

The  
Bride  
of  
Christ



The Lord gives us many illustrations to reveal the character of the church.

The Church Age is the great mystery of God spoken of in the Bible and no one could comprehend its purpose and form.

The first we will address is the Church as  
the Bride of Christ.

Revelation 19:6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; 8 it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure” —

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

When a believing man and woman prayerfully and obediently leave their families and commit themselves each to the other before God, to form a new family sealed by their sexual union, it creates a spiritual and Holy covenantal union with God's blessing.

Any other sexual relationship consisting of anything other than that of a consensual adult male husband and adult female wife cannot be made holy because the relationship is a perversion that exchanges the Biblical truth for a lie and desecrates the image of God.

Any other form of sexual union, Biblically speaking, is an immoral and unholy ceremony of a state regulated and legally contractual relationship.

2Corinthians 11:2 For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. 3 But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. 4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body.

31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

Biblical marriage model was created to be the most intimate of all relationships.

First, it reflects the nature of God.

The fulfillment of sexual intercourse:

It is the greatest natural temporary feeling of euphoria, escape, freedom known to humanity.

It is the closest example of the feeling of euphoria in the presence of Christ.

The intimacy of that relationship produces life.

We produce life one generation at a time.

To each generation we reflect faithfulness,  
commitment in/of Christ.

Ephesians 5:31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Second, the process of the Jewish wedding ceremony reflects the events of the church age.

Legal Engagement

Time (Age) of Preparation

Bridegroom Retrieves the Bride

The Marriage Celebration and Feast  
-Revelation 19-22

Separation for Adultery and Reconciliation even  
reveals God's nature in Marriage.

If we remember God's relationship with unfaithful  
Israel.

He will reconcile her to Himself in the end days.

Jeremiah 3:1 “If a man divorces his wife  
and she goes from him  
and becomes another man’s wife,  
will he return to her? (*Deut. 24:1-4*)

Would not that land be greatly polluted?  
You have played the whore with many lovers;  
and would you return to me?  
declares the Lord.

31:31 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord.

33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Hebrews 9:24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, 26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Church Age are the days of the  
better covenant.

In the days of the 7th Trumpet the Lord will receive  
His Bride in the rapture and return to judge the  
wicked and restore the remnant of national Israel  
through the millennial reign of Christ.

The Bride is not the only illustration of the Church

Royal Priesthood

Temple of the Living God

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