# Here comes the Bride!

# **Ephesians 5:21-33 (NLT2)**

- <sup>21</sup> And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
- <sup>22</sup> For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord.
- <sup>23</sup> For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church.
- <sup>24</sup> As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.

- <sup>25</sup> For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.
- <sup>27</sup> He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.
- <sup>28</sup> In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself.

- <sup>29</sup> No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church.
- <sup>30</sup> And we are members of his body.
- As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one."
- This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.
- <sup>33</sup> So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

1. The Church, the BRIDE must submit to Jesus

2. Jesus submitted to His Father's will even to the point of dying for His bride.

3. Jesus is our husband. Who are you submitting to?

#### Acts 5:26-29 (NLT2)

<sup>26</sup> The captain went with his Temple guards and arrested the apostles, but without violence, for they were afraid the people would stone them.

<sup>27</sup> Then they brought the apostles before the high council, where the high priest confronted them.

<sup>28</sup> "Didn't we tell you never again to teach in this man's name?" he demanded. "Instead, you have filled all Jerusalem with your teaching about him, and you want to make us responsible for his death!"

<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.

## 2 Peter 1:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

#### 2 Peter 1:3-10 (NKJV)

- <sup>3</sup> as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,
- <sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

- <sup>5</sup> But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,
- <sup>6</sup> to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,
- <sup>7</sup> to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.
- <sup>8</sup> For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

## Ephesians 5:25-28

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  Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her
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## James 1:2-4 (NLT2)

- <sup>2</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.
- <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.
- <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.