

## THE BRIDE OF CHRIST- THE BODY OF CHRIST

(part 4)

But if Christ lives in you, although your body is dead by reason of sin and guilt, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. (II Corinthians 15:51-52)

If the bride of Christ-the body of Christ lives a life of obedience to the Holy Spirit's sanctification, she does not live a life to satisfy the flesh. Chastisement will come only when there is a cause. Will God condemn His bride when He has already delivered her from the wrath to come upon the wicked people? Has His wrath fallen upon Noah and his family when He judged the **world** of yesterday, or did He judge righteous Lot and his family with the wicked people of Sodom and Gomorra? He said to the Israelites, when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall be upon you to destroy you when I smite the land of Egypt (Exodus 12:13). He has also told His bride that she is sealed with His Spirit for the day of redemption (Ephesians 3:30); If Christ's bride is in Him, seated at the right hand of His father with Him, as He has said, will God the father remove her from this position to incur His wrath on her? Will He condemn her, when He is on her side and not against her? Will God seal His bond servants from his wrath and not His bride? The bride of Christ is not all those who go to church, or those who call Him Lord, Lord but she is those who "do the will of God the Father". The bride – the body of Christ presses on, leaving all behind to focus on what lies ahead with the purpose to know Him and become intimately acquainted with Him; she walks holding to His truth and lives by it. And as a citizen of heaven, she waits patiently for the coming of her Lord, Jesus Christ. And that my friend is to believe that nothing can separate her from Him. The **world** might persecute and kill her, just as the world killed her Lord, since she is not of this world, as Jesus was not of this world. In his last words to His disciples, Jesus said, if you belonged to the world, the world would treat you with affection and would love you as its own. But because you are not of this world...the world hates you (John 15:19). This is a sign of the true bride of Christ- the hatred of the world toward her. It seems to me that it would be a reason to rejoice in persecution, for we will be in the same path as He was when here on earth. He promised His bride victory, not a world of blue skies and roses. Be comforted with these words.

For Light from the Word

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Think about it!