

Sermon Series – “Why I Believe”

Part 7 – “Christ’s Bride – Ready to Sail”

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Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:1-4 & Revelation 19:6-8

The _____ journey is many times depicted as a ship set on an expedition over the seas of time. As the bride of _____ takes this journey, she knows that this is no vacation _____, but a voyage that is often _____ to travel along jagged _____ and dangerous passages. The vessel must _____ turbulent _____ and straits where the rushing _____ of human _____ and the heavy winds and _____ of post-modern _____, threaten to _____ its _____, or _____ its _____ to abort the mission and abandon ship. How are we to navigate the _____ ahead, while keeping the garments of the bride _____ and unspotted? Let us humbly open God’s Word and receive the _____ offered from His heart of love.

Paul’s Counsel to Christ’s Bride

1. What is Paul’s fatherly _____ for the believers in _____? *2 Corin. 11:1-3*
2. How is the church’s renewed _____ threatened? *2 Cor. 11:3-4; Col 2:4-8*
3. How are we _____ about how to treat our bodies? *1 Co. 3:16-18;10:31; Ep. 5:18*
4. Does _____ have anything to do with the external? *1 Tim. 2:8-10;1 Pet. 3:3*
5. How is Christ’s _____ reveled in His transformed people? *Rom.12;Rev.19:6-8*

If we would be overcomers, we must search our hearts to be sure that we are not cherishing anything that is offensive to God. If we are, we cannot wear the white raiment that is here promised. If we would stand before God in the white linen, which is the righteousness of the saints, we must now do the work of overcoming. When our hearts are all aglow with love for Jesus and the souls for whom He died, success will attend our labors.... Let each one inquire, ... Can I not be the means of saving some soul in the kingdom of God? We want the deep movings of the Spirit of God in our hearts, that we may not only be able to secure for ourselves the white raiment, but that we may so influence others that their names may be entered in the book of life, never to be blotted out.

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May we be found arrayed in the Pure Linen of Christ’s righteousness!