

Ready or Not, Here He Comes

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Revelation 19:1-10

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1. What prompts spiritual preparation?
2. Spiritual preparation in light of Jesus' ultimate victory

"The world likes a complacent, reasonable religion, and so it is always ready to revere some pale Galilean image of Jesus, some meager anemic Messiah, and to give Him a moderate rational homage" - T. Torrance

3. Spiritual preparation responding to an invitation to intimacy

2 Corinthians 11:2 (ESV)

² For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ

4. Process and Anticipation

"On that day, everyone will see the church for what she really is: the precious bride of Jesus. The Bride of Christ is a sort of Cinderella now, sitting among the ashes. She is like her Lord, 'despised and rejected of men'; the watchmen smite her and take away her veil from her; for they know her not, even as they knew not her Lord. But when he shall appear, then shall she appear also, and in His glorious manifestation she also shall shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of the Father" -Spurgeon

5. Spiritual Preparation in light of new identity (God's righteousness)

Revelation 19:8 (ESV)

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.

Revelation 19:8 (KJV)

⁸ And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."

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6. Imputed righteousness as God's gift and manifested righteousness as divine partnership

7. Spiritual preparation in light of authentic prophecy

Numbers 11:29 (ESV)

²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”

Prophetic Guidelines

- Strengthen the bride of Christ
- Bring glory to Christ
- Emphasize confirmation over innovation
- Verifiable with Scripture
- Maintain self control