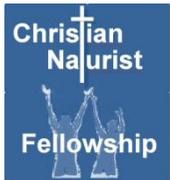


Perhaps if God had intended us to be naked we would have been born without clothes!

You may have lots of questions not answered by this small leaflet. Why not get in touch with the Christian Naturist Fellowship. We can give you additional information about Christians and Naturism.

We can help you with any questions you may have about the Christian faith and offer suggestions about how to become part of the steadily growing Christian Naturist community. Here's how to contact us:



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The Christian Naturist Fellowship Aims To:

- Provide a meeting place and forum in which Christians, who enjoy appropriate clothing free places and activities, can support and encourage each other.
- Help Christians within Naturism to study the Bible for themselves and to reconcile their Faith with their Naturism.
- Encourage Christians within Naturism to share their Faith with their fellow Naturists.
- Provide answers to Naturists interested in finding out how Christ is relevant to their lives today.



Why do we feel so good...



when we wander around outdoors without clothes?



It feels so natural perhaps that's how it should be....

That might seem like a startling claim, but it's true.

That's certainly how the Bible begins. The opening chapters present a picture of creation where life is paradise in a garden called Eden, a place where humankind lived in relationship with God, naked as they were created.

Wouldn't it be great if that was still true?

You may be surprised to find that the Bible actually mentions nakedness quite often and a careful study of the passages that talk about physical nakedness reveals that it is never regarded as being inherently shameful or wrong. After all, we were created "in the image of God" (Genesis 1.27), "naked and unashamed" (Genesis 2.25). And God declared all this "very good" (Genesis 1.31).

So God reckons it's OK then?

So it seems. The fact was that humankind decided to go their own way, disobeyed God, and behaving like naughty children tried to hide in the bushes after covering themselves with leaves.

To cut a long story short the paradise ended and suddenly finding themselves in the harsh realities of what we know as the real world God clothed them as a reminder of the seriousness of their broken relationship and as a protection against the elements out of his love and care for them.

So are there Christians who are naturists?

There certainly are and they believe that Naturism is perfectly in keeping with their faith and, more than that, it deepens their relationship with God.

Christian naturists number in the thousands and are located all around the world. Visit any large church congregation in the United Kingdom and there's a good chance you have naturists within it, although like most naturists they may keep their naturism private. However, there are naturists who meet up to worship, pray, study the Bible together, and simply enjoy the company of one another through groups like the Christian Naturist Fellowship.

Social Naturism affirms and reinforces the fact that there's nothing shameful about the way God made us. It offers a tangible way for Christians to embrace God's view of the human body. In fact, it gives us an opportunity to literally be God's image bearers!

“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.”

(1 John 4:9)

I thought Christians were against this sort of stuff?

Many are as they have got sucked into the cultural attitudes of the day and often aren't clear on what God has to say about all this in the Bible.

Christian Naturists can sometimes get a rough ride from those who are meant to be their brothers and sisters in the worldwide Christian family, but Christians aren't perfect. One of the first steps in becoming a Christian is to realize that very fact. Such a recognition, and the realization that we do mess up and need to be forgiven, is the point where Jesus comes in.

The Bible tells us that “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” (John 3:16,17)

We believe that we have a fullness of life in and through Jesus that most people only dream of. We believe that in a restored relationship with God we re-experience something of that paradise which was lost. As Christian Naturists we experience a whole new depth of that relationship with nothing to hide.