

New Rags for Old

Isaiah 61:1-3

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Memory Verse:

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New Rags for Old, Jesus offers us a holy exchange of costumes.

1. Jesus' Righteous **Life** for our Sin

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. —2 Corinthians 5:21

Lamb of God—John 1:29

Scapegoat—Leviticus 16:6-10

Scarlet turned to white—Isaiah 1:18

2. Jesus' Rejection for our **acceptance**

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. —Isaiah 53:3-4

3. Jesus' **Punishment** for our Peace

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. —Isaiah 53:5-6

4. Jesus' Beauty for **Ashes**

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**U.S. Government offered cash for clunkers.
Jesus offers us New Life for our broken dreams and failed life.**

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.” —Isaiah 55:1

The Ragman,

A short story by Walter Wangerin, Jr. found in Ragman and Other Cries of Faith.

What Old Rags do you need to give to Jesus?

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***Open up your heart and life to Jesus Christ.
See what the Ragman, The Christ desires to do for and in you...***

Prayer:

I come to you as a broken and sinful person in need of new clothes, a new life. I turn from my sin, my despair, my pain, and my unforgiveness, and I ask you to clothe me with Your Life.

I believe that in your death and resurrection, You purchased new life for me, a life of Righteousness, Peace, and Joy. Come into my life. Make me the child of God you created me to be.

**I will follow you with all my strength.
Thank you, Lord, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

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