

Christ and His Bride

A “REAL” MARRIAGE

Yes, there will be a “real” marriage in heaven between Christ and His Bride! This statement brings up 2 important questions: When will this wedding take place and why?

☒ **When** — Revelation 19:1-9 tells us that the wedding will take place after the false bride has been destroyed.

For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

Rev.19:2

- **Why** — Because all her (the great whore) claims must be put down before the wedding so she would have not call on that bridal place herself.

WHO IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST?

Well then, **who** is The Bride of Christ (referred to as the Lamb’s wife)? God “*espoused*” the whole church to be the Bride of Christ: “*For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ*” [2Co.11:2].

Bridal Qualifications

The purpose of God before the world was that Jesus would have a wife who is just like Him [Eph.4:1-10]:

“For such an high priest became us, who is **HOLY, HARMLESS {guiltless}, UNDEFILED, SEPARATE FROM SINNERS,** and **MADE HIGHER THAN THE HEAVENS.**”

Heb.7:26

In order to qualify for this Bridal company, she must:

- Have the holy nature of Jesus Christ which is produced by being born again and is reproduced by the Holy Spirit to maturity.
- Be separated only unto to Jesus, loving Him with all of her heart.
- Be old enough to reproduce His life in other by complete submitting herself to Jesus spirit, soul, and body [1Th.5:23].

Why then doesn’t the entire Church qualify? Because The Church has been corrupted from the simplicity that is in Jesus Christ through Satan’s subtly [2Co.11:3; compare Eph.5:25-33] just as Eve was beguiled in the Garden [Gen.3:1-7].

DOCTRINE

Doctrinal Points 1

If the entire Church is not that spiritual, who is? Those who meet this criterion are mentioned in Revelation:

- The 24 Elders [Rev.4:1-4] and the 4 Living Ones [Rev.4:6-8]; which are the same company of saints.
- The overcoming saints from the Philadelphia [Rev.3:7-13] and Smyrna [Rev.2:8] are also part of this group. Notice the wording in Revelation 3:10: *“I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation.”*

BRIDAL TYPES AND PARABLES

There are many and parables concerning this truth:

- Psalms 45 (the marriage of the king).
- Genesis 24 (the choosing of a wife).
- Matthew 13:1-9 (the 3-fold fruit).
- Study Psalms 45:1-8,11 (the king, king’s daughters [plural], honorable women, bridesmaids, attendants, the queen in gold of Ophir, and the daughter of Tyre [friends]).

OTHER RANKS IN HEAVEN

Everyone will not have the same place or glory [1Co.15:21-23,40-42; Phi.3].

The 2nd Rank is found in Revelation 7:9-12. The great unnumbered company are those who come out of the Great Tribulation [Rev.7:14].

The 3rd Rank [Rev.7:1-8], the 144,000 (all from Israel) were sealed [Rev.7], caught up [Rev.12], and seen in heaven [Rev.14].

The 4th rank are earth dwellers, the souls under the alter [Rev.6:9], women in the wilderness [Rev.12:6, Zec.14:4, Rev.4, Rev.5].

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