

## THE BRIDE - THE BODY OF CHRIST (Ephesians 4:4-6)

[There is ] one body and one Spirit- just as there is also one hope to the calling you received- [There is] one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of [us] all, Who is above all [Sovereign over all] pervading all the [living] in [us] all.

The bride of Christ, also the body of Christ is indwelt by the Spirit of God. From the time before the foundation of the world, this bride had been chosen to be one in His Spirit, transformed by the renewing of her mind, sanctified by the washing with the blood of Messiah, Yeshua and the indwelling of His Spirit. While in this earth, indwelling by His Spirit, the bride of Christ has the power to control and the power to slow down lawlessness. In His sovereignty, God appointed the time when the anti-Christ will be revealed and that only after the bride is removed; For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work in the world, [but it is] restrained only until he who restrains is taken out of the way and then the lawless one will be revealed (2Thess. 2:7,8). He will be revealed in his own time (verse six). And the time will be when the restrainer of lawlessness will be taken out of the way. Because God's power is greater than that of Satan's, His power rules and subjects Satan's power until the time appointed, when He removes His power from the earth. Without God's presence in this earth, lawlessness is without control, and the door is opened for the leadership of Satan in the person of the anti-Christ; the wrath of God will then be poured out on His enemies, the unrighteous ones. The Lord reserves His wrath for His enemies, and where there is at least ten righteous, He will not apply His wrath (Genesis 18). To Lot the angel said, Make haste and take refuge there, for **I cannot do anything until you arrive there (Genesis 19:22)**. That was on the destruction of Sodom and Gomorra, after the angel gave instructions to Lot to leave the city. To Noah and his family, God said, Come with your entire household into the ark, **for I have seen you to be righteous before Me (Genesis 7:1)**. I will destroy **them** and the land. I will establish my covenant with you and you shall come into the **ark (Genesis 6:13b, 17, 18)**. Harm neither the earth nor the sea nor the trees, **until we have sealed the bond servants of our God upon their foreheads**. And I heard how many were sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel: there were 144,000 (Rev. 7:3, 4). These will be the only righteous people found on earth during that time but they

will be marked to salvation, just as Israel's families' were marked with the blood on the door post of their house before the wrath of God came to destroy the Egyptian's first born. His bride, His body is also marked or sealed with His Holy spirit for that day of redemption. In the death of God's son, His bride- His body became righteous in His sight to be able to enter the "ark" of His salvation. Those of the apostate church will not enter this ark, for they have forsaken the truth and have not walked in it to be sanctified, but instead left the teachings that would bring them salvation and sanctification. Paul said, Destruction will come upon **them** (not upon the bride), and **they** shall not escape, for there will not be any escape (1Thess.5:3). What are we to do meanwhile? To be sober in order to exercise faith through love, and not lose hope in the promise that God has chosen His bride, His body to salvation through His Son, Who has already freed His bride, His body, from the wrath of God to come, that whether alive or dead, at His appearing, she might live together with Him, and share His life (1Thess 5:9).

God is not going to bring wrath on His body, the bride, reversing His promise of salvation.

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