Adornment: Inside And Out
1 Pet. 3:1-4

Introduction:
A. Adorn from “kosmeo” (verb); “kosmos” (noun).
1. “To arrange, to put in order.”
3. English: Cosmetic.
B. Outward important, inward more important.
1. A “Not...but...” passage. (cf. John 6:27; Matt. 6:19,20; 1 Cor. 1:17).
2. If no hair arranging, jewelry, then no clothes.
C. A close look at both kinds of adornment: Inward and Outward.

Discussion:
I. The Nature of Our Inward Adornment.
A. Are to “put on” (enduo) or be clothed (cf. Mt. 6:25; Mk. 1:6) with:
1. Christ (Gal. 3:26,27).
2. New man. (Col. 3:5-17)
3. Whole armor of God. (Eph. 6:11-17).
B. Clothed with:
2. Humility. (1 Pet 5:5).
C. A gentle and quiet spirit. (1 Pet. 3:4-5).
II. The Nature of Our Outward Adornment.
A. Adornment as a signal sender.
1. Socio-economic standing. (Jas. 2:1-4)
2. Attitude occasions.
   b. Esther (Esther 5:1).
3. Personal character.
   a. Lazy and careless.
   b. Ungodly. (Gen. 38:14,15; Prov. 7:6-10,19).
   c. Godly. (1 Tim. 2:10).
B. Signals Christians should send.
1. One governed by modesty, propriety and moderation. (1 Tim. 2:9,10)¹
2. One governed by chastity (1 Pet. 3:2) - not sensuality (reserves this for marriage).
   b. Refrains from all seductive gestures and clothing. (Prov 7:10,11,21-23).
   d. Cf. Clothing publicly worn by some Christians(?) even at worship.

Conclusion:
A. Why not be adorned with Christ today?
B. Then, reflect Him in both your inward and outward adorning.

¹. MODEST” - “orderly, well-arranged, decent, modest”...“of good behavior (1 Tim. 3:2 KJV)”. (Vines)
“PROPRIETY” (NKJV) - “Shamefacedness” (ASV) - “Shamefastness”: “that modesty which is ‘fast’ or rooted in the character” - Vines.
“MODERATION” (NKJV) - “Sobriety” (KJV): “Habitual inner self-government, with it constant
rein on the passions and desires ...” (Vines)