James #83

We have the mind of Christ!

Prayer for a co-worker of Rob Sc. – Alfred S. who has a serious medical condition.

Also, Ariel from Australia, all the books I shipped out a few months ago just came back to my PO BOX.

Let us pick it back up in Ephesians chapter five RF.

Within Ephesians chapter 5 we see another portion of the mystery doctrine of the Church Age.

We are uniquely bound to TLJC as a part of the same BODY and we are also the BRIDE of Christ.

[Eph 5:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/21/s_1102021) and subject yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ.

Now comes a portion of the mystery seen in marriage like we see in Christ and the Church.

/[Eph 5:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/22/s_1102022) Wives, *subject yourselves* to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

The Apostle Paul is pointing out a Divine Chain of Command. Established in the garden.\

Divine Institution number two.

The doctrine of authority points us to the highest level of respect, which should be for TLJC.

Do you realize, as a Christian, when you operate in your life from the point of Cosmic System ideology - you are cheating on your future husband Jesus Christ.

Just as every wife needs to dress and respond to her husband – one man, the right one, we are the BRIDE of Christ it is the very same thing!

Every successful Christian relationship is dependent upon Christ. Have that relationship in order first.

Everything else will fall into place.

Christ is always the authority in all relationships.

/[Eph 5:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/23/s_1102023) For **the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church,** He Himself being the Savior of **the body**.

The body of Christ was established at the Church Age (Cross of Christ). The Body and Bride concept are unique for this dispensation. At salvation you enter the body in union with Christ.\

Your walk after salvation points to your preparation as a future bride of Christ.

There is a deeper intimacy or closeness of union in marriage.

Your relationship with Christ can be interrupted as far as growth.

/Rev 3:10 ‘Behold, **I stand at the door and knock**; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, **I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.**

Your intimacy with Christ has to be developed or nurtured (increasing). When we are walking in apostasy (OSN) we lose momentum.\

WE do not lose our salvation.

Just as in a marriage we can damage the intimacy, or bring division in the area of good communication.

 REPEAT

OT saints are considered children of God and members of the family of God, a chosen race of people – not a BODY in union with Christ or a bride.

The Church is now called a ROYAL FAMILY of God which again points to something new.

 REPEAT

/Your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ has a growing experience inside of you (soul). God the HS is fully indwelt (sealed) into your body and soul. We become more Christ-like as we grow. The HS introduces us into royalty (title) we learn to become true Royality as Christ increases in our life. Therefore, the concept of winner or loser is in relation to our intimacy with Christ. The body is seen on earth right now; the BRIDE is fully revealed in heaven.\

Certain aspects of covenant theology push that the current body of the church, began with Abraham and Sarah and that is false.

You have to understand the age that you live in, we do not conflate the Church age with the nation of Israel.

 REPEAT

We understand the roles within the family of God. We are graphed into this family in a very unique way.

There are different promises and different blessings.

[Eph 5:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/24/s_1102024) But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

/Rebellion is seen in the CA Bels life when they refuse to operate in the two power options. When a wife is rebellious toward her husband the marriage suffers. When the Christian is rebellious to truth and intimacy with the WORD (Christ), the BODY suffers, as that Bel reaps misery and even discipline at some point.\

[Eph 5:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/25/s_1102025) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

Christ gave HIMSELF up for the sins of the whole world – Gentiles and Jews.

Yet for the CA Dispensation Christ has also promised a personal and intimate relationship.

Seen in the 40 grace gifts at salvation that other ages did not receive.

/[Eph 5:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/26/s_1102026) so that **He might sanctify her,** having **cleansed her** (*katharizō*) **by the washing**of water with **the word**,

HAVING CLEANSED HER (ceremonial purification) Aorist tense, already done starting with HIS work on the Cross, continuing with the washing in HIS MIND (BD).\

KATH-AH-REEZO, a purification process. To wash until spotless.

The BRIDE should be pure; she should be fully prepared and spotless for her husband. Marriage is a contract …it is binding and designed by GOD, both parties have to uphold the agreement.

Do not get married if this type of teaching frustrates you.

Do not get married if you are a man who wants no responsibility and will not accept the BUCK stopping with you, every time something goes wrong.

Ladies do not get married if you struggle with respecting authority and these doctrinal principles get you upset.

This is not an in-depth message on marriage in the natural sense of the word, it is a focus on the spiritual commitment we have with CHRIST.

/The BRIDE of Christ will manifest itself in resurrected glory. Meaning right now the BODY of Christ should be preparing for the wedding day. There is a call for continually washing of the WORD over the Body. The increasing intimacy of the BODY and the mind of Christ dictates the heavenly status (crowns, blessings and rewards). The whole body of CA Bels will be married to Christ, yet many will never receive intimacy seen in blessings, rewards and crowns.\

That will carry into privilege and rank in heaven.

[Eph 5:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/27/s_1102027) that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

The BODY of Christ should take the free will graciously given to us, along with the 40 grace gifts and excel right now in time, which will purify them to be the shining bride on the day of the Rapture.

/Rev 19:7 Let’s rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, because **the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has prepared herself**.” 8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, **bright *and* clean**; for the fine linen is **the righteous acts of the saints**.\

All CA Bels are married to Christ- yet only those who have grown into SM will gain rank, VIP access and privileges in heaven.

[Eph 5:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/28/s_1102028) So husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

A man who has self-respect will always seek to be a better man, to operate with integrity and character. This is a man who can have great potential as a husband.

[Eph 5:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/29/s_1102029) for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,

Marriage is exactly this attitude …every day.

Men especially for you! Yet ladies also, make your husband and your family a priority over yourself.

 REPEAT

Work on becoming the best Christian you can be, through the two power options and this will glorify GOD.

The BODY of Christ is to have this attitude as well… in fact, it is a command from TLJC.

/Jhn 15:12 **This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you**. 13 “Greater love has no one than this, that **a person will lay down his life for his friends**.\

[Eph 5:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/30/s_1102030) because we are parts of His body.

No OT saint was called a part of the BODY of the MESSIAH. You will not find that written about Noah, Moses, David or Abraham.

There are clear differences in dispensations especially between Israel and the Church.

[Eph 5:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/31/s_1102031) FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

/Gen 2:24 For this reason a man shall **leave his father and his mother**, and be joined to his wife; and **they shall become one flesh.** (Eph 5:31)

The original command in the garden for marriage, is an intimate and deep union in the sexual and personal (mentality of soul) that become a UNION that resembles ONE. The Church is called into this with Christ!\

Not even father or mother can come between this union.

Just as a BODY is one flesh so too, is a marriage - never has this type of depth of intimacy and supernatural union been placed on any other dispensation.

/[Eph 5:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/32/s_1102032) **This mystery is great**; but I am speaking with **reference to Christ and the church**.

Never in history has the Believer been consider a BRIDE of the GOD of the universe, with such a deep intimacy referenced here, it was a mystery for other dispensations.\

The Apostle Paul was not only teaching on Christian marriage he also told them…really telling the whole church, we are in this union as a BODY and BRIDE of Christ.

[Eph 5:33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/33/s_1102033) Nevertheless, as for you individually, each *husband* is to love his own wife the same as himself, and the wife *must see to it* that she respects her husband.

Let us close with a quick read in 1Corinthians chapter two RF.

That is the basic standard for success in marriage (Eph 5:33) – ladies, you are to honor and respect that husband.

Men you are to love and protect that woman, even when she is unlovely toward you!

Look how the Apostle Paul ties in the doctrine of dispensations, certainly the CA and the uniqueness of our indwelling. Along with the doctrine of the Hypostatic Union;

/1Cor 2:6 Yet **we do speak wisdom among those who are mature**; a wisdom, however, **not of this age** nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; 7 but **we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the hidden** *wisdom* which **GOD predestined** before the ages to our glory;

Mystery Doctrine is calculated and foundational in the plan of God – approved through HIS justice in the Divine Decree.\

NOT of this age – speaks to the doctrine of dispensations.

BEFORE THE AGES – plural, meaning all dispensations.

/[1Co 2:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/8/s_1064008) *the wisdom* which none of the **rulers of this age has understood**; for if they had understood it, **they would not have crucified the Lord of glory**;

They could not fully grasp the doctrine of the Hypostatic Union. Nor could they fathom their MESSIAH would open the family doorway to the Gentiles.\

In fact, the full concept of dispensations was not completely understood until the CROSS and then the completed canon of scripture.

1Cor 2:9 but just as it is written: “THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *WHICH* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HUMAN HEART, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.” (Isa 64:4 & Psa 31:19)

Which both scriptures highlight the fact that GOD has a plan greater in depth and far beyond human comprehension, that will unfold for those who truly love HIM.

/[1Co 2:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/10/s_1064010) **For to us GOD revealed *them* through the Spirit;** for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

The Church Age would be a unique time of revealing, through a universal power of GOD the HS, that OT saints did not ALL share in! \

They did not have access to the filling power of GOD the HS on a universal scale like all of the Church does.

OT saints had to use sacrificial practices to wash sin (ritual) we live in the reality.

[1Co 2:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/11/s_1064011) For who among people knows the *thoughts* of a person except the spirit of the person that is in him? So also the *thoughts* of God no one knows, except the Spirit of God.

In other words, this was a mystery until it was revealed in this new dispensation.

Remember a mystery can have hints and clues and still be a mystery and a mystery can be fully hidden…either way, it is all a mystery until it is fully revealed.

[1Co 2:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/12/s_1064012)Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God.

The subject matter is Mystery Doctrine, that is all of what the Apostle Paul is speaking about here.

It has been freely GIVEN TO US – CA!

Through the two power options.

[1Co 2:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/13/s_1064013) We also speak these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words.*

*WE SPEAK THESE THINGS –* meaning pastor-teachers, CA leaders teaching the mystery.

[1Co 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/14/s_1064014) But a natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

No wonder why so many Christians kick against this type of teaching.

Most do not truly study accurately, much less get filled by the HS.

[1Co 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/15/s_1064015) But the one who is spiritual discerns all things, yet he himself is discerned by no one.

/[1Co 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/16/s_1064016) For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But **we have the mind of Christ.**

The Apostle Paul knew they were finishing the completed canon of scripture – the mind of CHRIST! The whole plan is found in the BIBLE.\