

# Christians of Both Sexes

by Clement of Rome

---

*Christians should show love, hospitality, and kindness to strangers, while maintaining modesty and purity in their interactions.*

**Scripture:** Genesis 18:4, John 13:14, 1 Corinthians 14:34, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, 1 Timothy 2:8

**Topics:** "Christian Hospitality", "Modest Interactions"

---

## Description

Clement of Rome emphasizes the importance of hospitality and service within the brotherhood, highlighting the care and provisions offered to travelers and guests, including the act of washing feet and anointing with ointment as acts of humility and love. He specifies the separation of men and women during certain gatherings for prayer and exhortation, with a focus on modesty and purity in interactions. The sermon encourages mutual edification through sharing the truth of God's word and respectful salutations among believers.

---

## Transcript

And if, moreover, it chance that we are distant from our homes and from our neighbours, and the day decline and the eventide overtake us, and the brethren press us, through love of the brotherhood and by reason of their affection for strangers, to stay with them, so that we may watch with them, and they may hear the holy word of God and do it, and be fed with the words of the Lord, so that they may be mindful of them, and they set before us bread and water and that which God provides, and we be willing and consent to stay through the night with them; if there be there a holy man, with him we turn in and lodge, and that same brother will provide and prepare whatever is necessary for us; and he himself waits upon us, and he himself washes our feet for us and anoints us with ointment, and he himself gets ready a bed for us, that we may sleep in reliance on God. All these things will that consecrated brother, who is in the place in which we tarry, do in his own person.

He will himself serve the brethren, and each one of the brethren who are in the same place will join with him in rendering all those services which are requisite for the brethren. But with us may no female, whether young maiden or married woman, be there at that time; nor she that is aged, nor she that has taken the vow; not even a maid-servant, whether Christian or heathen; but there shall only be men with men. And, if we see it to be requisite to stand and pray for the sake of the women, and to speak words of exhortation and edification, we call together the brethren and all the holy sisters and maidens, and likewise all the other women who are there, inviting them with all modesty and becoming behaviour to come and

feast on the truth. And those among us who are skilled in speaking speak to them, and exhort them in those words which God has given us. And then we pray, and salute one another, the men the men.

But the women and the maidens will wrap their hands in their garments; and we also, with circumspection and with all purity, our eyes looking upwards, shall wrap our right hand in our garments; and then they will come and give us the salutation on our right hand wrapped in our garments. Then we go where God permits us.

---

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/clement-of-rome/christians-of-both-sexes/>

# *Grow in Your Walk with Christ*

---

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

**[www.sermonindex.net](http://www.sermonindex.net)**