

WHO WILL BE THE GUEST AT CHRIST'S WEDDING?

Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth very soon. He is going to marry his bride when he comes back. All true Christians know that the bride of Christ is the one and only true Church of God. (Ephesians 5: 22-32), (Rev. 19: 7,8) Yes, all of the true saints of God through all ages of this world, who have remained faithful to God and Christ, and have let Christ cleanse them of all sin and unrighteousness by his blood and his word, and his life in them, will make up the bride of Jesus Christ. This wife of Christ will help him bring many children into the family of God. The individual members of the wife of Christ will serve as Kings and priest under Christ, and over the mortal humans that will live over into the new world (Rev. 20: 6), (Rev. 1: 5, 6). They will re-educate the people that are counted worthy to live past the wrath of God being poured out on the unrepentant wicked of this world. These saints, the wife of Christ will teach the true way to peace, and brotherly love one toward another, to all that will live on earth. They will also have power as kings, under Christ, (who is king of kings) to enforce the righteousness of God, and obedience to God and Christ.

True Christians know that they are the members of the bride of Christ, but who are going to be the guest that will be at Christ's wedding? In the twenty seventh chapter of the book of Matthew, Christ spoke a parable, and said that: "The kingdom of heaven (*or kingdom of God*) is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, tell them which are bidden, behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his

merchandise, and the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then said he to his servants: The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden, were not worthy. Go you therefore into the highways, and as many as you shall find bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guest. And when the king came in to see the guest, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: and he said unto him, friend, how came you in here, not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, bind him hand and foot and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, for many are called but few are chosen."

Understand this parable: The king is God, the Father; his son is Jesus Christ. The one that Christ will marry is the true Church of God. Remember the Father had made sure that everything was ready, except for the guest to come. When the wedding is ready, the bride will have made herself ready also, (Rev. 19: 7). Those that were not ready were the guests. Who are those who were invited by Gods servants to be guests at Christ's wedding? Remember, the wedding is to take place when Christ comes at his second coming. To understand this you must know that not all people that are counted worthy to live over into the new world will be born again as part of the bride of Christ. They must be humbled and surrendered to obey God, if they are allowed to live over into the World Tomorrow, but not all of them were called to be first fruits into the immortal ruling kingdom of God. The first fruits are the bride of Christ and God determined that the number of them to make up the wife of Christ is one hundred and forty four thousand. (Rev. 14: 1-5) For a greater explanation read my booklet on the one hundred and forty four thousands. Those who have been invited but refuse to come, are people who have heard the truth of God being preached, and taught, but they have decided that the cares of this world is more important to them than the word of God. They were not necessarily called to be first fruits but many of them were as children and spouses of the first fruits. Many were co-

workers helping with the work of God because they could understand that this work that Gods end time apostle, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was doing seemed good to them. Others have heard the truth and outright rejected it, even when they knew it was from God! That is also the way that many of the Pharisees did in the days of Christ here on earth.

I remember one year at the Feast of Tabernacles Mr. Armstrong gave a message directed at the children and unconverted mates of the church brethren. He told them that even though they were not truly converted and were not yet a part of the bride of Christ; yet anyway they could if they would do all that they knew to do to obey God and their parents that they could be people who would live as physical mortals in the new world when Christ comes back and takes over this world and establishes his kingdom here on earth. My question is: where are those people today. Many of them knew that this is Gods true church but the cares of this world are more important to them than the word of God. God will send out into the highways and call all people who will be willing to repent and put on a wedding garment (*surrender to completely obey God, that they may be given the Holy Spirit*) that they may come to be guest at Christ's and his brides wedding. The prophet Joel speaks of a time near the end when God will pour out his Spirit on all flesh, and if they are willing to obey and call upon God in truth they will be delivered from the plagues and wrath of God which will be poured out on the unrepentant wicked. (Joel 2:28-32) (Rev. 16)

Developing holy righteous character, which God requires that we must have, before we can be trusted with eternal life and power, takes time. When the Great Tribulation begins, and God sets his hand to punish and chasten Israel and all of the rest of the nations, there won't be time for all of the then repentant people to develop the necessary character to qualify to be a part of the first fruits which will marry Christ and rule the world tomorrow. God will have his numbers already selected anyway. After they have truly repented and been humbled, and made willing to surrender their will to stop disobeying God, and are willing to let God have their lives to correct and guide them, then they will be led unto fountains of living water, (*the Holy Spirit*) and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes (Rev. 7: 17): for it is their sins and the sins of others that have brought

on themselves their pain and suffering, and anguish, and heartache. God is about to bring an end to sin on this weary sin sick earth. The new world here on this same old earth will come to be filled with the knowledge of God as much as the seas are full of water today. (Isaiah 11: 9) You should read all of Isaiah chapter eleven for it is talking of that new world to be ruled by Christ and his true church, which will then be born as God beings and as the wife of Christ.

So finally now friends understand this: The King is God the Father. The Son and groom is Christ. The Bride is the true Church of God; those whom God has specially predestined (Romans 8: 29, 30) to be called out of this worlds way, and to become the first fruits to be born again at Christ's second coming, and of those called, only those who are faithful, to God and Christ will be chosen to be the bride of Christ. Many are called but few are chosen. (Matt. 20: 16) And the guests are those who will repent and be willing to be ruled by Christ and his bride. The guest will be people from many nations and languages who will be there rejoicing at the wedding of Christ and his bride. (Rev.19: 6, 7) The word *waters* is a word used in symbolic language in the bible in different places and is explained in Revelations chapter seventeen and verse fifteen, as peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages. Yes, there will be people from all nations who will repent and be willing to start obeying God, after they have experienced the Great Tribulation, and the heavenly signs. (Rev. 7: 9) Anyone who tries to come to the wedding had better be repentant, and not an adversary, lest they be bound and thrown out, as happened to the "friend" which didn't have on a wedding garment. Sin of no type will be allowed to be practiced in Christ's world. Satan will be bound and not allowed to deceive the people for one thousand years, and then he will be loosed to test the people's character, whether they truly love God or are willing to follow Satan as one third of the angles did after they had only known Gods way of life. (Rev. 20: 1- 10) God's way is the way of love and cooperation: Love to God above all, with all you are, and love and consideration for fellow humans equal to self. This world today doesn't know God and his way; they live by Satins' way of self-centeredness, vanity, lust, greed, competition, lies, and strife. Satan and his evil ways are about to come to an end, but he won't go down without a fight, so Christ's bride, and the wedding guest had better stay

close to God in obedience and prayer, lest they be snared into evil, and destruction. If you really do love God and have respect for what he has in store for you: then you won't let anybody or anything separate between you and God and Christ.

Remember friends, even those who repent in tribulation and are allowed to live over into the new world as mortals: they will also have opportunity to qualify for the gift of eternal life as one of Gods sons. They and their children who will be born to them will be the children which the bride will raise for Christ and thus bring many children into the God family.

I will put this message on computer, on the internet and make it available to this whole world, that when God does get your attention through much trials and suffering that Satan is bringing on this world, that you may read it and repent and start keeping Gods Commandments and surrender your life over to completely obey God, then you can be blessed by the Almighty God. This is an invitation to the wedding, if you will receive it. Give up your self will and obey God and his Laws. Keep Gods Sabbath and Holy Days. Don't let the Satanic so called "Holy" Roman Empire force the Sunday mark on you, through deception in your forehead, nor by your works, symbolized by your right hand. Read and study your bibles, and trust completely in God. Live the same way that Christ lived and taught while he was here in the flesh. Come out of this Babylon of religious confusion that has been taught by the Catholic Church and her daughter protestant churches. God calls them Mystery Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the earth. (Rev. 17) Come out of her lest you suffer her plagues. Obey the true God and Christ, even if your life is on the line, because your hope of eternal life is on the line. God is about to judge all of the people who will be alive on this earth.

A true friend, and witness of God and Christ,

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