

THE BRIDEGROOM AND THE BRIDE

I. The Shepherd and The Sheep Relationship (John 10)

II. The Vine and The Branches Relationship (Jn 15)

III. Christ the High Priest and Believers Today a Kingdom of Priests (1 Peter 2:5-9)

IV. The Corner Stone & the Stones in the Building (Eph. 2; 1 Peter 2)

V. Christ the Head and Believers His Body (Eph. 1)

VI. The Bridegroom and The Bride (Eph. 5:25-31)

3. This relationship speaks of Christ's _____ & _____ for the Church & of the _____ & _____ the Church will forever hold with Him in the ages to come.

- Although Israel had covenants with Jehovah, those will not be fulfilled until a time yet future (2nd Coming). No covenant will bring them into _____ or _____ with Christ-- only the _____ of Jesus Christ has that privilege!

4. Like Christ, the husband's responsibility is to _____ his wife as Christ _____ the Church & gave himself for her (Eph. 5:25-31)

- How are we to do that?
- What will this require?
- What is the husband responsible for in the home?
- How will all this ever be true of you?
- All of this reflects the Bridegroom/ Bride concept-- that which Christ is to the church—a _____ that _____ & _____ His bride—the Church!

5. This whole Bridegroom/ Bride relationship is taught in...

- a. The Song of Solomon

b. "Behold the Bridegroom Comes" by Renald Showers which illustrates Jewish marriage in bible times

- What significance does all this have for you?