

## “WORD OF LIFE”

November 20, 2022

### 32. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (12) – **In Coming Back**

#### 3. The **Bridegroom** to the Church

Hymns: #1160 / #1007 / # Since Ages Past, There's been a Longing in God's Heart

#### **IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD** (John 1:1)



- Matt. 25:1 - At that time the kingdom of the heavens will be likened to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went forth to meet the **bridegroom**.
- Matt. 25:10 - And as they were going away to buy, the **bridegroom** came; and those who were **ready** went in with him to the **wedding feast**. And the door was shut.
- Rev. 19:7 - Let us **rejoice** and **exult**, and let us give the glory to Him, for the **marriage of the Lamb** has come, and His **wife** has made herself **ready**.
- Rev. 21:2 - And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared** as a **bride** adorned for her **husband**.

#### **LET US OFFER UP A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE CONTINUALLY TO GOD** (Heb. 13:15)

#### In His coming back Christ will also be the **Bridegroom**, (Matt 25:1)

- In the Bible we have a **universal couple**—the Bridegroom and the bride.
- The **bride** is the aggregate of regenerated persons
    - the bride is His increase (John 3:30)
  - The **Bridegroom** is **Christ** with whom all regenerated persons should be one.
    - **Christ** has come as our **Bridegroom** (Matt. 9:15; Mark 2:19; Luke 5:34; John 3:29).
    - He will come as the **Bridegroom** for us, His bride.
  - As our **Bridegroom** the Lord Jesus is the **most pleasant** and **attractive** person in the whole universe.
- In Revelation 19:7 **Christ** is unveiled as having a **wedding**:
- *“Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife has made herself ready.”*

#### **WITH ONE ACCORD ... WITH ONE MOUTH GLORIFY THE GOD** (Rom. 15:6)

-  The **marriage of Christ** is the issue of the **completion** of God's New Testament economy. God's economy in the New Testament is to **obtain** for **Christ** a **bride**, the church, **through** His redemption and divine life.
-  In His coming back **Christ** will be the **Bridegroom** coming for us, His bride. He, as the **Bridegroom** and us, as the **bride** will enjoy a wedding feast.

### Hymn 1160

**1** Jesus is our lovely **Bridegroom**,  
And our **Bridegroom** is with us!  
Now our praying's  
turned to praising  
In His Presence glorious.

#### Chorus 1

O our **Bridegroom**!  
O our **Bridegroom**!  
Lord, Thou art  
our **Bridegroom** sweet!  
How we treasure  
Thy dear presence—  
O what bliss and joy complete!

**2** We are fellows of the  
**Bridegroom**  
And our fasting days have  
ceased.  
With the **Bridegroom**  
in His chamber,  
Joyfully we keep the feast.

**3** We as **virgins** may enjoy Him,  
**Virgins** simple, single, chaste.  
Going forth to meet  
the **Bridegroom**,  
Out from all the world we haste.

**4** We are guests by God invited  
To His Son's great **wedding feast**.  
Brothers, sisters, hallelujah,  
From religion we're released!

**5** Now rejoice with joy excelling,  
Joy of joys, all else beside—  
Not just fellows,  
guests, or **virgins**,  
Hallelujah, we're the **Bride**!

#### Chorus 2

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
**Lord**, Thou art  
our **Bridegroom** sweet!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
O what bliss and joy complete!

### Hymn 1007

**1** Have you been to **Jesus**  
for the cleansing pow'r?  
Are you **washed**  
in the **blood** of the **Lamb**?  
Are you fully trusting  
in His grace this hour?  
Are you **washed**  
in the **blood** of the **Lamb**?

#### Chorus

Are you **washed** in the **blood**,  
In the soul-cleansing **blood**  
of the **Lamb**?  
Are your garments spotless?  
Are they **white as snow**?  
Are you **washed**  
in the **blood** of the **Lamb**?

**2** Are you walking daily  
by the **Savior's** side?  
Are you **washed**  
in the **blood** of the **Lamb**?  
Do you rest each moment  
in the **Crucified**?  
Are you **washed**  
in the **blood** of the **Lamb**?

**3** When the **Bridegroom** cometh  
will your robes be white!  
Are you **washed**  
in the **blood** of the **Lamb**?  
Will your **soul be ready**  
for His presence bright,  
And be **washed**  
in the **blood** of the **Lamb**?

**4** Lay aside the garments  
that are stained with sin,  
And be **washed**  
in the **blood** of the **Lamb**;  
There's a fountain flowing  
for the soul unclean,  
O be **washed**  
in the **blood** of the **Lamb**.

### Since Ages Past, There's been a Longing in God's Heart

**1** Since ages past,  
there's been a longing  
in **God's** heart  
For a **bride** that would  
match Him, a **counterpart**.  
So, He planned  
a great romance,  
He planned to **marry** man.

**2** The Bible is the story  
of this great romance;  
**God** and man,  
the **couple**—  
what magnificence—  
Will be **married**  
to become the **New Jerusalem**.

**3** The **Triune God**, today,  
is calling us to be  
His dear **bride**,  
preserved for Him exclusively.  
**Into us He's poured His love,**  
**His life, and nature, all.**

**4** A brand **new heart**,  
the **Lord** has planted  
deep within,  
One that's soft, that loves,  
desires none else but **Him**,  
So that we need only guard  
the heart He's given us.

**5** It's with the saints  
we exercise our loving heart,  
**Eat the Word**  
and **from the meetings**  
**ne'er depart**,  
Hold a conscience  
good and pure  
and thus we will be  
the **bride** to bring,  
To bring our **Bridegroom** back.