

Discovering The Bride Of Christ

**HE'S
COMING**
FOR HIS
Bride

— EPHESIANS 5:25-27 —

**NOT FOR
DENOMINATIONS**



- I. He's Coming For His Only Bride
- II. The Proposal Is The Gospel Invitation



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KING JAMES VERSION



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Notice Two Important Truths

1. The Bride **belongs to** the Lamb (the Lord Jesus).
2. The Bride is responsible for making herself ready

How Does The Bride Get Ready

1 Pet 3:15 Sanctify The Lord God in
Your hearts

Sanctify Defined

Set Apart

Give Honor To

Treat As Holy

Give First Place

**A Bride Preparing For Her Wedding
Constantly Thinks About Her Future
Husband**



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The Wedding Ring DOES NOT Make Her Married Yet
It Declares SHE BELONGS To Someone
So She LIVES DIFFERENTLY Because She's Preparing



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Scripture Reading Revelation 19:7



CHURCH OF CHRIST

at
Long Creek

- I. He's Coming For His Only Bride
- II. The Proposal Is The Gospel Invitation
- III. From The Water To The Wedding

“Stay Ready So You Don't Have To Get Ready”

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Baptism = Covenant Commitment

Christian Life = Engagement

Second Coming = Wedding Feast

The Question Facing All New Converts

**What does the Christian Life Look
Like After Baptism**

Romans Chapter 12 The Portrait of Everyday Christian Living

Rom 1–3: Humanity's Sin

Rom 4–5: Justification By Faith

Rom 6: Baptism Into Christ

Rom 7: The Struggle With Sin

Rom 8: Life In The Spirit

Rom 9–11: God's Redemptive Plan

**I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of
God, that you..... Rom 12**

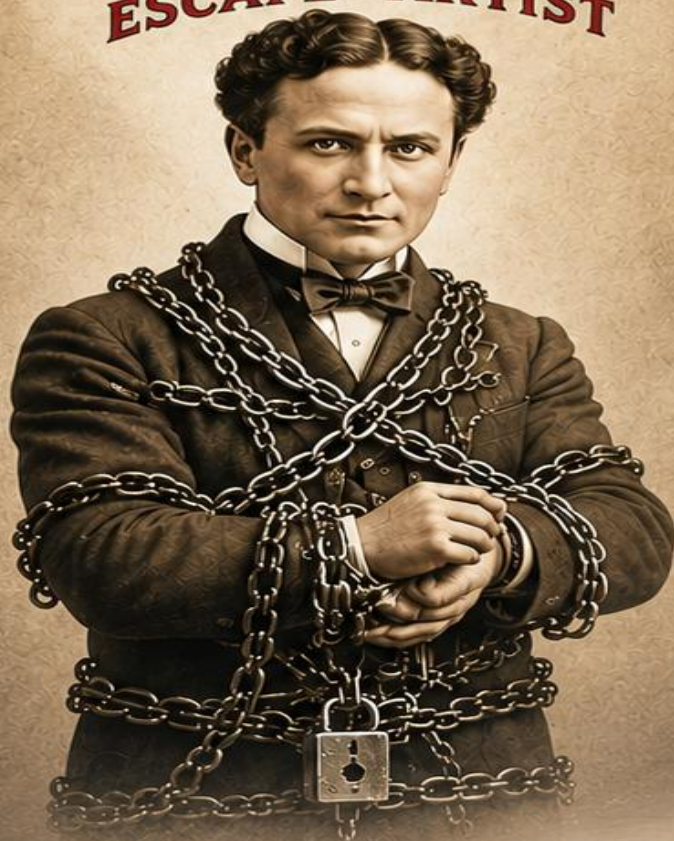
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HOUDINI

THE MASTER
ESCAPE ARTIST



STOP ESCAPING

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Eve Decided For Herself

What Have You Decided

Jesus Take The Wheel

Question #1 When

Question # 2 Give Him The Keys

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

The Great Battle Has Always Been About Lordship

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Maybe It's Time To Climb On The Altar 1 Pet 3:15

Maybe It's Time To Stay on The Altar James 4:7

Out of Love Paul Says Make A Decision

I urge you (NIV), I plead with you (NLT), I appeal to you (ESV)

I beg you (CEV) I exhort (Berean)

Have You Ever Reached A Moment of Realization That
You Are Not A Good Lord of Your Life

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Why Should I Get On The Altar

Declared You Righteous Through Faith In Jesus Rom 3:23-24

Dealt With Your Sin Problem By Dying In Your Place Rom 3:25

Gave You Peace With God Rom 5:1

Freed You From Slavery To Sin Rom 6:6-11

Delivered You From The Pitiful Wretched Person You Are Rom 7:24

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Declared You Free From Condemnation For Your Past Rom 8:1

Adopted You as Son and Daughters Rom 8:15

Gave You the Right To Cry Out Abba When In Trouble Rom 8:15

For Your Good He Will Work Out All Things Rom 8:28

Nobody Can Bring A Charge That Stick Against You Rom 8:31

Nothing Can Separate You From His Love In Christ Rom 8:39

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See His Incredible Mercy Found in Romans
Chapters 9-11

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The Bride Spends The
Engagement Dying To Self

The Bride Dies Daily
1 Cor 15:31

No More Animals & Things On The Altar Your Turn

The Burnt Offering Lev 1:3-4 (Surrender)

The Grain Offering LEV 2:1-2 (Tribute/Thanksgiving)

The Peace Offering Lev 3:1 (A Shared Meal)

The Sin Offering LEV 4:2-3 (Unintentional Sin/Uncleanness)

The Guilt Offering Lev 5:15-16 (The Damage of Sin)

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Peculiar People (KJV)

Paul Say It's Holy

A Life Set Apart

A Life Reserved

A Life Uncommon

1 Pet 2:9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people...

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A person is kneeling in prayer, seen from behind, with their hands clasped. They are in a room with a large cross on the wall behind them. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the cross and possibly a window to the side.

Paul Say It's Acceptable I Am Full of Blemish/Spots

All OT Examples of Sacrifice Was To Be Without Blemish or Spot

They All Pointed To Jesus 1 Pet 1:19

1 Pet 2:4-5 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men,
but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being
built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual
sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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The Daily Sacrifice

Gal 2:20 I Have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me

Spiritual Houdini

1 Cor 15:31 I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.