



**“Here this rich and divine bridegroom Christ marries this poor, wicked harlot, redeems her from all her evil, and adorns her with all his goodness. Her sins cannot now destroy her, since they are laid upon Christ and swallowed up by him. And she has that righteousness in Christ, her husband, of which she may boast as of her own and which she can confidently display alongside her sins in the face of death and hell and say, ‘If I have sinned, yet my Christ, in whom I believe, has not sinned, and all his is mine and all mine is his,’ as the bride in the Song of Solomon [2:16] says, ‘My beloved is mine and I am his.’”**

**–Martin Luther**

**“And as by means of corporeal marriage all things become common betwixt man and wife; even so, by means of this spiritual marriage, all things become common betwixt Christ and you; for when Christ hath married his spouse unto himself, he passeth over all his estate unto her; so that whatsoever Christ is or hath, you may boldly challenge as your own. ‘He is made unto you, of God, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption,’ (1 Cor 1:30). I tell you, you may, by virtue of this union, boldly take upon yourself, as your own... all that [Christ] did and suffered in the space of three and thirty years, with his passion, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension; for they are all yours. And as Christ passes over all his estate unto his spouse, so**

**does he require that she should pass over all unto him. Wherefore, you being now married unto Christ, you must give all that you have of your own unto him; and truly you have nothing of your own but sin, and, therefore, you must give him that. I beseech you, then, say unto Christ with bold confidence, I give unto thee, my dear husband, my unbelief, my mistrust, my pride, my arrogancy, my ambition, my wrath, and anger, my envy, my covetousness, my evil thoughts, affections, and desires; I make one bundle of these and all my other offences, and give them unto thee. And thus was Christ made ‘sin for us, that knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him,’ (2 Cor 5:21).” – Edward Fisher**

**“It is indisputable that no one is loved by God apart from Christ: ‘This is the beloved Son,’ in whom dwells and rests the Father’s love. And from him it then pours itself upon us. Just as Paul teaches, ‘we receive grace in the Beloved.’ (Eph 1:6)” – John Calvin**

**“The Spirit unites us to the beloved Son so that instead of asking, ‘How righteous am I?’ to know how I stand before God, I ask, ‘How righteous is Christ?’ And then I smile. For amid my ups and downs, He is utterly righteous, yesterday, today, and forever—and all His is mine.” – Michael Reeves**