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**THE BRIDE
OF
CHRIST**

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BRIDE OF CHRIST SERIES!
#1. UNDERSTANDING THE BRIDE

REVELATION 19:7-8, 21:9def

WHAT OR WHO IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST?

- (1) Not until I began to TEACH on Revelation Chapter 21 did I begin to UNDERSTAND WHO or WHAT the BRIDE of CHRIST is? Of all the teachings I have heard, INSIDE I have never been satisfied.
 - (a) This teaching IS going to EMPHASISE the scriptures on the BRIDE in Revelation, but WE will take into account the TRADITIONS of Hebrew thinking in marriages, including scriptures not mentioned in the Revelation.
 - (1) A FACT! Believers in the Church, the Body of Christ, are ALL PART of the Bride of Christ, but NOT ALL ARE THE BRIDE! (MT 22:14; RE 17:14d)
- (2) In order to understand, WE NEED TO LOOK at marriages in the Bible according to the EASTERN CUSTOMS, and then, having understood that, we need to apply it to ourselves. REVELATION KNOWINGS, and not LOGICAL REASONINGS, are needed to truly understand. (EP 1:17-18).
 - (a) Did you ever WONDER WHY God did not CREATE WOMAN as He did MAN, and WHY she had TO BE TAKEN OUT of MAN before she could COME INTO EXISTENCE? (GE 1:26-27; 5:1-2)
 - (b) Stories, truths set in the Scriptures by the Holy Spirit's CHOOSING, are not a complete account of the WHOLE history of man by any means (1 CO 2:9-10, 13; 8:2).
 - (1) They are but SELECTIONS
 - (a) Sometimes, many chapters are devoted to telling one insignificant incident, while at other times whole chunks of history are lumped into ONE verse.
 - (b) The WHOLE PURPOSE of the Scriptures IS NOT TO BE a history book, but to ILLUSTRATE shallow and deep truths (1 CO 9:10, 13; PR 1:22).
 - (1) So, too, in creating Adam and Eve, God has a detailed truth to convey (GE 1:27).
 - (a) While Adam was still alone in life, before Eve was taken out of Adam, she was CREATED IN him (GE 5:2)

- (3) The BRIDE was IN CHRIST before she was formed (**EP 1:3-6; RO 8:29-30; HE 2:10-11**).
 - (a) God could have just touched Adam and she would have immediately stood at his side whole (**GE 2:18-25**).
 - (1) Instead, God caused a DEEP SLEEP to come on Adam (**GE 2:21-22**)
 - (b) In the story of Jesus' death, we find a Roman soldier pierced Jesus' body, the same place God pierced Adam to get Eve (**JN 19:34**).
 - (1) No rib came forth from Jesus, but blood and water (**JN 3:5; LV 17:11**).
 - (2) We are not only cleansed by Jesus' shed blood, but ARE BORN INTO IMMORTAL LIFE by His shed blood (**LV 17:11; 2 TI 1:10; JN 8:32, 36; 6:53-58, 48-51**).

PARALLEL BETWEEN MAN AND WIFE AND CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

- (1) The scriptures clearly teach that Christ and His Church is pictured in the FIRST man and woman (**GE 2:23-24; EP 5:25-32**).
 - (a) Who would of thought it, that God in (**EP 5:31**) had it put in Ephesians from (**GE 2:24**).
- (2) As Eve WAS IN Adam before taken OUT OF Adam and then FORMED, even so the Church WAS IN Christ before SHE was TAKEN OUT of Him and then formed in the earth (**RO 8:29**).

NOW UNDERSTAND THE WAY ESPOUSALS AND MARRIAGES WERE IN EASTERN CUSTOMS

- (1) In our culture "ESPOUSAL" or "BETROTHAL" is called the engagement, but is not binding.
- (2) In Eastern culture the BETROTHED couple may have never seen or known each other, or had the chance to date, before their BETROTHAL, but were selected by their parents (**GE 24:50-51, 57-58, 67**).
 - (a) In Hebrew eastern culture "falling in love" was not the determining factor in the marriage choice in those days; SUITABILITY was far more important.
- (3) The ESPOUSAL (betrothal) took the form of a CEREMONY, before witnesses, similar to our WEDDING ceremonies. Vows were exchanged, while the BRIDE was attired in a white robe, a headdress with orange blossoms, and so on.

- (a) ALL the relatives were present to witness the Father giving his daughter to her future husband.
 - (1) At that time she took his name and legally became his wife. This ESPOUSAL CEREMONY was as binding as our LEGAL MARRIAGES (RE 12:5; 14:1).
 - (a) The only difference was they DID NOT BEGIN to LIVE TOGETHER at this time.
 - (1) This is THE STATE that Joseph and Mary were in when she was found to BE PREGNANT with Jesus.
 - (a) She was ESPOUSED (betrothed) but they had not yet lived together, CONSUMMATING the MARRIAGE.
 - (1) The ANGEL called Mary “THY WIFE” when he spoke to Joseph (MT 1:18-20).
 - (b) Mary actually risked her life that day because the penalty for being found PREGNANT in the INTERIM PERIOD was death (LU 1:26-38; DE 22:20-21).
- (4) The KEY to UNDERSTANDING the WESTERN MARRIAGE, then relating it to the Church, is to see the “GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER PERIOD!”
 - (a) When they became ENGAGED, they were not in love. When a Sinner becomes a Believer, born again, they REALLY ARE NOT IN LOVE yet.
 - (1) Time IS NEEDED for a RELATIONSHIP to develop before THE MARRIAGE can REALLY BE CONSUMMATED.
 - (a) In Eastern culture, it sometimes took a long time, because the TWO at their BETROTHAL were very young, sometimes being only children. The waiting period was always more than one year.
 - (b) Months, perhaps years, went into PREPARING for THEIR MARRIAGE, not their BETROTHAL which was constantly being CHAPERONED by a Friend (LU 3:15-16; MT 3:13-15; JN 1:15, 19-27, 29-36; MT 9:14-15; GE 24:1-67).
 - (b) Here we are almost 2000 years from our BETROTHAL and the MARRIAGE has not HAPPENED yet (RE 19:7-8, 21:9def; MT 25:1-13).
 - (1) In Eastern culture the MARRIAGE CONSUMMATION was decided by the man when HE, the BRIDEGROOM, decided that His

BETROTHED BRIDE was ready to ASSUME the RESPONSIBILITIES of BEING HIS WIFE (RE 19:7).

- (a) The NEXT STAGE in Eastern marriage customs was the MARRIAGE FEAST.
 - (1) There were NO FURTHER VOWS or CEREMONIES at this time, but simply the MARRIAGE FEAST.
 - (2) This was ARRANGED by the BRIDEGROOM at a suitable TIME and PLACE (MK 13:32; MT 22:8-14; 1 TH 5:4-6; AM 3:7).
 - (a) His FATHER, his FRIENDS and GUESTS met together.
 - (3) The ABSENCE of the BRIDE in the EARLY part of the MARRIAGE SUPPER was part of the custom.
- (c) When the GROOM was SET, at the TIME of His choosing, He would go to the PLACE where the BRIDE was LIVING (RE 19:7-8; 21:2, 9def-10, 3).
 - (1) She would be WAITING there with her MAIDSERVANTS, also stationed along the way would be those who saw the BRIDEGROOM coming.
 - (a) They would SHOUT along THE WAY, “BEHOLD the BRIDEGROOM cometh,” passing the shout from one to another (MT 25:5-6, 10-13).
 - (b) She would HASTEN to MAKE HERSELF READY for the GROOM’S final APPEARING, then STAND READY for His knock at the door (RE 3:20; MT 25:13).
 - (1) This is JUST SUCH A MOMENT that John saw in his vision (RE 21:3; 19:7-8; 21:2, 9def-10).

PROPHETICALLY SPEAKING OF THE BRIDE, OF THE MARRIAGE SUPPER

- (1) At the MARRIAGE SUPPER of the LAMB there will be the FATHER’S PRESENCE, the invited GUESTS, the BRIDESMAID people, the MAIDENS of HONOUR people, BEST man people, the USHERS people; BUT ONLY A PERFECT ONE (a remnant people, a firstfruits people) WILL QUALIFY for BEING THE BRIDE (RE 2:7, 11, 17, 26-27; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7, 2-3, 9def-23; 22:3-5, 12-14, 17, 21; HO 2:14 [vs.16 living bible], 23; RE 19:7-8; 21:9def, 3, 10, 2).

HOW DOES THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE MANCHILD, OVERCOMERS, 144000, BECOME THE BRIDE?

- (1) It is my resent understanding, that for 2000 years, the Holy Spirit has BEEN WOOING a people to QUALIFY for the BRIDE (MT 22:1-14; RE 19:7; 12:11).
 - (a) The BIRTH of the MANCHILD (RE 12:5), the 144000, (RE 14:1-5), the SAVIOURS to come upon Mount Zion to JUDGE the Mount of Esau, is the FINAL, FULL, COMPLETE BETROTHAL of THE BRIDE (OBD 21).
- (1) Then for the next 3½ years it is HER PREPARATION for the MARRIAGE and at the seventh TRUMPET, the conclusion of the tribulation, the rapture, the MARRIAGE.

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#2. THE GARMENTS OF THE BRIDE

REVELATION 19:7-8, 21:9def, HOSEA 2:14 (esp. v.16, LIVING BIBLE), 23

THE LIVING BIBLE (HO 2:16)

- (1) “In that COMING DAY, says the Lord, she will CALL Me ‘MY HUSBAND,’ instead ‘MY MASTER!’” (HO 2:16 - LB)
- (2) To apply the parallel between the Hebrew marriage customs and our own experience, we point out that when we first come to know Him, we DO NOT YET LOVE Him.
 - (a) He is our SAVIOUR, our LORD, our MASTER (MT 23:8, 10; MK 13:35-37; MT 25:5; 2 CO 13:5; 1 CO 10:5; HE 4:1-2; 11:13, 40; JUDE 5).
- (3) However, as our life progresses (EP 4:15; RO 8:29; 1 JN 4:17; 2:6; JN 17:18), under the able chaperoning of the FRIEND of the BRIDEGROOM, the Holy Spirit (JN 16:13; 1 JN 2:27), we SHOULD PROGRESSIVELY FALL DEEPLY INTO A LOVE RELATIONSHIP with Him (JN 14:21, 23; PS 16:11; 2 CO 3:18; JN 5:39-40; 6:37; HE 11:6; JE 29:13-14a).
 - (a) In the EARLY CENTURIES of the Church it has been the “GETTING TO KNOW HIM” period.
 - (1) But NOW at the CLOSE of this DISPENSATION, you are going to find a REMNANT LOVING Him as PERFECTLY as He did the Father (RO 9:25-27).
 - (b) In Hebrew culture the Friend of the Bridegroom had a UNIQUE work, after their BETROTHAL, which began their “GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER” period.
 - (1) When they DATED, he was required to STAND DISCREETLY a little way OFF while they chatted, learning to enjoy each others company.
 - (a) But He also was the one chosen to carry messages between them, and most of all, to teach her the things she ought to know about the tastes, likes and dislikes of her future husband (JN 14:26; 16:13; 1 JN 2:27).
 - (1) John the Baptist likened himself to Jesus as the forerunner, the chaperone of His APPEARING (LU 3:15-16; MT 3:13-15; JN 1:15, 19-27, 29-36; MT 9:14-15; JN 3:29; GE 24:1-67).
 - (2) The Chaperone of Jesus, John the Baptist, and of Rebecca, Abraham’s servant, and of the Church, the Holy Spirit;

ALL THREE would only talk about their MASTER (JN 16:13-14).

(a) Abraham's servant put the WILL of His MASTER before his own needs (GE 24:31-33).

(1) Here a decision has to be made, whether Rebecca will accept THE MASTER, the SON of the Father (GE 24:55-58).

(b) During the journey Rebecca is ESPOUSED to the SON of Abraham. Because of the ESPOUSAL AGREEMENT she belongs to him, even though she has never seen him (JN 16:13-14).

(1) These verses sound just like the work of the SERVANT of Abraham, like John the Baptist of Jesus, like the Holy Spirit of the Church.

THE WEDDING GARMENTS OF THE BRIDE AND WEDDING GUESTS

(1) In the Hebrew customs the ROBE that the BRIDE wore had to BE GIVEN to her by the BRIDEGROOM (RE 19:7-8; IS 61:10; 1 CO 1:30; LU 9:23; RE 12:11; 3:12; 21:2, 10).

(a) Even the WEDDING GUESTS ROBES were furnished by the BRIDEGROOM (MT 22:11-14).

(1) In modern thinking, it seems UNLOVING for the King to reject someone not in proper attire at the wedding (MT 22:3-10).

(a) Remember, the GARMENTS were PROVIDED by the King Himself, but the IMPROPERLY ATTIRED guest had REFUSED to PUT ON the Kings OFFERED GARMENTS (2 CO 5:21).

(2) Have you ever heard the term "IMPARTED RIGHTEOUSNESS?" (1 CO 1:30; RO 1:17; 3:21)

(a) IMPARTED RIGHTEOUSNESS is not something EARNED or DESERVED, it is imparted.

(1) WHY then do we still fail? WHY then did Jesus teach to SEEK RIGHTEOUSNESS? (MT 6:33)

(a) Because IMPARTED RIGHTEOUSNESS is IN our SPIRITS, NOT IN our souls or bodies (RO 12:2).

- (3) Have you EVER WONDERED WHAT would have happened “IF” Adam refused to EAT the FRUIT that Eve offered him? Could Adam, BEING THEN INNOCENT, have stayed MARRIED to Eve who had sinned?
- (a) By partaking of Eve’s OFFERED FRUIT, which was forbidden (I am sure Adam gave this some careful thought), God MADE IT POSSIBLE for Eve to REMAIN HIS BRIDE!
- (1) In EFFECT Adam became picture of her SAVIOUR.
- (2) Jesus, ALSO innocent and holy as He was, partook of our sinful state, although He did not SIN Himself, He BECAME OUR SIN, so that we, His BRIDE, could be redeemed.
- (a) The FACT that Adam BECAME PART of Eve’s SIN made him a PERFECT picture of Jesus BECOMING our SIN for His BRIDE, who, you REMEMBER, had been IN Him from the VERY BEGINNING (EP 1:3-6).
- (b) Adam, by his act to Eve, and Jesus, by His act to the Church, has GIVEN the ROBE of RIGHTEOUSNESS for all eternity (2 CO 5:21; 1 CO 1:30; RE 19:7-8).

WHAT DID THE BRIDE FURNISH?

- (1) The ROBE (righteousness) of the BRIDE was furnished by the BRIDEGROOM, but the BRIDE, ACCORDING to Hebrew customs, had to furnish “THE DOWRY!”
- (a) Usually it was a headdress of SILVER coins, which she wore from the time of her BETROTHAL. It was a token of her MARRIAGE to come (like our engagement ring) (LU 15:8-9).
- (1) The BRIDES CROWN (being the dowry), her headdress, which she furnishes, represented her BEAUTIFUL SUBMISSION and LABOURS to her GROOM (1 PE 2:18; 3:1; EP 5:22-23; 1 CO 9:19; RO 15:3; JN 4:34; 6:38; 8:29; GE 3:16d).
- (2) It is ONLY through COMPLETE SUBMISSION to His Lordship, His BEING, His PRESENCE, His WORD and SPIRIT, that the BRIDE WILL BE MADE PERFECT (MT 5:48; PS 16:10b-11; 17:11; RO 8:29; 2 CO 3:18; JN 14:21; 1 JN 3:2; JN 6:40; 2 JN 4:17d).
- (2) I want you to UNDERSTAND something ...
- (a) The BRIDE IS NOT the UNIVERSAL BODY of Christ, but the ONES who LITERALLY DO come to His MEASURE, His STATURE, His ABSOLUTE LIKENESS and FULLNESS in spirit, soul and body (EP 4:13, 15; COL 1:16-19; 2:9-10; EP 3:19).

- (3) The TOTAL REDEEMED Body of Christ “IS THE HEAVENLY CITY,” but the “BRIDE of the HEAVENLY CITY” are the ONES WHO CORRECTLY, PROPERLY PREPARED themselves, MEETING and FULFILLING the QUALIFICATIONS of BEING the VERY BRIDE, the VERY THRONE, the VERY FULLNESS OF Jesus’ IMAGE and LIKENESS (LU 13:24; 16:16; MT 11:12; 2 TI 2:5; RE 19:7-8; 2:7, 11, 17, 26-27; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7, 9def-23, 2-3; 22:3-5, 12-14, 17; 1 JN 4:17d; EP 3:19; 1 CO 15:24-28).

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#3. THE PRIVILEGES OF THE BRIDE

GALATIANS 5:25, 16, JOHN 8:28de, 15-16, 29, 5:30 (AMP)

THE PRINCIPAL OF LIVING AND WALKING IN SPIRIT

- (1) LIVING IN spirit, is LIVING OUT of your mind, but not apart from your mind, (IS 55:8-9; 1 CO 2:14-15 amp).
 - (a) The day that Eve SINNED, and Adam along with her, THEIR SPIRITS' and its SENSES DIED, becoming unsensitised towards God.
 - (1) From that point on they had to rely on reason and logic, emotions and feelings (1 CO 2:14).
- (2) After Eve had partaken of the forbidden fruit and had given it to her husband, Adam, God spoke unto her saying, "...thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over you." (GE 3:16de; 1 PE 3:1)
 - (a) It is quite interesting, that the command of submission and ruling was not given until AFTER the FALL! (GE 3:16de)
 - (1) What was their relationship BEFORE the fall? One of INTER-SUBMISSION to God IN each other (GA 3:28cd, 26-27; EP 5:21).
 - (2) What is the relationship between man and woman IN CHRIST now? The same as that which existed before the FALL.
 - (a) There is ONLY INTER-SUBMISSION to Christ IN each other, CO-EQUALLY.
- (3) The PRINCIPAL I want to give EMPHASIS to here is, "it is only by a Believers COMPLETE SUBMISSION to Christ in ALL things that QUALIFIES them to be of the BRIDE people."
 - (a) It is NOT SUBMISSION to HUMANITY, but SUBMISSION to Christ WITHIN humanity (EP 5:21).
 - (1) That SUBMISSION MUST EQUAL the SUBMISSION that Jesus had towards the Father (RO 15:3; JN 4:34; 6:38; 8:28de, 29b; 5:30 amp; 17:18; LU 9:23; RE 12:11; GA 5:16; RO 8:1, 5-8).
 - (2) Only those who CONTINUOUSLY, REPETITIOUSLY EMBRACE the CROSS and its PURGING EFFECTS, rejoicing in it, becoming COMPLETED in it, will be able to QUALIFY for the BRIDE people (1 CO 10:13; PS 4:1 darby; LU 9:23; RE 19:7-8; 22:12).

- (4) Have you ever noticed how there is NEVER ANY “CHASTISEMENT” with regard to the BRIDE? Only the SONS are corrected and chastised (HE 12:3-14).

THE SECOND PRIVILEGE OF THE BRIDE

- (1) Jesus is FULLY RESPONSIBLE for LOVING and PROVIDING for her every need.
- (a) Remember, we have seen how, even though she was “ONLY BETROTHED” to her future husband and the MARRIAGE had not yet been CONSUMMATED, she was still considered to BE COMPLETELY HIS (EP 5:24-32).
- (b) There are six things that the Lord, the husband of the Bride, is responsible for (EP 5:24-32).
- (1) **v25:** Loving her; **v25:** Giving to her; **v26:** Sanctifying and cleansing her; **v27:** Presenting her to Himself proudly; **v29:** Nourishing her and cherishing her.
- (a) REALLY! WHAT MORE COULD WE NEED?
- (c) It is OUR RIGHT, as we WHOLE HEARTEDLY SUBMIT ALL unto Him, to RECEIVE from Him our EVERY NEED, mentally, emotionally, physically, materially, financially and ABUNDANTLY (JN 10:10).
- (1) In addition to this, He has declared that He will cleanse us and sanctify us, until we are to His PLEASING!
- (2) It almost sounds TOO GOOD, but ONLY or AS we INITIATE a LOVING INTIMACY with Him “IN SPIRIT!” (GA 5:25, 16; JN 5:39-40; 6:37; HE 11:6; 2 CO 3:18)

THE THIRD PRIVILEGE OF THE BRIDE

- (1) To UTILISE the CREDIT CARDS of HEAVEN (IS 54:5-17; MK 16:17-18).
- (a) Giving LIP SERVICE to His NAME does not get the results, but BEING the NATURE of His NAME is what gets the results, (1 JN 4:17d; RE 14:1).
- (b) The PRECIOUS STONES in the BRIDE’S HEADDRESS represents divine ATTRIBUTES that have BEEN WROUGHT within from LOVE INTIMACIES with the GROOM (IS 54:12 kj).
- (1) Sapphires; Authority in Him, the Power to tread on the Enemy (MK 16:17-18).

- (2) Agates; the River of God flowing IN us and THROUGH us (**JN 7:37-38**).
- (3) Carbuncle; the seed of God in us, His IMAGE and FULLNESS (**RO 8:29; EP 3:19**).

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#4. THE PURPOSE OF THE BRIDE

REVELATION 19:7-8, 9de-11, 2-3, JOEL 2:28-32

ARE ALL BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS THE BRIDE?

- (1) It would be nice to say “YES” but it is obvious that there is A CHURCH within A CHURCH, A PEOPLE within A PEOPLE, those who PAY the PRICE of LOSING ALL to BECOME COMPLETED in His IMAGE or NATURE (RO 8:29; 2 CO 3:18; 1 JN 4:17d; 3:2; LU 14:26-33; RO 9:25-27).
 - (a) God has NEVER done GREAT things by the MASSES, but by the FEW; a “CALLED OUT” group that He calls the CHOSEN (MT 22:14; LU 13:24; RE 12:5, 14:1).
 - (1) The Levites were the tribe allotted to minister inside the OUTER COURT.
 - (2) From out of the Levites were taken the Priests to minister in the HOLY PLACE.
 - (3) From out of them was taken the HIGH PRIEST to minister in the HOLY of HOLIES.
 - (a) Each SUCCESSIVE GROUP got smaller and smaller.
 - (b) The disciples of Jesus were twelve in number, but from out of them were CHOSEN THREE who ACCOMPANIED Him on SPECIAL OCCASIONS (MT 17:1; MK 5:37; 13:3; MT 26:37).
 - (1) Unto those WHO CRY, “He is preaching EXCLUSIVITY,” is EVIDENCE of their BLINDED HEARTS and MINDS to PRECEPTS, that some things in Christ ARE NOT for everyone (JN 6:44, 65; MT 20:23; RO 8:29-30; RE 13:10).
 - (c) There are twelve Tribes in Israel. Two of them got to stay in the land, while the other ten got to BE DEPORTED
 - (1) Then ONLY ONE of those Tribes was selected to BRING FORTH the coming King.
- (2) Today, 1988, God has been CALLING OUT a GROUP from A GROUP, ever since the RE-FORMATION began with Martin Luther.
 - (a) Now, from the 1906 OUTPOURING, we have six MAJOR EVANGELICAL movements with 7000 NAMES of BABYLON, a TOTAL of 7 MAJOR MOVEMENTS:
 - (1) Fundamentalism (2) Pentecostals (3) Latter rain (4) Charismatics

- (5) Word of Faith (6) Sonship (7) Kingdom NOW, and so on (RE 12:5, 14:4; IS 4:1).
- (b) In Revelation, chapter 21, we find the BRIDE mentioned twice (RE 21:2, 9).
- (1) I show you a MYSTERY! There are TWELVE GATES, meaning TWELVE SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES, meaning the RESPONSIBILITY of FULFILLING the PROPHECIES that were given over the twelve TRIBES of Israel in (GE 49; DE 33; EZK 48) and finally (RE 7:2-8; 14:1-5).
- (2) Every BORN AGAIN believer becomes part of the Heavenly City, but ONLY those who GO THROUGH ALL TWELVE GATES, or WHO FULFIL ALL THE PROPHECIES of the TWELVE TRIBES, will QUALIFY for BEING the BRIDE (RO 21:9def-23; 22:3-5, 12-14; 2 TI 2:5; PH 3:7-14; 2:5-12).
- (3) Jesus has been INVITING believers to the MARRIAGE SUPPER of the LAMB for 2000 years, but NOT ALL have RESPONDED (MT 22:1-14); NOT ALL have done the WORD of DAILY taking up the CROSS of DENYING their SELF-LIFE (LU 9:23); NOT ALL have done the WORD of BEHOLDING Him (2 CO 3:18); of ABIDING IN Him (JN 15:7); of LIVING and WALKING IN spirit (GA 5:25, 16); of VIOLENTLY TAKING the Kingdom of Heaven BY FORCE (MT 11:12); of STRIVING to ENTER the NARROW GATE (LU 13:24); of STRIVING to ENTER into REST (HE 4:11); of MIXING FAITH with the WORD they have BEEN LISTENING to (HE 4:1-2); of CONTENDING EARNESTLY for the FAITH that was ONCE and FOR ALL DELIVERED unto the Saints (JUDE 3; JA 1:22; 2:14, 17, 20, 24).
- (a) THE BRIDE will HAVE DONE ALL these scriptures, WILL HAVE FULFILLED ALL that is WRITTEN concerning HER (HE 10:7; JN 17:18; EP 4:15; RO 8:29-30; HE 2:10-11; 1 JN 2:6; 4:17; 3:2; JN 6:40).
- (4) When you consider the MARRIAGE SUPPER of the LAMB, it need not be upsetting to consider that NOT ALL ARE THE BRIDE!
- (a) There is the BRIDE and there is the GUESTS.
- (b) It is NOT a QUESTION of Eternal Salvation in this, but simply A MATTER of A RELATIONSHIP, of INTIMACY, of QUALIFIED NATURE.
- (1) Both BRIDE and GUESTS made it to the WEDDING, but one LARGER GROUP was GUESTS, and a REMNANT GROUP was the BRIDE (RE 2:7, 11, 17, 26-27; 3:5, 12, 21; 12:5; 14:1; OBD 21; IS 52:8; ZEP 3:9; JOEL 2:1-11; JN 14:12).

KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE MYSTERIES OF THE SCRIPTURES

- (1) That the Holy Spirit BECOMES IN you WISDOM and REVELATION WORKINGS, to bring you INTO the EXPERIENCED KNOWLEDGE of Christ Jesus (EP 1:17-18).
 - (a) HOW DO YOU GET THIS? (JE 29:13-14a; HE 11:6; MT 7:8-9)
- (2) God bringing Israel out of Egypt at PASSOVER into the wilderness pictured our REDEMPTION by the BLOOD of God's own Lamb.
 - (a) Similarly the WILDERNESS journeys pictured our STRUGGLES of FAITH, and again delivered by the RED sea, picturing the BLOOD of the Lamb.
- (3) NOW, for the last time, God wants us to STOP FAILING, and OVERCOME ALL things BY THE BLOOD of the LAMB and the LO-GOS of our TESTIMONY, loving NOT OUR SELF-LIFE to its DEATH (RE 12:11; LU 9:23).

FIRST THAT WHICH IS NATURAL, THEN THE SPIRITUAL

- (1) Natural Israel has ALWAYS been a PICTURE of SPIRITUAL ISRAEL, the Church (1 CO 15:46).
 - (a) As it was prophesied, that NATURAL Israel would be scattered throughout the earth then go back to her land, SO SPIRITUAL Israel, the Church, has been scattered throughout many less than spiritual denominations and movements.
 - (1) The returning of the Hebrews to the land of Israel pictures the returning of the Church to their land, the Kingdom of God in the whole earth.
- (2) ALL of this is a MYSTERY of God FORMING THE SPIRITUAL out of the NATURAL, of God CREATING a SPIRITUAL WOMAN out of the NATURAL, to GIVE BIRTH to a MAN CHILD who WOULD BE the BRIDE, the WIFE of the LAMB (RE 12:1-2, 5; 2:26-27; 21:9def-11; IS 60:1-3; 61:1-7; JN 14:12; 21:1-3; 19:7-8; HE 6:20; 7:20; RE 1:6).
- (3) Can you SEE ALL OF THIS? First NATURAL Israel, then SPIRITUAL Israel, the Church, the WOMAN 2000 years in the WILDERNESS, STRUGGLING, LABOURING to GIVE BIRTH to the MANCHILD, the SONS, who BECOME the BRIDE of the LAMB, who is NOW COMPLETE in HIM, and together they have BECOME the MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD FOREVER (HE 16:20; 1 CO 15:24-28).
 - (a) OH! THE WISDOM of God, to HIDE these things from the WISE and PRUDENT!

LET US LOOK AGAIN AT GOD'S MYSTERIOUS, GLORIOUS PLAN

- (1) The **WHOLE MYSTERY, PLAN OF GOD** in the **EARTH**, has been to **CREATE SOMETHING SPIRITUAL** out of the **NATURAL**, to **FORM** Himself in a **MANY MEMBERED BODY** to **HABITATE** the **EARTH** (**EP 3:16-19; 1 CO 15:24-28; JN 14:23**).
- (2) Today there is **SUCH A HEAVY EMPHASIS** on **LOVE** and **A LOVE RELATIONSHIP** in a **MARRIAGE**, making the children a side product.
 - (a) Let us **CONTRAST** this with the Bible **VIEW** of **OLD HEBREW CUSTOMS** ...
 - (1) Back then **LOVE** played almost **NO PART** in a **MARRIAGE**, but was to **BECOME** something that **GREW** out of a **LIFE** that was **LIVED TOGETHER**.
- (3) The **MOST IMPORTANT THING** to both **MAN** and **WIFE** was the **PRODUCING** of **SONS**.
 - (a) If a woman **DID NOT** produce a son, or better still a **WHOLE BUNCH** of **SONS**, she was **CONSIDERED A FAILURE** as a wife (**ISA 1:1-11; RE 12:2, 5; RO 8:19**).
 - (1) In 1948, when God **BEGAN** to **RESTORE** the **FOUNDATIONAL** ministries, the **PRAISE** and **WORSHIP**, love making to the Lord, He meant for us to **NOT STOP THERE**, but **KEEP ON COMING HIGHER** and **DEEPER** into Him, until we have **BEEN CONSUMED** by Him, **BEING HIS BRIDE**.
 - (a) The **PURPOSE** of the **BRIDE-RELATIONSHIP** in our lives is to **PRODUCE "THE SON"** in us, His **COMPLETE LIKENESS** (**COL 2:9-10; 1 JN 4:17d**).
- (4) Following the **CONCEPT**, "first the natural, then the spiritual", or the fact that most prophecy has **TWO INTERPRETATIONS**, one for **Natural Israel**, one for **Spiritual Israel**, the **Church**, it also fits that the **Natural Woman** has always been **Natural Israel**, but the **Spiritual Woman** is the **Church**.
 - (a) As the **Natural Nation** of **Israel** brought forth the **Spiritual Christ**, **EVEN SO**, the **Natural Church** will bring forth a **BRIDE** who will give **BIRTH** to a **SPIRITUAL CORPORATE CHRIST**, the **MANCHILD** (**RE 12:2-5**).
 - (1) Just to be in the **Church** is not enough, to be the **BRIDE** is not enough, but allowing God **TO BECOME TRAVAIL** in you **IS ENOUGH**, so as to **ALLOW** His **MANCHILD, CHRIST**, to **COME FORTH** (**RE 11:15, 17, 19; 1 CO 15:51-54; 1 TH 4:15-18**).

- (5) Out of the Church comes the Bride, then comes the MAN-CHILD, MAN-SON, in His MEASURE, STATURE, IMAGE, LIKENESS, FULLNESS, COMPLETENESS AND WHOLENESS (EP 4:13).

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#5. THE BIRTHING AND PLACING OF THE SONS

ROMANS 8:14-23

OUR ADOPTION, OUR PLACING AS SONS

- (1) We NEED to UNDERSTAND the term “ADOPTION!” (GA 4:4-7; RO 8:19, 14, 22-23)
 - (a) It IS NOT some benevolent ADULTS giving a home to some unwanted or illegitimate child.
 - (b) The term “ADOPTION” in the Greek is “HWEE-OTH-ESEE’-AH,” meaning “A MATURED, COMPLETED one; one who is DELEGATED with ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY of Deity (JN 5:27); ONE whose SPIRITUAL SENSES have BEEN DEVELOPED and BECOME CAPABLE to DISCERN BETWEEN the SPIRIT of ERROR and the SPIRIT of TRUTH in ALL THINGS (HE 5:14; JN 16:13; 1 CO 2:15 amp); ONE who has PASSED the DEMANDS and TESTINGS of the FATHER.” (HE 5:8; 12:5-8; EP 4:13, 15)
- (2) In Old Hebrew CUSTOMS, when the Father ascertained that His “TEK’-NON BOY” was READY and RESPONSIBLE to MANAGE His ESTATE, He then, in a public ceremony along with friends and relatives as witnesses, would then LAY His HANDS upon his “SON TO BE” and say, “THIS DAY, you are MY BELOVED SON.” (HE 1:5; LU 3:21-23)
 - (a) UP until this time ALL Hebrew MALES were referred to as ...
 - (1) My “PAHEE-DEE’-ON,” an infant boy from 1 day to 5 years; one who begins to know something, but is not yet responsible for knowledge (LU 2:17, 34, 40).
 - (2) My “TEK-NEE’-ON,” an adolescent from 5-12 years; one who has begun his training, becoming partially responsible for knowledge (1 JN 2:28, 3:7).
 - (3) My “TEK-NON,” a young man being PROVEN in KNOWLEDGE, in FAITHFULNESS in LOYALTY, in SUBMISSION and in OBEDIENCE to ALL of the Father’s demands until He has ALL of the Father’s ABILITIES to ADMINISTRATE the Father’s ESTATE (LU 2:48).
 - (a) These “TEK-NON’S” may range in age from 12-80 years, or death, but the ADOPTION is only for those WHO COME to their ADOPTION at 30 years.
 - (4) My “HWEE’-OS,” a MATURED, PROVEN, COMPLETED TEK-NON, who NOW, by the Father, is PLACED as “A SON, A

HWEE'-OS." The ACTION of DOING this is called "ADOPTION!" (JN 9:39; 8:15b-16, 26a, 29b; 5:30 amp, 27; 17:18; AC 3:22-24; 1 PE 4:17; EZK 9:1-11; RE 2:26-27ac; 14:1-5; OBD 21)

- (a) Jesus, from the day he was born, "LEGALLY" was "THE SON," but not until His ADOPTION did the Father receive and acknowledge Him as Son (LU 3:22; HE 1:5).
- (b) Also with us, the Believers, LEGALLY we are SONS (GA 4:1-7), but VITALLY (with complete Divine VIRILITY) we ARE NOT SONS until our ADOPTION takes PLACE at OUR FULL BIRTH into His likeness (RE 12:5; RO 8:23).

THE SIGN-EVIDENCE OF THE BRIDE, THE WIFE OF THE LAMB

- (1) The SIGN-EVIDENCE of the BRIDE in the Believers is the CONSTANT or REPETITIOUS GROANING, TRAVAILING, to give BIRTH to the END-TIME MANCHILD, the MAN-SON of God (RO 8:18-23).
- (a) The FORMING of His IMAGE, the COMPLETING of His MEASURE and STATURE within us, will CONSTANTLY be a PAINFUL process (RO 8:22; JE 12:4-13).

THE TIME OF THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS

- (1) The PROPHECIES of the PROPHETS are SPEAKING TODAY to the Church (MT 5:18).
- (2) The PROPHETS who are PROPHECYING unto you SMOOTH THINGS, of BLESSINGS, of the COMFORTABLE things, of PROSPERITY NOW and INTO the Kingdom, of the GOOD LIFE to COME, are ALL DECEIVING YOU (IS 30:8-14ab; JE 28:8-9; 6:14; 8:11; 23:17; 2 TH 5:3).
- (a) ONLY the BRIDE COMPANY (people), the MANCHILD people, the SONS of the LIVING God people, will BE IMMUNE, INVINCIBLE, INDESTRUCTIBLE in these coming days ahead of us (PS 2:1-9; RE 2:26-27; 12:5; 14:1-5; OBD 21; RE 11:1-15; LU 10:1-22).
- (b) Remember Jesus, after telling about earthquakes, wars, famines, pestilences in divers places, about the Believers being AFFLICTED, BETRAYED, KILLED and FALSE PROPHETS DECEIVING many, He said, "This is the BEGINNING of SORROWS" (NOT SORROWS, but the BEGINNING of SORROWS). These things are something that happens to the world and believers before the tribulation begins (MT 24:4-13; AC 3:22-24; JN 17:18; 1 PE 4:17; EZK 9:1-11; RE 2:26-27c).
- (c) The WORSE than SORROWS, the TRIBULATION, begins AFTER the BRIDE travails and GIVES birth to the SONS, the MANCHILD, the MAN-SONS of God, the CORPORATE-CHRIST-SONS of God (RE 1:5; 2:26-27ac, 12; 21:9def-11, 2; 3:21; 21:7; 11:15).

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON OR SONS

- (1) There were TWO OCCASIONS on which the VOICE of the Father was HEARD from HEAVEN saying, “THIS IS MY BELOVED SON.” (LU 3:21-22; 9:27-35)
 - (a) LEGALLY Jesus was always the SON of God, even from His birth, but VITALLY (having Divine VIRILITY) He was not accepted by the Father as such until on the day of His ADOPTION (LU 3:22-23; HE 1:5).
 - (1) Again, it is the same with us the Believer (GA 4:1-7; RO 8:23).
 - (a) We too are CHOSEN to BE SONS from the time that we were IN CHRIST before the foundation of the world (EP 1:4-5).
 - (b) It is our DESTINY to BE CONFORMED to His IMAGE and to GROW UP INTO Him in ALL ASPECTS, while physically alive (EP 4:15; RO 8:29).
 - (1) We DO NOT move into this immediately after being BORN AGAIN, even as Jesus did not. It took Him 30 years (LU 2:22-23).
 - (2) In 2000 years NONE of these things HAS HAPPENED to ANY believer, BUT, we are NOW in the TIMES when THESE THINGS WILL HAPPEN! (HOS 6:1-3)
 - (a) CAUTION! This DOES NOT HAPPEN AUTOMATICALLY because you believe this, because you go to a church that believes this, or because you confess it as being so (HE 11:6; RO 10:17; JN 15:7; HE 12:2). [Do you “KNOW HOW” to “DO THESE SCRIPTURES” whereby they work? (2 TI 2:5; HE 4:1-2; 11:13, 39, 6, 1)]
 - (3) The SECOND TIME that the Father said to Jesus, “THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, LISTEN TO HIM,” He began TO SHINE with the GLORY of God, while Moses and Elijah talked with Him. His SPECIAL (elect) COMPANIONS “SAW HIS GLORY,” along with Moses and Elijah in His GLORY! (LU 9:28-32)
 - (a) The scriptures tell us about the GLORY that was ON MOSES can not compare with THE GLORY of the SPIRIT that is to BE UPON the SONS (2 CO 3:7-18).
 - (1) Consider the subject matter of this context of scriptures, “We have NEVER KNOWN of, or SEEN or HEARD OF, anything like this BEING upon believers, since the cross!”
 - (a) WHY was it written? For some IDLE story?

(b) I believe it is YET TO COME on the BRIDE and the SONS (**RE 21:9def-11; IS 60:1-22; 62:2-12**).

(4) THIS IS THE BRIDE PEOPLE, AND THIS IS THE MANIFESTED SONS OF GOD (**RE 19:7-8**).

(a) Then will HAVE COME TO PASS, “The WORKS that I do, shall you do also, and GREATER WORKS than this shall you do, because I go to My Father.” (**JN 14:12**)

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#6. IN TRAINING TO BE A SON

HEBREWS 12:1-10

HOW ARE WE TRAINED FOR SONSHIP STATURE?

- (1) It is a matter of CHOICE whether we YIELD to the DISCIPLINES of SONSHIP TRAINING (HE 5:8; 12:5-14).
 - (a) MANY are CALLED, but FEW ARE CHOSEN (MT 22:14).
 - (1) That is WHY God speaks of them as THE REMNANT, because ALMOST ALL WILL NOT CHOOSE this way (RO 9:25-27; LU 13:24).
 - (2) Those WHO DO PAY THE PRICE are DRAWN OUT from those who WILL NOT (JN 6:65, 44, 45cd; 5:39-40; LU 14:28-33).
- (2) “IF” we are to BE SHAPED, FORMED as SONS of God, then we will HAVE TO LITERALLY DO many scriptures that ARE NOT PRESENTLY BEING DONE (JA 1:22; MT 6:33; 7:7-8; 11:12; LU 9:23; 13:24; 14:20-33; 16:16b; JN 13:15; 14:21; 15:7; RE 12:2; 13:8; 15:7; 1 CO 14:1; 2 CO 13:5; GA 5:25, 16; EP 4:16; 5:21; PH 2:12f; 3:8-10, 14; COL 3:2, 9, 16; 1 TH 5:17, 19-21; HE 4:1-21, 11; 5:14; 6:1; 11:6; 12:2; JA 2:14, 17, 20, 24; 1 PE 1:22; 3:1, 7; 5:2, 5-6; 2 PE 1:5-10; 1 JN 2:6; JUDE 3), and so on.
 - (a) Going PERPETUALLY to church, LISTENING to someone PERPETUALLY preach or teach to you, and YOU ARE NOT becoming PROGRESSIVELY a GIFTED, MANIFEST MINISTRY, will AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY yourself from BEING of the BRIDE PEOPLE, (2 CO 5:10; RE 22:12; 2 TI 2:5).
 - (1) I CONSTANTLY hear this term SPOKEN after hearing me speak, “OH! I will never make it!” (MT 10:22; 24:13; 2 TI 2:5)
- (3) The PRIZE of BRIDESHIP, SONSHIP, of RULING with Christ is EXCRUCIATINGLY STRINGENT and PAINFUL and REWARDING (MT 7:21-23; JN 17:22; RE 21:9def-11).
 - (a) One of THE GREATEST DECEPTIONS presented to the Body of Christ, in this 1988, is THAT ALL THE GLORY, ALL THE PROMISES ARE FOR EVERYBODY, EVEN IF THEY DO NOT HAVE FAITH FOR THEM (2 PE 1:3-4; HE 11:6; 4:1-2; 11:13, 40).

TRAINING IS THE ROUTE OF MUCH CHASTENING

- (1) Do you REMEMBER we showed that there was NO CHASTENING in the case of the BRIDE?

- (a) Hers was SIMPLY a LOVE RELATIONSHIP.
- (b) To BECOME A SON, you will TAKE MUCH CORRECTION on the part of the Father (HE 5:1-10; 12).
 - (1) These SUFFERINGS are not the VICARIOUS SUFFERINGS of the CROSS.
 - (a) His SUFFERINGS were the same as ours, the CHOOSING to DENY SELF (HE 2:10, 17ab; RO 15:3; JN 4:34; 6:38; 8:28bc; 17:18; LU 9:23).
 - (b) God is FAIR to US because He never gave Jesus ANY ADVANTAGE over us (HE 4:15; 1 JN 2:6).
 - (2) The SUFFERINGS of Jesus were not ill health and disease, for this was taken by him VICARIOUSLY (suffering in place of others) at the CROSS (1 PE 2:24; MT 8:17; HE 2:9).
 - (a) His SUFFERINGS were the ANGUISH of his mind and emotions, being misunderstood, rejected, harassed, maligned, lied about, hated, threatened, laughed at, and so on (1 PE 4:1, 13-16; 5:10; MT 5:37-48; LU 23:34abc; JN 17:18; MT 6:15).
 - (b) Jesus KNEW HOW to RESTRAIN His tongue UNDER PRESSURE (MT 27:12-14).
- (2) Every ADVERSITY in your life is for your good and God will use your environment, your family, friends, society, employer, the wicked and even Satan, to REFINE you (RO 8:18, 28; 2 CO 6:3-10; 4:4-18; 12:10, 9; AC 16:23, 25-26; COL 1:24).
 - (a) God will ALLOW these SUFFERINGS to HAPPEN OVER and OVER AGAIN until your SELF-LIFE has been DISPLACED with His SELF-LIFE, (COL 1:27; RO 8:29; 2 CO 3:18; 4:18; 1 JN 2:6; 4:17d).

THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT TO BE MINISTERED UNTO, BUT TO MINISTER

- (1) Our IDEA of MINISTRY has become WARPED in these last days.
- (2) The word “MINISTRY” comes from two Latin words, one is “minis,” from which we get the english “minus,” which means “lesser,” and “tri,” which is the Latin word for “SERVANT!”
 - (a) Now when you think about it, a “LESSER SERVANT” is a whole lot different from that which we think about when we think of ministry (MT 20:25-28 kj).
 - (b) We need to UNDERSTAND that MINISTERING IS NOT preaching but SERVING!

- (3) It is strange, that for those who are **CONTENDING** for **BRIDESHIP**, **SONSHIP**, for **COMPLETION** and **FULLNESS** in Christ Jesus, **ALL** the things you are **HEARING** in the **POPULAR GOSPEL** are not even important to them.
- (a) **EXAMPLES: PROSPERITY** of things, **TO BE ACCEPTED** by multitudes, to have **EVERYTHING** seemingly going your way, and so on (**RE 3:15-19**).
- (1) Our whole **SOCIETY**, even among believers, is around **HOUSES** and **POSSESSIONS**, the **GOOD** and **COMFORTABLE LIFE** (**LU 9:57-62; 14:26-33**).
- (2) The gospel emphasis on **FULFILLED GRATIFICATION** from each other is more important than **BECOMING EXPERIMENTALLY COMPLETE** in Christ Jesus (**LU 14:26; 1 CO 7:29; LU 14:33; 21:23**).
- (4) To those who **REALLY SEE** the **KINGDOM**, the only thing that is **IMPORTANT** is **BECOMING LIKE** Jesus (literally), spirit, soul and body, (**1 TH 5:23 amp**).

SELF INTEREST, SELF RELATIONSHIPS SACRIFICED

- (1) Everything in **SOCIETY**, in the **CHURCH**, is gravitating to **LEISURE**, to **COMFORT**, to the **EASY WAY** (**PR 26:14**).
- (a) I estimate that 98% of the Body of Christ, including the so called spirit filled people, are **IMPOTENT** and **STERILE** when it comes to **PRODUCING** real **FAITH** results, or even **RIGHTEOUS WORKS** or **ACTS** (**JN 15:16; RE 19:7-8; JA 2:14, 17, 20, 24**).
- (2) Jesus is not asking us to **TURN** our **BACK** upon our families, upon need of food and clothing and an adequate place to live, but He **IS ASKING** us to **GIVE** Him and His **WILL** a high **PRIORITY** (**JN 4:34; 6:38; 8:29c; MT 10:35-38; 12:46-50**).
- (a) We have to **LEARN** that what the Lord wants us **TO DO** comes **BEFORE** our families **WANTS** and **CARES**.
- (b) We **HAVE** to **LEARN** how to **CARE DEEPLY** for our families, and still put Him and His **CALL**, His **WILL**, **FIRST** within our lives.
- (1) Only Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, can **TEACH** us **HOW** to **HANDLE** this kind of thinking

REACTIONS

- (1) **WE** spend **MORE** than **HALF** of our lives **REACTING**, and that **WRONGLY** (**RO 8:13-17**).

- (a) Phillip’s translation, verse 13, “But IF,” on the other hand, you cut the nerve of your instinctive actions by obeying the Spirit, you are on your way to REAL LIVING (GA 5:25, 16).
- (2) If someone HURTS us, our reaction is to RETALIATE or RETREAT in SELF-PITY, depending upon the KIND of NATURE you have in SELF (LU 9:23).
 - (a) If we find someone REJECTING us, we tend to want to RUN AWAY and POUT or COMPLAIN.
- (3) In order to BE LED by the SPIRIT, all SELF-ACTIONS, NEGATIVE and POSITIVE, need to be BROUGHT to AN END (JN 5:30 amp; RO 15:3; JN 17:18; LU 9:23).
 - (a) “HOW” do we CUT the NERVE of our negative and natural INSTINCTIVE nature?
 - (1) By PRAYING THROUGH DAILY.
 - (2) By FEEDING both on the WORD and HIM DAILY (JN 5:39-40).
 - (3) By PRACTICING His PRESENCE, the prayer of listening, DAILY (1 CO 10:5b; PS 46:10; IS 40:31; JE 29:13-14a; HE 11:6).

HOW MUCH HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN?

- (1) Inside of you there are TWO NATURES, the old and the new. The NEW NATURE is only in your spirit, but the OLD NATURE needs RENEWING, to also be BORN from above (1 JN 3:1-9).
 - (a) Our minds (soul-life) IS NOT RENEWED through learning from the OUTSIDE SENSES but from the INSIDE SENSES (1 CO 2:14; RO 8:5-8 amp; JN 5:39-40; 1 CO 10:3-5).
- (2) He (the self-life) that is BORN of God DOES NOT SIN! (GA 5:17, 16)
 - (a) The OLD NATURE always reacts in negative human ways, fighting for SUPREMACY (LU 9:23; 1 CO 10:3-5; PS 16:11; 46:10).
 - (b) If we LIVE by our UNRENEWED SELF NATURE we will always fail (RO 7:15-25; 8:1-21, 35-39).
- (3) He CHASTENS us that we might BE PARTAKERS of His HOLINESS (HE 12:14 kj).
 - (a) HOLINESS is the SUM TOTAL of ALL His ATTRIBUTES, and these are to BE WROUGHT within us (MT 5:48).

(b) BRIDESHIP, SONSHIP, the GLORY of God, is the OUTLAYING of His HOLINESS.