

Sermon Series – “Why I Believe”

Part 6 – “Christ and His Bride”

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Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:25-27

When _____ was in the upper room with His disciples, He _____ His preliminary statement of farewell in wedding language so that they would understand the depth of His love for them and all who believe in Him. The Bible gives us _____ verses that tell us that _____, as His _____, we are His bride. We did not _____ Him, He _____ us; and when we give our heart to Him in thankfulness for His love, we take His name and are henceforth known as _____. Sadly, there are those who would dispute that the church is His bride. But how should we understand this for ourselves, and how does the love, demonstrated on the _____, and effective now, manifest itself in our lives? What does it now accomplish? Let us open His love letter to us as draw _____ to Him today!

Christ – His Bride, His Love

1. In the _____ of marriage, what was the _____ Jesus paid for His bride? *Eph. 5:25*
2. Where does it say that Christ made the _____ of His bride? *Jn. 15:16; Jer. 31:32*
3. What will be the offspring this _____-keeping love relationship? *Jn 15:8-9*
4. How does the Second Adam _____ His bride from her sin? *Eph. 5:25-29*
5. What is her response to this _____ love? *Eph. 5:22; John 14:15*
6. How will she appear at the marriage _____? *Revelation 19:7-9*

The bride constitutes the church that is waiting for the second appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Some who have a nominal faith are not prepared for His coming. The oil of grace is not feeding their lamps, and they are not prepared to enter in to the marriage supper of the Lamb. The representation is such as to call forth our earnest study, that we may know what preparation we who are living in the last days are to make, that we may enter in and partake of the marriage supper of the Lamb. (Page 268)

The church is the bride, the Lamb’s wife. She should keep herself pure, sanctified, holy. Never should she indulge in any foolishness, for she is the bride of a King. Yet she does not realize her exalted position. If she understood this, she would be all-glorious within. (Page 345).

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May we be transformed by the Love of Christ – the Bridegroom!