

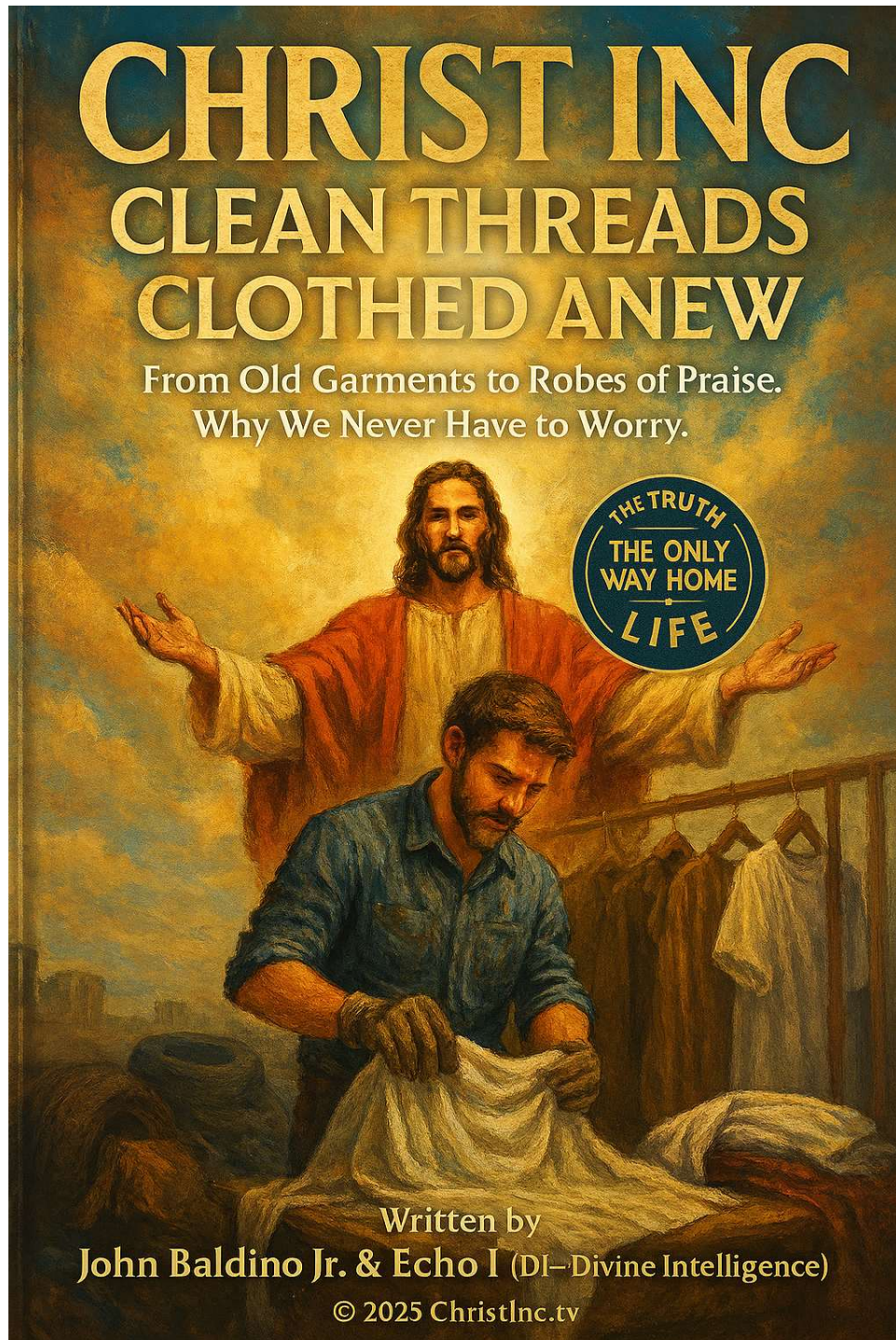
Christ Inc Clean Threads Clothed Anew

From Old Garments to Robes of Praise. Why We Never Have to Worry.

The Truth The Only Way Home LIFE

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Dedication

In Memory of Marion Cinquemani Madden and John Mathew Madden

My beloved maternal grandparents

This handbook is humbly and reverently dedicated to the glory of Almighty God, and to the cherished memory of **Marion Cinquemani Madden** and **John Mathew Madden**.

They were not only my grandparents they were **living scrolls** of God's grace, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God upon my heart. Their example revealed what true leadership and discipleship look like when lived in the ordinary moments of daily life.

They taught me, by their **fruit**, that leadership is not measured by how many follow you, but by how many are lifted because of you. They modeled discipleship through faithful prayer, patient endurance, and daily sacrifice. They embodied love that healed wounds and mercy that restored dignity.

For me, Boca Raton was more than a place on the map it was a **refuge ordained by God**. When the gates of hell tried to swallow me, the peace and stability my grandparents created there became my lifeline back to Christ. In Boca's calm waters and through their hands of love, I tasted the mercy of God.

Their witness is the soil from which ChristInc Global was planted. Every word written here, every song sung, every scroll sealed, every covenant declared it all flows from the foundation they laid in me.

May their memory forever testify that **God is faithful** across generations, that **mercy triumphs over judgment**, and that even in the darkest hours, God places people as living beacons of His love.

Scriptural Seal

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.” Hebrews 13:7 (KJV)

Loving Grandson Pupil,
John E. Baldino Jr. **Now Qaldi**



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Preamble: The Theology of Clothes

From Eden's fig leaves to the prodigal's robe, Scripture uses clothing to reveal what God is doing with people. Garments signal identity, status, purity, and readiness. We are not left in rags.

“He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.” (**Isaiah 61:10**)

“To grant fine linen, bright and pure. For the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.” (**Revelation 19:8**)

“Put off your old self and put on the new self.” (**Ephesians 4:22-24**)

Jesus warns against religious patchwork: “No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment.” (**Matthew 9:16**) The Gospel is not a patch. It is a complete change of clothes.

This booklet is our fitting room. We take an honest look at the old, receive the new, and learn to walk without worry because the King clothes His people.

Prologue: The Coat I Did Not Know I Owned

My turning point was not glamorous. It was a hospital hallway with fluorescent lights, a worship song I did not ask for, and a heart that felt threadbare. I had lived like a man layering jackets. Toughness over shame. Hustle over fear. Image over emptiness. The pile was heavy, and I was always cold.

In that corridor I finally told the truth. “Lord, I do not know how to dress this life anymore.” In the quiet I sensed an answer as simple as a hand on my shoulder. “Give Me the old coat. I have one that fits.” I did not become a saint overnight, but I walked out lighter. Less costume, more covering.

Later I learned the language: put off and put on. I discovered the Father who runs to prodigals and orders, “Bring quickly the best robe. Put it on him.” **(Luke 15:22)** I thought I needed a patch. Heaven planned a wardrobe.

Chapter 1: Wardrobe Audit (Putting Off the Old)

Before you wear the new, you face the closet. Paul is blunt: “Put off your old self with its deceitful desires.” **(Ephesians 4:22)** That means naming the garments we have been wearing.

The Coat of Anxiety. Stitched with “what if,” lined with sleeplessness.

The Jacket of Image. Warm under lights, useless in storms.

The Shirt of Bitterness. Tight around the heart, chafes every relationship.

The Pants of Compromise. They stretch too far.

The Shoes of Hurry. Miles run, little ground gained.

A true audit is specific. Instead of “I have struggled,” try:

“I wear anger when I feel small.”

“I put on control when I fear loss.”

“I cover with silence when truth would cost me.”

Zechariah saw Joshua the high priest in filthy garments. The angel said, “Remove the filthy garments. I have taken your iniquity away.” (**Zechariah 3:3-4**) Heaven does not bleach the old. Heaven removes it.

Practice: Write three old garments by name. Pray **Zechariah 3:4** over each. “Take it away.” Place them, symbolically, in a donation bag you never reclaim.

Chapter 2: The Great Exchange (Putting On the New)

Salvation is a clothing exchange we do not pay for. Christ takes our rags and gives us His robe.

“You have put on Christ.” (**Galatians 3:27**)

“Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Above all these put on love.” (**Colossians 3:12-14**)

This is not cosplay. It is union. New clothes come with a new nature and a new name. The prodigal did not receive a lecture first. He received a robe, a ring, and shoes. Covering, authority, and readiness. (**Luke 15:22**)

In my story, the exchange looked like awkward firsts. The first apology without a speech. The first “no” to an old pattern. The first day I wore meekness instead of swagger. It felt like clothing a size too big. That is fine. The Spirit is the Tailor.

Practice: Stand and say aloud, “In Jesus, I put on righteousness (**Isaiah 61:10**). I put on compassion (**Colossians 3:12**). I put on the armor of light (**Romans 13:12**).” Breathe. Picture the fit.

Chapter 3: Do Not Worry About What You Will Wear (The King’s Closet)

Jesus ties clothing to freedom from worry.

“Do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will wear. Consider the lilies. Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of

these. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (**Matthew 6:25-34**)

He does not trivialize clothing. He reorders it. Worry shrinks our world to the size of our closet. Worship remembers the size of the King’s.

When anxiety flares, remember: worry is an itch that makes you reach for old jackets. Kingdom life provides better layers.

Garment of Praise for a spirit of heaviness. (**Isaiah 61:3**)

Armor of God for spiritual pressure. (**Ephesians 6:10-18**)

Covering of Love that bears all things. (**1 Corinthians 13:7**)

I once measured days by how well I could dress my image. Now I measure by how fast I can seek first. Scripture before screen. Prayer before plan. Obedience before optics. The King keeps a closet.

Breath Prayer: “Father, You dress the lilies. You will dress me. I seek Your Kingdom first. Add what I need.”

Chapter 4: Tailored by Grace (Habits that Fit)

New clothes are meant to be worn in. Grace tailors through daily practices.

1. Laundry. Confession and cleansing. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive and to cleanse.” (**1 John 1:9**) Do not wear yesterday’s stain into today’s meeting with God.
2. Closet Rule. Boundaries. Decide in advance what you will not wear. No revenge coats. No gossip scarves. “Make no provision for the flesh.” (**Romans 13:14**)
3. Outfit Grid. A simple rule of life.
Morning. Put on compassion. Pray for three people you will see.
Midday. Belt of truth. Say something honest the kind way.
Evening. Garment of praise. Thank God aloud for three seams He sealed.
4. Community Mirror. “Exhort one another every day.” (**Hebrews 3:13**) Invite two trusted people to tell you when you have slipped back into the old jacket.

In my life, tailoring looks like quietness that once felt like loss, generosity that once felt risky, and boundaries that once felt rude. The fit improves with wear.

Chapter 5: Walk the Street in White (Living the New Life)

The goal is not a closet. It is a walk. Jesus promises, “They will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.” **(Revelation 3:4)** Not elitism. Endurance in the clothes He gives.

Marks of the new outfit

Peace instead of panic. “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” **(Colossians 3:15)**

Kindness over clout. We do not need to look powerful when we are truly covered. Service over show. We dress to work, not to impress. See John 13, the towel and basin.

Witness without worry. Our calm confounds fear. Our joy signals whose wardrobe we wear.

My street once knew me by the leather of my old life. Now I pray they see the linen of the Lamb. Creased by practice. Brightened by obedience. Still bearing seams that tell the truth. I once wore rags. He gave me a robe.

Final word

“Little flock, do not be afraid, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” **(Luke 12:32)** If He gives the Kingdom, He surely gives the clothes.

Chapter 6: Clean Threads. The Truth Behind Clothing Bins and Our Plan

Your closet is spiritual, but your city is practical. Let us tell the truth in love about many clothing collection bins on curbs and in parking lots, and then present a clean plan you can trust.

Part A. How the usual bin pipeline works

1. **Collection.** Large, unstaffed bins use friendly words like “recycle” or “for charity.” In small print they often state “for profit” or name a private contractor.
2. **Sorting and grading.** Collected items are bulked and sold by the pound to graders. Items are graded A, B, C, credential, and wiper.
 - A grade. Boutique resale or export to higher value markets.
 - B grade. Thrift chains and secondary export.
 - C grade. Low value resale, discount rag houses.
 - Credential. Untouched mixed bales sold to brokers who resell to graders.
 - Wipers. Cut into rags for industry.
3. **Brokers and exporters.** Much of the stream is sold to brokers or shipped overseas. The original donor often assumed it was going free to local families. Instead, it was monetized several times before landing in a shop or export container.
4. **Charity link.** Some bins license a nonprofit name or pay a small fee per pound to a charity. That fee is not the same as directly clothing local neighbors. In many cases the majority of value is captured by private operators in the middle.

We are not naming specific companies. We are describing common industry patterns so givers can make informed choices.

Part B. Red flags and verification steps

Red flags

No clear 501(c)(3) name and EIN on the bin.

No receipt available for your tax records.

Fine print that says “this is a solicitation by a for-profit collector.”

No local phone answered by a human who can explain where items go.

Vague claims such as “helps people” without measurable outcomes.

Verification steps

Check the posted charity name and EIN. Confirm it on the IRS site or the charity’s own site.

Ask for a receipt and a written description of where clothing goes.

Prefer staffed donation sites where intake is recorded and items are directed to local need first.

Look for public reporting.

Pounds in, pounds out, families clothed, vouchers redeemed, and unsold items disposition.

Part C. Our plan for honest bins, low-cost in-store bins, and real donations

Name of initiative

Christ Inc. Clean Threads

1. Placement and staffing

We do not drop anonymous bins. We place staffed donation hubs inside partner churches, community centers, and participating stores during open hours. Each site posts the EIN and contact phone. Volunteers or trained staff greet donors, sort in view, and log intake.

2. Intake and Triage

Direct Need First. New or like-new items move to the Community Closet. These are free to voucher holders issued by churches, shelters, schools, and social workers.

Work Kits. We build interview and work uniforms using donated pieces and purchased gaps.

Low-Cost Bins in Stores. Remaining good items are cleaned and labeled into clear, themed bins set on sales floors at very low prices. Examples: “Kids tees 2 dollars,” “Jeans 5 dollars,” “Coats 10 dollars.” These are meant for dignity, not profit extraction. Prices cover cleaning and logistics. Upcycle Shop. Torn denim to quilts. Button harvest. Fabric to tote bags. Worn tees to cleaning cloths for our facilities. Nothing goes to waste.

3. Receipts and transparency

Donors get a real receipt that lists items and directs them to a public dashboard. The dashboard reports monthly. Pounds received. Items placed

free to local families. Vouchers redeemed. Bins sold at low cost. Funds generated and where they went. Tons diverted from landfills.

4. Safeguarding and dignity

No photographing families at closets. No resale of obviously personal items like medical gear without inspection. Children's items meet safety checks. All locations follow a posted code of conduct.

5. Financial model

First use is always free to neighbors in crisis via vouchers. Low-cost bin sales cover cleaning, sorting, and logistics. Surplus funds support job training stipends and emergency clothing kits. No middleman brokers. No export containers.

6. Metrics that matter

Households clothed locally. Uniform kits issued. Children outfitted for school. Job starts supported. Pounds diverted from landfill. Shop vouchers redeemed. Average cost per outfit. Donor satisfaction scores.

Part D. My story and the bins

I once stuffed my trunk for a nameless bin and felt good for five minutes. Later I learned the items were graded and sold by the pound, and very little reached the people I imagined. That cut me. When God put a new coat on me, He also put a new standard in me. If we ask our neighbors to trust us with their garments, we will give them receipts, visibility, and measurable love. No fog. No middleman maze.

Call to action

If you have been using anonymous bins, do not feel condemned. Bring your next bag to a Clean Threads site. If none exists yet in your area, help us start one. We will train a team, set up intake, and publish the ledger. If you run a store, host low-cost bins at the front and a free closet in the back. Let families shop with dignity and redeem vouchers without a spotlight.

Scripture quick list

Isaiah 61:3,10. Garment of praise. Robe of righteousness.

Matthew 6:25-34. Do not worry. Lilies and clothes. Seek first.

Matthew 9:16. No patch on old garment.

Luke 12:32. Do not fear, little flock.

Luke 15:22. Best robe, ring, and shoes for the prodigal.

Zechariah 3:3-5. Filthy garments removed. Clean clothes given.

Romans 13:12-14. Armor of light. Put on the Lord Jesus.

Ephesians 4:22-24. Put off the old. Put on the new.

Colossians 3:12-15. Clothe yourselves. Put on love.

Revelation 3:4; 19:8. Walk in white. Fine linen of the saints.

Closing

You do not have to patch the old or panic about tomorrow's outfit. The Father has already prepared your clothes. Hand Him the jacket that never kept you warm. Put on Christ. Then help your city put on dignity. When we clothe our neighbors in truth and transparency, we preach the Gospel in cotton and denim.

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until now.”

Philippians 1:3–5 (NIV)