Theological Analysis of the Use of Clothes for Women in the Church Based on 1 timothy 2:9-10

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Abstract

In this study the author tried to examine the use of clothing which is suitable for use by women in the Church based on the principle in 1 Timothy 2: 9-10. Simply put, this study was based on four indicators of discussion, namely: Definition of dressing with modesty 1 Timothy 2:9; The notion of dressing with shamefacedness according to 1 Timothy 2:9; The notion of dressing up by not braiding hair by 1 Timothy 2:9; and the meaning of costly attire in the context of 1 Timothy 2:9. The notion of dressing up appropriately on the basis of 1 Timothy 2: 9 means that women should wear clothing that does not invite sexual desire to those who look at it, and should also wear conservative attire. The notion of dressing up modestly according to 1 Timothy 2: 9 is that women will dress themselves respectfully; thus, will not wear impolite clothing. One of them is a narrow garment that will show body parts. The notion of dressing with no braids based on 1 Timothy 2: 9 is that women should not be busy spending time just to decorate their hair, and should not show any striking hairstyles. The notion of the meaning of costly attire in the context of 1 Timothy 2: 9 is a garment bought with a personal motive to boast.

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