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- Primarily culture?

\* “An older preacher once told me that, in India, it would be wrong for preachers to tell Christian women to cover their midriffs. Likewise, he said, it is wrong to impose our “American custom” of covering our breasts on topless Christians in Africa.”

*Four Biblical Reasons for Christians to Cover their Nakedness (A Study in Modesty)* by Joshua Gurtler

**Really?**

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3. It is defined by God, in part, by what parts of the body to cover.







Dressing our hearts

**ROMANS 12:1-2**

Dressing our bodies

# Dressing Our Bodies

- What do we learn from Jesus and the apostles?

Revelation 3:18 *shame of nakedness*

1 Timothy 2:9 *adorn... modest apparel*

# Dressing Our Bodies

- *In the beginning*

Gen. 2:7, 25 *naked and not ashamed*

Gen. 3:7, 10 *I was naked...hid*

Gen. 3:21 *tunics (garments)... clothed them*

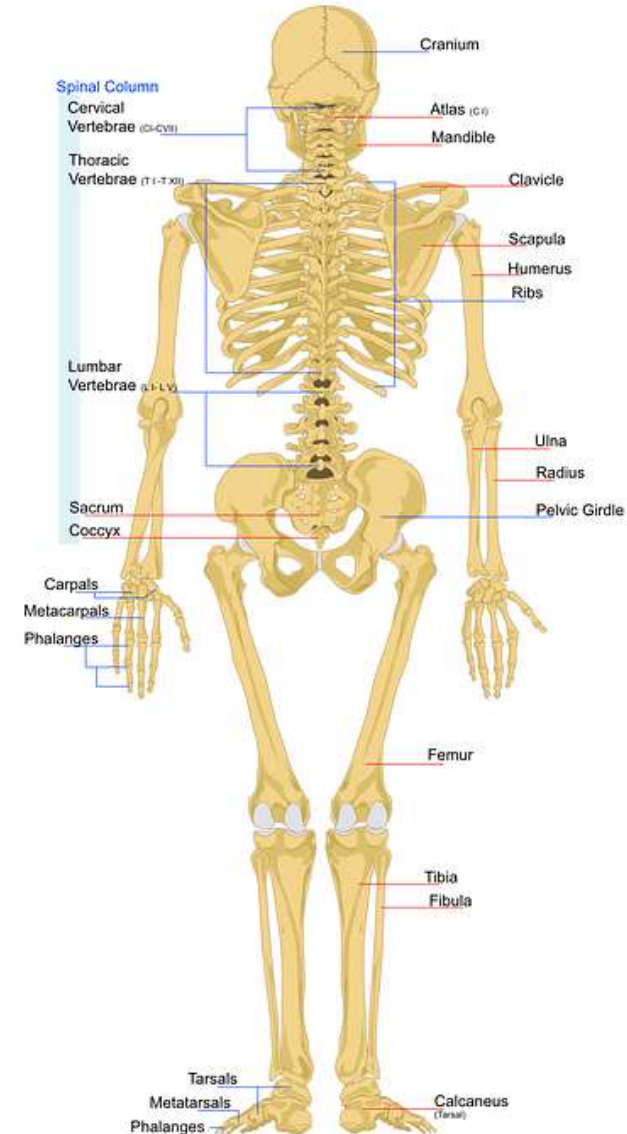
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- Other related passages

Ex. 28:42

Prov. 5:19

Matt. 5:40 same “tunic”





# Dressing Our Bodies

- *Make the application*

Spouses work together

Fathers lead Eph. 6:4

Older women be reverent and teach. . . Ti. 2:3-4

Men, God clothed Adam too

# Jesus said. . .

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV)