there is a difference in our lives.

We talked on Sunday about faith and about how that when we have genuine, real, saving faith then our lives will be changed and we will be different people. The Holy Spirit of God that is within us will promote good works in us. He will help us and He will strengthen us and we will bring forth good works. What that means is that we are doing something that is bringing glory to Him.

Paul is basically saying the same thing here at the church at Colosse or to the church at Colosse. He wants them to know that some things that they need to put away and then some things that they to put on. That has not change any for you and me here.

Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

The word *mortify* means to kill. That is what the word *mortify* means. That is a violent word when you read about killing something.

We used to kill hogs all the time and eat them, and cattle and chickens. My grandmother and grandpa especially. Back many years ago before I started going to church, when I was just a boy, every Sunday, he would go out early in the morning. He would get an old chicken. He would get it by its neck and wring its head and then he would throw it over the clothesline. After a while they would go out there and pick the feathers off of it. Grannie would fry that thing and then we would eat it. It was violent thing.

There are some things in our life that is just as violent, really, that we need to kill. Things that we need to get rid of. When you kill something and then you render it inactive. The chicken was dead. A body that is dead cannot do anything.

The things here that Paul is telling this church that they need to kill, when they get rid of those things they are rendered inactive in their lives, so therefore, they cannot produce evil works in their lives.

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He is talking here about this body. He says there are some things that you need to kill. There are some things that you absolutely need to get rid of, to kill; things that this body does. First thing that he says here—we are not going to talk about all of that because this is not the message, but I do want to mention it because it going to make sense on down through here—but the first thing he mentions here is fornication. Fornication is committed with our body. Truth! Paul says we need to kill that. We need to mortify that. There was reason for that and we will talk about that in a moment. He also says uncleanness; anything that is not clean—Paul says, “Hey guys, you went to church. You have been born again. You are saved then you need to kill that. Anything that is unclean, anything that is wrong, he says, inordinate affections, any kind of wickedness, any kind of evilness that is going on in your life, you need to kill it. You need to get rid of it.”

Not only that but also, he says, evil concupiscence, any kind of evil wickedness, any kind of things that you are doing with your body that is dishonoring your body; whatever it may be, and there is a whole bunch of stuff that he has in mind here. He says, you need to kill that. He also goes on and says this here. He talks about covetousness, which is idolatry. He says those things that you are doing with your body, you need to kill. Those things that you are doing externally with your body that is evil, that is wicked, that is sinful, that is immoral; you need to kill those things. A Christian does not need to do those things that I just read to you. Paul says that we need to kill those things. We absolutely do not need, in a Christian that is living in the will of God will not be doing these things. Amen! That will not be happening. Church members do. Church members do all kinds of wicked stuff. Truth! Church members will do anything. Saved people there is a line there we won't cross. Amen! That is truth folks. You need to get a hold of that one. There is a vast difference...in church members than people that are saved. There is a vast difference in it.

Look at what he says here. In verse 6 he says this.

Colossians 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

In other words, these things he just mentioned, the fornication, the uncleanness, all the evilness and wickedness and the covetousness...he says...

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Do you get what that says? When we do those things that he just mentioned, these works that we do with the body, covetousness, immorality, and all the evil, and all the wickedness that we do with this body; do you know what that makes us? That makes us children that are disobedient. Does everybody get that? That is what he says here. Also, it tells us here that because of the disobedience the wrath of God is upon our lives. Does everybody agree with that? Everybody should agree with that. You should agree with that because you can't sin and expect God not to deal with you. Amen! God is going to deal with you.

Since God dealt with the children of Israel as He did, a people that had been in bondage for 430 years, the Bible says he laid his arm bare. We know that he did that. We know that he goes down there and brings them out. He is going to take them to a promised land that is flowing with milk and honey. Since God did that when they sinned, God dealt with them.

I want you to understand something tonight; when I sin, God is going to deal with me. When you sin, God is going to deal with you. When we sin, we become children of disobedience. Disobedient children.

When I was disobedient at home, it wasn't good at all. Listen. Do you know why dad tried to correct us and did correct us. It wasn't that he was necessarily mad at us, or anything like that, even though he was sometimes—because of some of the stuff that we did—but he wanted to teach us something. He wanted to teach us how that we needed to live and what was right and what was wrong. There were repercussions when we did things that we knew was wrong and disobedient. There were repercussions. Amen! That is the way it works. God is the same way.

I know today, we love for people to tell us about the grace of God and how great God is and He is all of that. He is a great and wonderful God. He is the greatest thing that will ever happen to you in your life when you accept Him as your Savior, it will be the greatest day of your life. There is no question about that. He loves you with a love that is inexhaustible. He will take of you. He will provide for you. He will take you through sickness and in health. He will take you through all those things and one day if you will follow Him, He will lead you to heaven. He is a great God. Also, when we do things that are absolutely wrong, God deals with us.

Again, God is not mad at us, but God hates sin. When Paul says here to the church here, he talks about the wrath of God being upon the children of disobedience; Paul is not telling this church that God is mad at them, that God is going to throw them off and He is never going to forgive them. He is not telling them that. He is telling them how much God hates sin. He hates sin in my life. He hates sin in your life. It doesn't matter who you are, God hates sin. It makes us children of disobedience.

[Colossians 3:7](#) In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

Paul says, he looked at this church and he says, hey, you guys used to do some of this stuff. You lived in immorality. You lived in wickedness and evilness. You used to do all of this stuff.

Listen. Do you know what God does when He saves you and me? When God saves anybody, God is saving someone that is a sinner. Amen! There are no big sins with God or little sins with God. Amen! We are all sinners. We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. I know that get in our minds sometimes that we are better off than somebody else. I want you to understand, if you feel like that and you act like that and you talk like that, you are showing how much you are separated from the love Almighty God. Friend, you are no better than anybody is. We are all sinners. God has

saved us by the same grace and you are not any better than anybody else is. That is what he tells these people here.

You used to do some of this stuff. You used live that way. You don't anymore but you used to. Aren't you glad when God saves us and cleans us up? Aren't you glad when God saves us and He cleans us up? He cleans us up. He helps us. He cleans us up. He forgives us. He saves us and He places His presence on the inside of us to help us and lead us away from temptation. He will always make a way for you and me to escape temptation. The temptation that is trying to destroy us and lead us into immorality and wickedness, and evilness, and all kinds of things. If we will listen to God, He will always lead us away from that. Amen! Sometimes we don't like that.

It looks good. It smells good. It is going to be something that we just can't do without. If it is wickedness you had better get away from it. You had better get away from it because it is going to get you in trouble.

Colossians 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

You put off that stuff. You have put off that stuff. You need to kill all this stuff. We do that from time to time. Sometimes we want to go back and resurrect it, and we want to go back and dig it up. We want to massage its heart. We want to breathe life back into it. Do you know what God says? We need to kill it and let it stay dead. We have put on the new man. The old man is dead. We have put on the new man. We need to kill that stuff.

Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Put on brings out the idea, in the original, of putting on clothing. It is also talking about taking or putting off; taking off something and putting on something.

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Put on therefore; he is going to tell us some things as a Christian that has been born again, there are some things that we need to put on. truth! If we truly, genuinely got saved and get saved then the things that we have been wearing and doing are going to be different now after we got saved. We may look the same on the outside. However, a lot of times we don't want to do that. Amen! We are not near as sad. We are not near as disappointed. We are not near as mad. We are not always upset. We don't have a chip on our shoulder. When we get saved, that stuff is gone. Amen!

He says put on something, just like you put on your clothes; there are some things here that we need to put on.

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Get this. Put on as the elect of God—do you know what the elect of God means? It means that God has chosen us. You just did not decide one day to get saved. If you are saved today, it is because somewhere along the line, God came knocking. He came knocking upon your heart's door and said, Hey, I love you. You are a sinner. You need to get saved. I forgive you. There is a heaven. There is a hell. Why don't you come and follow me? God did that. He has chosen you and He has chosen me unto salvation. The Bible tells us that before the world was ever created, we were chosen in Jesus Christ. That excites me to know that God has chosen us. He has chosen everybody; like me. Could you imagine that? Could you imagine sinners like us that are no good, that has nothing to offer to God, yet God has chosen you and me. That is exciting to know that. If that doesn't make you happy then I don't know what would make you happy. Amen! If that wouldn't make you happy then you can't be made happy. Amen! God has chosen us. The God of heaven has chosen us.

Since He has chosen us there are some things that we need to put on. When you get up of the morning, and you go out into the world; I'm sure most everybody puts on clothes. I know if you go to Walmart at midnight, you would understand somebody that doesn't have on much clothes. Amen! Truth! That is a different story. That is gross. That is a whole lot grosser than the... Anyway, He says things that we need to put on.

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Do you know what that means? I have a suit. I have some things here that I need to put on just like I would put on a suit, you would put on your dress; that makes you look presentable. You comb your hair. You do the things that you do. You brush your teeth. You shine your shoes every now and then. You change your clothes. You make yourself presentable. He says here there are some things to put on because God has chosen us. We are God's elect. Since He has chosen us there are some things that we need to put on. Does everybody get that?

He says the first thing we need to put on is this. He says, holy. Do you know what holy means? Holy means different. It means to be set apart from the world and set apart for the service of Almighty God.

Listen. If you still think the same as you used to, if you still yet go the same places that you used to go, if you have not been set apart from the world and you are not working and been set apart for God then you never got saved, because we are holy. It does not mean that we have a crown on our head. It does not mean that we have a halo around our head. It doesn't mean that. It means that we have been separated from the world. Amen! And set apart from the world and also been set apart for the service of Almighty God. Do you know what I am glad of? I'm glad that I belong to Him. Aren't you?

I am glad that what we do every day can be ordered by the hand of Almighty God. One day God called. One day God saved and He set us apart for His service. Amen! We have been set apart for that.

Listen. If you are saved tonight, you have not been set apart to do your own thing. If you have been saved, you belong to the God of heaven. He is the one that has called you. He is the one that has separated you from the world. He is the one that says hey, belong to me now. Amen! You need to follow me. That is true.

We are the elect of God. There are some things we need put on. He also says here that we are holy, different than we used to be. You still think, you still talk, you still go, you still participate in the things you used to? Like the things that I read to you; the wickedness, the uncleanness, the immorality, and all those things—if you are still yet doing that then you have never been set apart. You are not holy tonight. You have not been set apart from the world and set apart for the use of Almighty God. There are some things you need to put on here.

He uses the word beloved. Get that.

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Isn't that awesome? That God loves us; me and you. People that did not love Him. People that were evil and corrupt, wicked, and did all kinds of things that made us the enemy of God. Yet, God made us—get this, don't forget this—the object of His love. An unconditional love. He loved people that did not love Him. Amen!

When you got saved, you didn't love God before you got saved. You didn't know Him. You didn't know anything about Him. He made us, He made mankind the object of His love. He loves to love us. Since we are the beloved, He loves to bless us. He loves to do great things with us and through us. His love—get this—His love...will be manifest in our lives if we are following Him. If I get that far, that is in this lesson.

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The first thing to put on is bowels of mercies. We need to put on the garment of mercy. The word *mercy* means compassion. The word means to have pity. The word mercy means to be tenderhearted towards other people. It means to have compassion and pity. It means that we should, in our hearts should overflow toward other people with compassion and pity. Amen! When I put on that garment of mercy and my heart is overflowed with compassion and pity and tender kindness and tenderheartedness; do you know what that shows? Do you think that would be showing in your life? Do you think that when you are merciful towards other people that people will see that? Amen!

Listen. Had it not been for the mercy of Almighty God, you wouldn't be here tonight. Amen! If it had not been for the mercy of Almighty God, if we would have got what was coming to us; we would be burning in a lake of fire tonight. But because of God's

mercy, He looked down at us. He has been compassionate towards us. He has been very pitiful towards you and me. His heart is overflowing with mercy, and pity toward people who are in need. Amen!

Even in this day and age that we live in when church attendance is declining, when people who loves the Lord is declining, when people who worships God is declining; do you know what God does? God still yet has an overflowing, compassionate pity towards people who hates Him.

You and I need to be the same way. I'm not saying we need to condone sin. No. we don't do that. However, there are people out there that needs our help that we can help. There are people out there that needs our help and they need mercy. They don't need us to tell them how bad they are. Sometimes we get self-righteous and we think we are better than they are. Maybe in life that they have not had all the benefits that you and I have had. Maybe they did not have a good home life. Maybe they did not have somebody that loved them and took care of them. Maybe they didn't have that. We get self-righteous sometimes and think that they don't need to be around and we want to exclude them sometimes. God is not like that. If you are acting like that then you are not ready to go to heaven. Amen! God is a very merciful God. We need to put on the clothes of mercy. We need to have mercy towards people.

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Put on kindness. *Kindness* is a great thing. The word here means to be dedicated—get this—dedicated to the welfare of others. You can read that in Webster's Dictionary. That is not in the Greek. That is not in the Hebrew. You can get a little \$10 dictionary. Kindness means a dedication to help people, a dedication to help those...of the welfare of others. When you and I are saved, and we put off all the sin that we mention up here in the verse before, and we are not children of disobedience, but we are the called, the chosen, the elect, the beloved and we put on mercy then it is no problem for you and me to put on kindness. We will be concerned about the welfare of other people. We will be dedicated and we will have a concern for the welfare of other people. If people are suffering and it doesn't touch you then you have some major issues. I know it gets all touchy and feely when it is at home, somebody close to us. However, if it does not bother you when a total stranger is in distress we need to dig a little deeper on who we are. Amen! Someone that has kindness and when we put on the clothes of mercy then kindness comes right with that.

Not only that but also, be he says here humbleness.

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He says here humbleness of mind. Humble means humility. It means to be meek in our spirit. It is something that belongs to common people. Humility and humbleness of mind. It is just the opposite of having an arrogant mind, or a mind that is filled with

pride, or a mind that is thinking I am better than someone else. That is what humbleness of mind is.

When I put on the clothes of mercy, and I put on the clothes of kindness, it is no problem for me to put on the clothes of a humble mind. A mind with humility in it. A mind that is not exalted in self. A mind that is not exalted in pride. A mind that we can look at and see the needs of others. A mind that is filled with humility. Not only that but it says this.

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Put on meekness. Meekness here is—if you are a person who is meek and if we have on the clothes of a meek person, do you know what we are not going to do? We are not going to be trying to promote ourselves before other people. Even though—actually, when you look at the word *meek* it means power under control. Even though we may have power, and God has given us power; that power is under control. When I am a meek person, even though we may have tremendous power since we are beloved, since we are holy, and since we are the chosen; we have a lot of power and we do. If we have mercy and put on the clothes of mercy and kindness here and humility of mind then there is not going to be an issue here with being meek. We are not going to be prideful. We are not going to be acting better than other people. We are not going to promote ourselves above other people. We are not going to act like the Pharisees did. Amen! We are going to sit up on this seat and you go sit over there. We are not going to do that. We are not going to take that route.

Next one is longsuffering. Listen. *Longsuffering* means patiently enduring in a lasting offense or hardship. Basically, in a nutshell; do you know what that means? I am going to be longsuffering. I am going to be patient. It doesn't matter how long the hardship, or the hard time comes; I am going to be longsuffering. I am not going to throw in the towel and quit the first time that something comes along in life that is not good or what I don't like, or it upsets me; I am not going to throw in the towel and quit. The word longsuffering means patiently enduring.

Listen. If you are a Christian tonight, I promise you something, there are going to be some times in your life that you are going to have to patiently endure. The closer we get to the return of Jesus Christ; the more pressure is going to be put on you. More hardships are going to come our way. We are going to have to patiently endure and wait upon Him because they are going to come.

Not only that but also forbearance. The word *forbearance* means to hold back. It means to refrain. It means to put up with. I like that one. It means to control. Get this. You may not get this and you may not appreciate what I am about to say here; but there is something about every one of us sitting here tonight, including me—get this—that aggravates somebody. Amen! There is something in every one of us—I'm not talking about sin—but there is something in every one of our lives that aggravates somebody

else. Truth! Do you really think that you don't aggravate somebody? Do you really think that you can live here and in all that you do and not aggravate somebody? I hope you don't because you aggravate somebody sometime. More than one, a lot of times.

He uses the word here *forbear*. Just because somebody may say amen and it may aggravate you, just because somebody may sing the wrong key and it may aggravate you, just because somebody speaks too loud or too soft or wears shoes that do not match, and wears KY ties and things like that; just because somebody may do that and it aggravates you; do you know what we need to do? We need to forbear. Do you know what forbear means? It means to put up with. I'm not talking about sin and slander and all of that. I'm not talking about none of that because we are not going to put up with none of that. Amen! Because we are all different people. Amen!

When I first came here, about every Sunday, there would be a lady that came in and she would always wear me out about my clothes. Every Sunday. I can't believe, who dressed you? I can't believe you would wear that shirt with those shoes or that coat with that—about every Sunday. It didn't bother me none. I promise it didn't. I got a joke out of it. Come to find out that she was color blind. She did not know what color I had on. But I irritated her. Something that I did, something that I said, the way that I stood, it irritated her. Do you know what I did? I loved her. I still yet love her today. I pray for them today. I don't get to see them much today. But that is the same thing with us. You irritate somebody. It may be your husband. It may be a co-worker. It may be your wife. You irritate somebody.

I'm going to tell you what folks. Here is what we need to put on. We need to put on the clothes of forbearance. We need to have some control in our lives. Do you know what?

If Christian people could just learn to keep their mouth shut we wouldn't have near as much problems. I mean you—at your own house, I'm not talking about anywhere else—but if Christian people would just learn to keep their mouth shut at home, we wouldn't have near as much trouble. Amen! Your wife, you would get along with her a whole lot better. Your husband you would get along with him a whole lot better if we could just learn to keep our mouths shut. Do you know what? That is the hardest thing in life to learn. Amen!

I wished I had two more hours on this one. Things that we need to put on as Christian people. When we get this garments on, it shows the world that we are different. It shows the world—like the song that Joshie sang a while ago—"The Old Man is Dead." We don't go where we used to go. We don't talk like we used to talk. We don't carry on like we used to carry on. Because we have on the clothes of humility, forbearance, kindness, and mercy.

We have on those clothes. We need to put those things on today. When we are wearing the garments that Paul said for us to put on you will not have to tell anybody that you are a Christian. You really won't. It is really good to talk to people and tell

people and we need to do that. However, you can spend 15 minutes around somebody and know whether they are a Christian or not by the way they act.

If you are here, God is speaking. God is calling. Come this evening. He loves you. He wants to forgive you. He wants to cleanse you tonight.

Come and pray—