

THE BRIDE- THE BODY OF CHRIST (part 2)

(Col.2:9, 10)

For in Him the whole fullness of Deity continues to dwell in bodily form. **And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life. And He is the head of all rule and authority.**

This is most revealing to me that if the bride of Christ is in Christ, In Him His bride is filled with the God-head-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Him the bride is filled with the trinity! And the position that He placed His bride in the heavenly it is at the right hand of the Father where He is seated far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come. God has put all things under Jesus' feet and **has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all.**

(Ephesians 1:20-23). Jesus has cleansed His bride by the "washing of water with the Word". He has cleansed her for the purpose "to present her to Himself in glorious splendor without spot or wrinkle ". That was the extent of His love for His bride, His body. The bride's cleansing will not come through His wrath upon His own body- the bride, but it has already come through the **Word**. That is, Jesus is the Word, Who has given Himself for His bride-His body, and by His written Word, the Bible. He said, You are cleansed and pruned already, because of the word which I have given you. Jesus' prayer for His bride-body is that, they may be with Him where He is, so that they may see His glory (John 15:3; 17:24). If the bride is dwelling in Him continuously, if His Word is remaining in her, she will experience His love, His protection, His joy in a full measure complete and overflowing (John15:7-11). As long as the bride is on earth, God's Holy Spirit will be here also, and God will not bring His wrath upon His own Spirit, upon the members of His own body. He cannot go against His own Spirit, just as Jesus has said, that a house divided cannot survive; Satan cannot cast out Satan. God will not in any shape or form send His wrath on His own body. The coming of the lawless one, [the antichrist] is through the activity and working of Satan and will be attended by great power and with all sorts of miracles and signs and delusive marvels-lying

wonders and by unlimited seduction to evil and with all wicked deception for **those who are perishing because they did not welcome the Truth but refused to love it that they might be saved. Therefore God sends upon them a misleading influence, a working of error and a strong delusion to make them believe that is false, in order that all may be judged and condemned who did not believe in the Truth, but [instead] took pleasure in unrighteousness.** But we, brethren beloved by the Lord, ought and are obligated to give thanks always to God for you, **because God chose you from the beginning as His first fruits for salvation through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and belief in the Truth (2Thess.2:9-13).** The bride-the body of Christ being justified by the blood of Christ has been given the promise that she shall be saved from the indignation and wrath of God (Romans 5:9); and to wait for His Son from heaven, **Whom He raised from the dead-Jesus, Who delivered us from the wrath to come (1Thess. 1:10).** And the promise here is that Jesus has delivered us from the wrath to come. Has delivered, presents an action done in the past, from the wrath that is yet to come in the future. God in His sovereign will, when He chose His bride, He also delivered her from His wrath through the sacrifice of His Son on the tree, as He, through His Holy Spirit, molds her through sanctification, preparing her to be presented holy, blemish, pure when He comes. And in that, my friend, we take comfort with persevering faith to endure until the day when He, in His faithfulness and love, accomplish His plan for His bride – His body. Of one thing I am confident: The bride is being prepared now for His coming, not for the wrath to come. These words I leave with you to **think about.**

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