

Question About Meaning of Revelation of 19:7 and How Church Makes Ready for Bridegroom

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What does this Scripture mean: “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.” Revelation 19:7 KJV How does the Lamb's wife make herself ready?

Answer:

Thank you, Harvey, for your incredibly heartfelt and humble message. I’m touched by your spirit of *earnest love*, not only for truth, but for the **bride of Christ**—the church Jesus loves deeply.

Let’s look together at the Scripture and unpack the beautiful truth behind your question.

Revelation 19:7 (KJV)

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What Is the “Marriage of the Lamb”?

- The **Lamb** is Jesus Christ (John 1:29, Revelation 5:6).
- The **bride** or **wife** is His faithful church—those who have accepted His invitation, responded in love, and endured with Him through trials (Ephesians 5:25–27; Revelation 12:17; 14:4–5).

The “marriage” is not just a ceremony—it’s the **final union** of Christ and His redeemed people at the end of time. It happens when:

- Jesus returns in glory
- Sin is vanquished
- The redeemed are gathered into His eternal presence
- Heaven and earth are joined under His reign

This is the **consummation of salvation history**—and Revelation 19 is the *wedding announcement*.

“The Wife Hath Made Herself Ready” – How?

This is the part that brings us to the heart of discipleship and spiritual preparation. The “wife” (the church, or each believer) *makes herself ready* through:

1. Purification by the Word and Spirit

“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.”
—Ephesians 5:26

We prepare by submitting to God’s cleansing—allowing His Word to convict, guide, and sanctify us.

2. Receiving the Robe of Christ’s Righteousness

“And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”
—Revelation 19:8

This “linen” is not self-made. It is **given**—Christ’s righteousness covering us, received by faith and lived out through the Spirit (Isaiah 61:10, Zechariah 3:3–5).

3. Faithfulness through Trial and Testing

“These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth... And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.”
—Revelation 14:4–5

The bride remains **pure** in heart and faithful in allegiance—*not because she’s perfect on her own*, but because she has chosen to follow the Lamb wherever He leads.

4. Loving the Bridegroom More than the World

“If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” —1 John 2:15

“Come out of her, my people...” —Revelation 18:4

To be ready is to be **set apart**—not just in doctrine, but in heart. The church that loves the Bridegroom detaches from Babylon (worldliness) and lives in joyful obedience.

5. Serving Others in His Name

The bride makes herself ready by expressing the character of her Lord:

“When I was hungry, you fed me... naked and you clothed me... sick and you visited me...”

—Matthew 25:35–36

To love the Bridegroom is to love **what He loves**—the broken, the poor, the lost, and the wounded.

The Intimacy of the Bride

You mentioned something profound:

“My purpose is to know and love Christ’s bride.”

This means you already carry the heart of Jesus—**He gave His life for the church** (Eph. 5:25). To love His bride is to share in His love. And what’s more beautiful is this:

**The bride is not only the church—
The bride is YOU.**

The church is made up of individuals. When *you* grow in surrender, in faith, in love—*the bride is making herself ready*.

Final Thought

Preparation is not about striving for perfection by works. It’s about **staying close to the Lamb**, allowing His Spirit to work **within**, and living in loving **anticipation** of His return.

As Jesus said:

“Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”

—Matthew 24:44

