

Clothed in Righteousness

Revelation 19 paints a vision of the **marriage supper of the Lamb**. Babylon has fallen, evil is judged, and heaven rejoices. At the center of the vision is the Bride, prepared and clothed in fine linen. The question comes to us: *Are we ready for the feast?*

I. The Wedding of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7)

- A. She has “**prepared herself**”—ready, waiting, and faithful.
- B. Heaven rejoices: “*Let us be **glad, rejoice**, and give him **glory***” (v. 7).
- C. The Bride is God’s people, redeemed and purified (Eph. 5:25–27).
 - 1. The Christian life ends not in mourning, but in celebration.

II. Clothed in Fine Linen (Revelation 19:8)

- A. “***She was given*** fine linen to wear...” — righteousness is **from God** through faith (Phil. 3:9).
- B. Contrast: Babylon clothed in scarlet and gold (Rev. 17–18) vs. the bride clothed, ***bright and pure***.
- C. Righteousness is also lived out in **faithful obedience**: “*the righteous **acts** of the saints*.”
 - 1. We are called to “put on Christ” (Rom. 13:14; Gal. 3:27).
 - 2. Guard the garment—keep it bright and pure until the day of the feast.

III. Blessed Are Those Invited (Revelation 19:9)

- A. A. In the ancient world, wedding feasts were the greatest celebrations—invitations prized.
 - 1. Plutarch: “To be present at a feast is an honor, a testimony of friendship, and a mark of esteem.”
 - 2. Josephus: Kings honored guests at their table; to be excluded was shameful.
- B. Here, God Himself extends the invitation to the eternal banquet of Christ and His church.
 - 1. “*These words of God are **true***”—the invitation is certain, guaranteed by God’s promise (Titus 1:2).

IV. As We Close: The Garment and the Invitation

- A. The invitation is wide, but the entrance requires readiness (Matt. 22:1–14).
- B. Paul explains how we are clothed: “*For those of you who were **baptized** into Christ have been clothed with Christ*” (Gal. 3:27).
- C. If you are in Christ, your name is already on the guest list.
 - 1. Galatians 3:29: if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, ***heirs*** according to the promise
- D. Don’t leave your seat empty. Don’t leave your garment behind.
- E. “*Blessed are those invited to the marriage feast of the Lamb!*”