

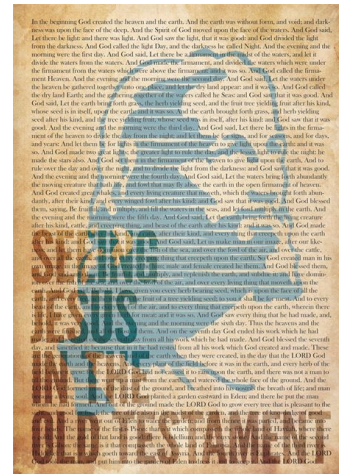


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-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

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Peter's Swimming Attire

Question: *In the last chapter of John's gospel, when the disciples decide to go fishing after our Lord's resurrection, why was it that Peter, upon hearing that Jesus was standing on the shore, proceeded to "put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea" (Jn. 21:7)? What's up with putting on an outer garment before jumping into the water?*

Answer: Great question! It seems a bit counterintuitive, doesn't it? Interestingly, the Greek word that's used for "put on" can also mean "tie around" or "gird," in the sense of "gird up your loins!" (e.g., Job 38:3). In fact, after poking around a bit more, the *only* other place in John's gospel that that word is used is in chapter 13, when Jesus ties a towel *around* his waist before washing the disciples' feet (that same word appears twice, actually, and in back-to-back verses: Jn. 13:4 and 5). So, just as Jesus once tied up a towel before cleaning the disciples' feet, so also does Peter tie up a garment before jumping into the sea.

So far, so good, but let's stay on the Greek train for just one more stop. The phrase that's usually translated "for he was stripped for work" is literally "for he was *naked*." This, I think, is very interesting. Not only does it bring to mind the nakedness of Adam and Eve mentioned multiple times after the fall into sin (Gen. 3:7, 10, 11) and the many other places in the Bible where nakedness is "looked upon" with disastrous consequences (e.g., Gen. 9:22, 23; Lev. 18 and 20; etc.), but it also recalls how *priests* in the Old Testament were to always have "*linen undergarments to cover their naked flesh*" (Ex. 28:42; see also Ex. 20:26).

Now, when we remember that Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet is loaded with *ministerial* imagery - "how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news" (Is. 52:7)- and when we remember how our Lord also intended his actions in chapter 13 to serve as an example for his disciples to follow- "I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you" (Jn. 13:15)- then the picture starts to emerge that Peter's behavior in the last chapter of John is more *priestly* than we might have imagined.

On top of this, once Peter comes ashore, we're told that he sees "a charcoal re in place" (Jn. 21:9). The only other time that a charcoal re appears in John's gospel is at *the very place where Peter denied Jesus* (Jn. 18:18). And to toss in one last tidbit just to make our heads explode, the very occasion when Jesus foretold Peter's denial is right after Jesus washed Peter's feet (Jn. 13:36-38)!

It seems to me, then, that Peter's putting on an outer garment before jumping into the sea, odd as it sounds, was actually the beginning of his restoration. In that moment he not only mimicked the behavior of our Lord (by tying up a garment) and the faithful priests of old (by covering up his nakedness) but was also even willing to cast himself into the depths of the sea for the sake of being with Christ. In sum, Peter's actions showed that he was now ready to lose his life in order to save it.

Dr. Brian German
Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

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