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Ephesians 5:25-30

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— for we are members of his body.



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Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?"

Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them.

Mark 2:18-19



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His statement is while the bridegroom is around, why would you fast, instead you should be celebrating



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*Celebrate
Jesus*



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Jesus has always been

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



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John 1:1-5

Jesus came of his own free will

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14



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Jesus ministered here on earth

Fellow Israelites listen to this:

**Jesus of Nazareth was a man
accredited by God to you by miracles,
wonders and signs, which God did
among you through him, as you
yourselves know.**

Acts 2:22

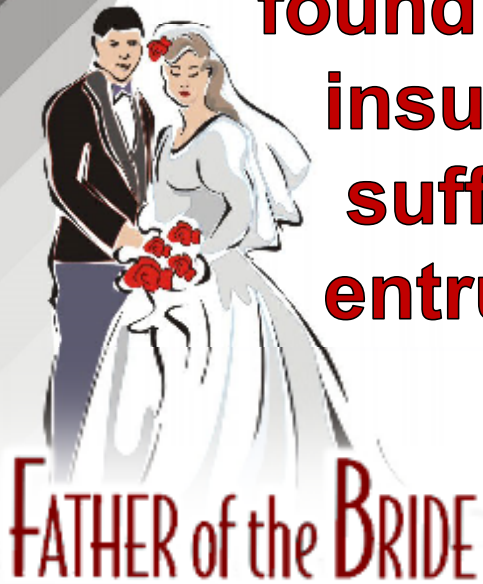


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He did so without sin

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

1 Peter 2:21-23



*The Bible says the bridegroom
will be taken from the bride*

**But the time will come when the
bridegroom will be taken from them, and
on that day they will fast.**

Mark 2:20



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*How was
the Bridegroom
Taken*

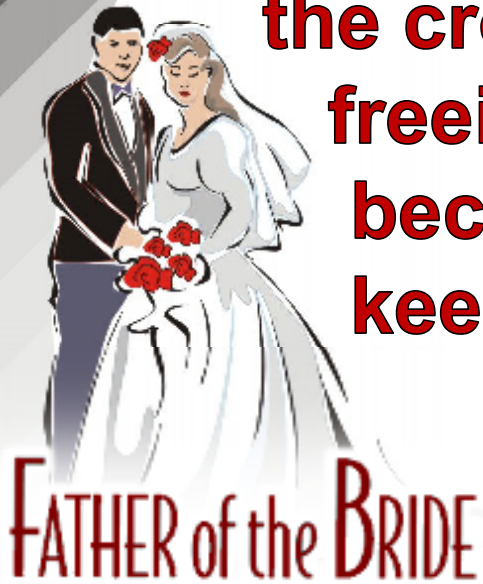


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Died and Rose

This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Acts 2:23-24



With God in Heaven

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

Acts 2:32-33

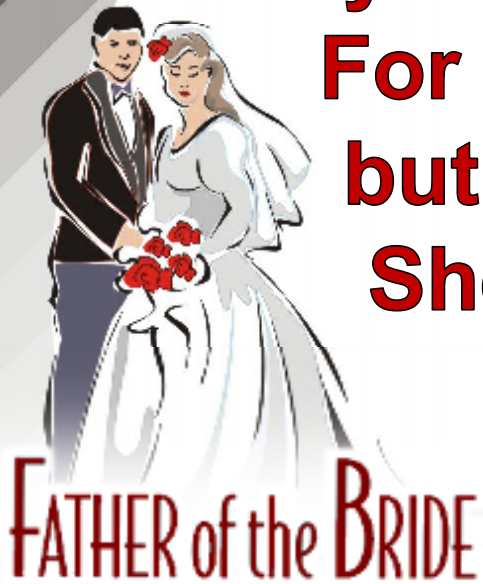


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Why?

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

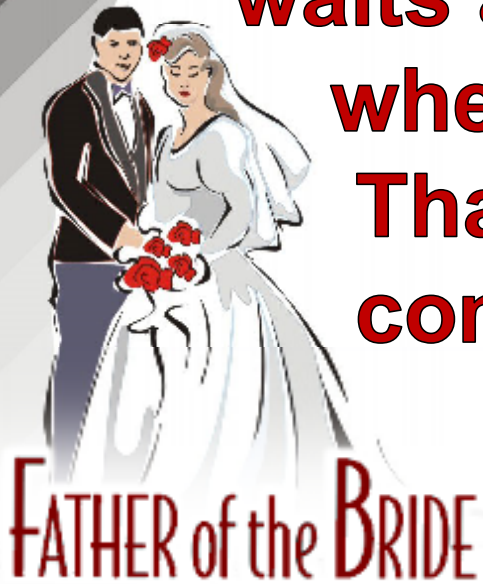
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**The bride belongs to the bridegroom.
The friend who attends the bridegroom
waits and listens for him and is full of joy
when he hears the bridegroom's voice.
That joy is mine, and it is now
complete.**

John 3:29



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**We understand the idea to two individuals
become one "unit"**



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The Belonging of the Bride

**The idea is simple, Jesus can't
be one of many,
He must be your
one and only**



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The Bible Says

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preparing herself for the
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**Their responsibility would have been to light the path for the coming groom,
Thus, each had a light**



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Being Prepared

**These attendants would
have been selected by the
bride to ensure she
is ready when
the groom arrives**



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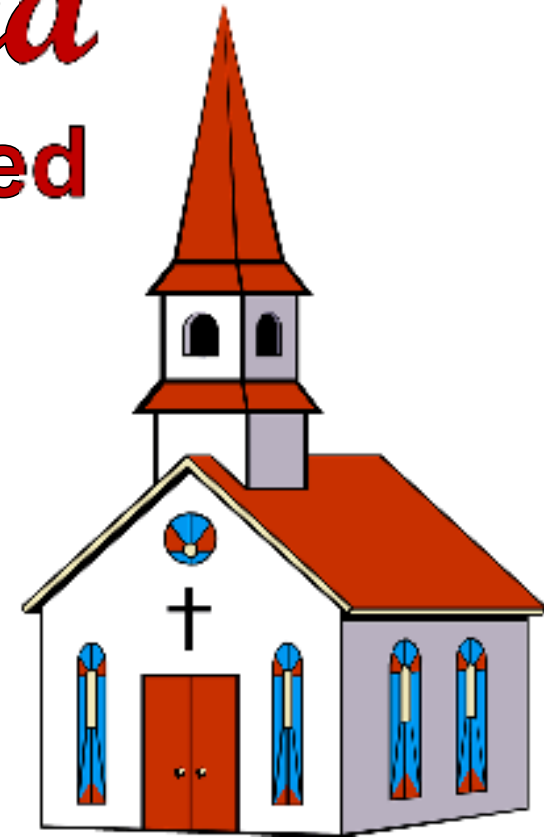
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Being Prepared

**The half were unprepared
for the long-term wait
(They allowed their
light to go out)**



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Being Prepared

**The committed had
prepared adequately for
however long it took**



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The Bible says come!

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.” The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes would take the free gift of the water of life.



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Revelation 22:16-17

His Message
COME



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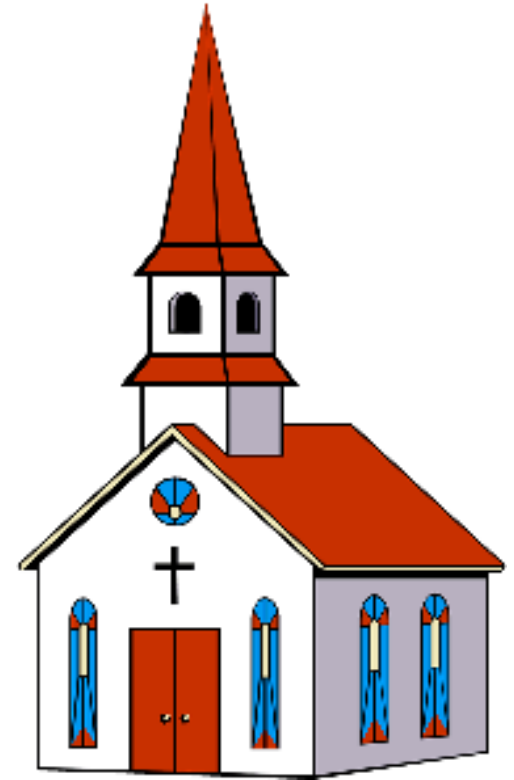
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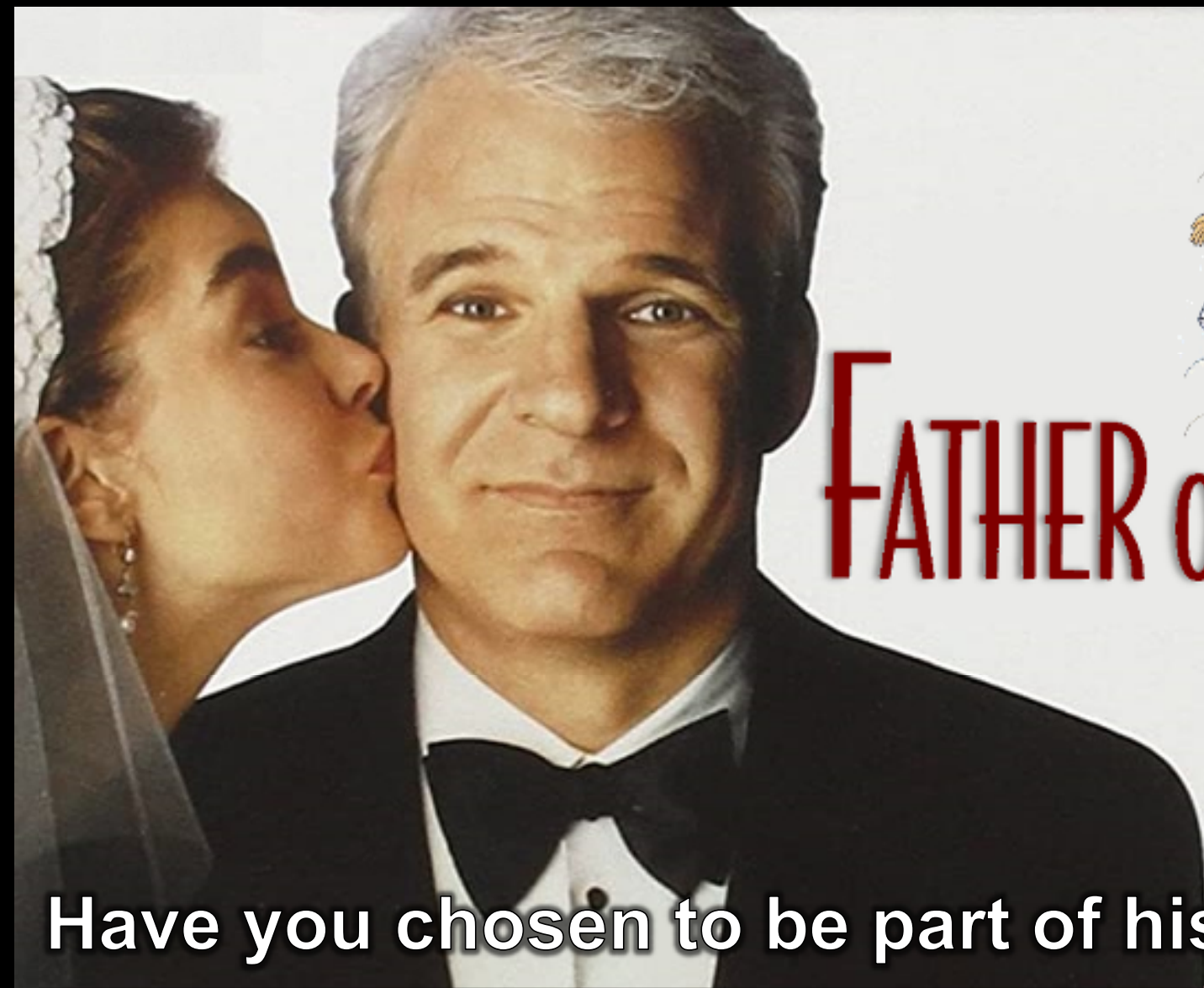
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**Come and have your thirst
quenched via his living water**



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Have you chosen to be part of his bride?