

### 3.1.21 – Why We Promote Naturism II The Christian Naturist and Satan

We are going to attempt to answer the question “why would we promote Christian naturism” knowing the cost associated with the view.

Christians should want to be for anything that God likes and against anything that Satan wants.

When we talk about biblical naturism, we realize that there are benefits other than making it obvious that we are on God's side and against Satan and we are going to talk about a few of them here today.

The first event that includes all three players...God, Satan and Humans happened in the garden of Eden, so let's start there.

God does not do anything without a reason. If we can't seem to see what His reason is, it may be because we can't see all that is involved. Having a limited amount of information can leave us open to misinterpretations, willfully leaving out information will lead to bad doctrine. Here is the fact...God created us in His image and completely naked. Naturist believe God wanted His best creation openly displayed. We are all born naked and we believe God is reminding us that He likes it that way when the body does not require protection. God also provided a climate in the Garden that almost required nakedness for comfort. Another reason we believe God favored nakedness. Young children who have not lived long enough to be fully programmed in adult behaviors, are quick to remove their clothing even when it is needed to protect the body indicating that clothing is viewed as unnatural.

The first clothing was made by Adam and Eve after they ate the forbidden fruit. Adam's and Eve's body didn't change after the fall, so what did change? Who convinced them to become tailors...God even asked them this question? We are presented with only two choices: Eve or Satan. Eve is not a very likely choice since she was deceived by Satan. That leaves Satan as the one doing the convincing and promoting of clothing.

Yes, after all the questions were answered and all the judgments given, God made coats for Adam and Eve, but there is no record of God ever saying that they were a required attire. What we've been able to gather is that God provided them as the

environment was going to be changing. Temperatures would be different, thorns would grow...protection from the elements would be necessary from time to time, but that does not mean that now the body that bore the very image of God was somehow dirty or shameful. You will not find that doctrine anywhere in scripture! What we surmise is that Adam and Eve didn't have the motivation to kill an innocent animal for their own benefit, but God would demonstrate His future sacrifice for mankind by killing an innocent animal to pay for their sinful behavior. The animal sacrificed his life to "cover" their sin. Symbolic of the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus would make for us, but also not symbolic...Adam and Eve would need protection from the environment. There is no description of these garments, no instructions for their use, no description of what needed to be covered or when to wear them. To make a doctrine that teaches that the coats show that nakedness is a sin is accusing God of approving of a Satanic agenda. It also makes the case that God caused people to sin because God caused people to be naked...for example, Isaiah, Saul, the Levites, Moses and all the Israelite men, etc. It should be clear at this point that God is not the author of the clothed-at-all-times doctrine leaving Satan as the author of that doctrine.

Try putting your programming about clothing aside and consider the following situations. Compare riding bicycle in the morning of a day when the forecast suggests staying in water or by the air conditioner would be the best activities... If you wear only a pair of shoes because the pedals are not designed for bare feet. The air cools your whole body as you work to give yourself a ride. Now imagine the same ride wearing a shirt and shorts. When you get finished your shirt and shorts are wet with sweat and you only felt the cool air on part of your body. Now you need to wash the clothing and your body. Matt 11:30 says For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Which of the above choice is the "light burden"? Compare swimming without a swimsuit with swimming with a suit. Without the suit you feel the water caress your whole body. Nothing to restrict your movement or add drag as you move through the water. When you get out of the water, your whole body dries in the sun and warm air instead of having a wet suit making you feel like you were late to the restroom. Again, which is the "light burden"? This can be extended to painting naked and not getting paint on your clothing, doing a dirty job and only needing to wash your body instead of your body and a set of clothing which might need special care to remove stains. Seems clear that Satan is on the clothing side and God on the naked side.

If we were rational beings, what we wrote so far would at least make everyone accepting of people who choose to go naked. After all it is easier to look the other way than escape from the neighbor who is sharing loud "music" with the whole

neighborhood which would be your last choice to listen to. Family friendly nakedness should be in the same category as vegetarian or people who chose to not celebrate Halloween, Christmas, Easter, or any other holiday. The Apostle Paul gave instructions on dealing with the last two categories. If and when you chose to share what God thinks about nakedness with someone you will quickly learn that the things the preacher promotes from the pulpit are not what Christians practice. To illustrate I will give you some of my personal experiences.

My friend and pastor, Jim, asked me several years ago what I thought of naturism. I had to ask for a definition. I spent about two years reading a lot of online information and became convinced that it fit with what the Bible says on the subject. During this time, I tried to win my wife to my point of view, but she would have none of it. My reading indicated that most people would be like my wife, so I only exchanged ideas with Jim.

Jim wrote a booklet on the Bible and nakedness which is now the main part of this website. I tried to get my wife to "proofread" it, but she very reluctantly started and stopped claiming it made her feel too dirty. I gave one of my daughters a copy and her reaction was rather neutral. While visiting my daughter at about that time I was inspired by something her pastor said that the booklet would help solve. I was not brave enough to hand him a copy, so I sent him one when I got home. Three months or so after I concluded he was not going to respond I got an answer from him. I did not answer him at Jim's advice, but I did write what I would have liked to send him and sent it to Jim. Rewriting that response was the second article I wrote for this website. I could not find my first response, but I did find the letter.

When Jim asked me to write articles for this website, he was planting a church in Texas. I do not view myself as a writer but could not think of a reason that was acceptable for not trying. Jim could polish it up and I would at least save him some time getting articles ready.

The problem with a view that is controversial is that you keep it in a small group that is accepting of the idea. That gives the members of that group the power to play Judas. If things don't go their way, they can always share your views with people in power who they know would be opposed to the view... It is amazing how fast people will accept a false sexual claim about a naturist.

I am a member of the church that Jim pastored before being called to plant a church in Texas. The pastor of my church overreacted to both the naturism and the false accusations. He was not happy with just an announcement from the pulpit.

He went house to house to make sure we all understood the message. When he came to my house, I explained what the Bible says on naturism. He did not convert me, nor did I make a difference in his view. He already went too far to change his mind and save face. As they were leaving, my wife commented that she did not know it was this bad and I was banned from church and threatened with disclosure of my "wickedness" if I tried to go to another church in the area.

I was allowed to return after about two months with a gag order on my "dangerous ideas". The sermons regularly seemed aimed at my "wickedness" and I could not be free with what I said because the person I was talking to might be looking for something to turn me in for. I did find a church that would allow me to worship with them even after I told the pastor what I believed about naturism.

As a result of the trouble with the church and my friendship with Jim, my son who attends the same church as I do, would not talk to me for months and my son who attended the church in Texas did the same thing for even longer. I was in Texas to help Jim with a project over a year after "Judas" made his disclosure. I offered to bring some construction materials along to give him. He said it would be best if we did not see each other. We were within less than an hour's drive of each other and did not see each other. He was back for a visit in his home area about a year after my visit to Texas, but only set foot in my house once to use the restroom. He even asked us to meet him at a restaurant when he first got here instead of stopping where he lived the last 10+ years before he moved to Texas. He crowded my other son and his family instead of staying with just the two of us with lots of vacant bedrooms.

According to the Word of God, it is not possible for the Holy Spirit to be leading these folks to act the way they are. The only other choice is that Satan approves of their behavior and is indeed leading their activity. As a side note, the pastor that made the false claims and played the role of Judas here is no longer in the ministry. Shortly after his lies, he admitted from the pulpit that he was demon oppressed and a couple of months later quit the ministry and left the state.

With all of this in mind, the question that comes up frequently is "Is it worth all the grief?" Truthfully, I don't spend a lot of time thinking about the question. Most of the cost is in relationships with other people. I do not depend as much on relationships as I do on ideas and projects. That is probably a result of personality and experiences growing up. That said, yes it still hurts a lot to have your family and church think you are a wicked person especially knowing what the Bible says on the subject.

So, why do we continue to promote biblical naturism? First and foremost because I firmly believe what we post is the truth and I cannot justify taking a stand against the truth... That puts me on God's side which is better than being on Satan's side of the issue even if Satan's side would be the easier choice. I have gotten a very clear view of what is motivating most church members. Unknown to them, it is Satanic. Before the events outlined above, I thought our church was right and if other churches did not agree with us, they were wrong. Now it is clear you need to agree with the group think, keep your ideas to yourself or find another group who might accept your views.

But the rest of the answer as to why we continue to promote naturism is that we have seen the results of biblical naturism as a Godly choice. We've gotten so much feedback from our readers that tell us of their marriages put back together, we've heard the testimony of porn addicts cured of their sinful view of the body, we've gotten emails telling us of women who hated themselves and their bodies who have found new confidence in who they are and that God loves them and made them in His image. We've lived firsthand how God intended us to live from the beginning and enjoyed nature as He wanted us to.

Why do we continue to promote God's view of the body? Because it's the right thing to do. Because I'd rather agree with God and His view of us, then Satan and his desire. I will tell you of a truth that agreeing with God always has a cost to it, but that the cost of agreeing with God is always less than the cost of agreeing with Satan. And here's the Good News...God promises that standing for Him always works out in the end. Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.