

Chosen Bride

St John 15:12-17

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not **chosen** me, but I have **chosen** you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

53-0325 - Israel And The Church #1 178 And the—the Bride of Jesus Christ will be Mrs. Jesus Christ (Hallelujah!), baptized in His Spirit, in His Name, **filled with His power**, robed in His righteousness. Hallelujah! There She is. And now notice, that was the Gentile Bride.

179 Now to read the rest just before closing. Here's the saddest story you ever seen at the end time, where we're ending now, **the Gentile Bride has already been chosen**, been taken out. The thing is about finished.

53-0614A - Earnestly Contending For The Faith That Was Once Delivered To The Saints

68 Then you better get excited. Brother, excitement don't heal the sick. **The power of God is what heals the sick.** The times...It's the evening lights are falling. Remember, it was Isaac that wanted a wife. When the father, Abraham sent the

servant out, a very beautiful type of God the Father sending out for **His Bride**, to get His Bride. His Servant, **the Holy Spirit**, Eliezer...And it was in the cool of the evening when the beautiful Rebekah come out to water the camel. You know the story.

69 And the beautiful Rebekah come out. And he said, "Now, ever who waters this camel" he said, "Lord, let that be the one **You've chosen.**" And the...Rebekah went and watered the camel, and give them a drink, and then watered his—the animal. Look, the very animal that she was watering...The animal

represents a beast, of course, a beast of burden, which means "**power**" in the Bible. And the very animal that she was watering, was the very animal that packed her to see her bride. Is that right? **And what is watering?**

The very power that we're watering now with praises, and thanksgiving, and glory, and power, and might, is the very Holy Spirit that'll pack us up to see Jesus someday.

57-0807 - Hear Ye Him 8 But we find in this Scripture, that Jesus had chose three of His apostles. I just love to think on the numerics of the Bible, how the threes, sevens, twelves, forties, fifties. And if you get those numbers running right you can just

place the Bible like one great picture. And three is a perfection like **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**; and water, blood, and spirit, and so forth. And the three comings of Jesus, once He come to **redeem His Bride**, next time He comes to **get His Bride**,

the next time **He comes with His Bride** after the Marriage Supper. Then we find that He taken three chosen vessels: Peter, James, and John. And in the Bible we're taught: love, hope, and charity; or faith, hope, and charity it is: faith, hope, and charity.

9 I want you to notice how beautiful that those three man typed that, the spirits that was in those men. Peter, "faith", right out ready to tackle anything; James, "hope", John, "charity". Faith, hope, and charity. And it is written in the Word that three is a

witness or a confirmation. The Bible said, "In the mouth of three witnesses let every word be established." Three is—was a witness in the Old Testament. If there was an accusation against someone, it had to be witnessed by three. And it's also carried

over into the New Testament, that three is a witness. And we find that God was fixing to do something. And God, when He does anything, He always brings witness. We find at Pentecost, He said, **“Wait at the city of Jerusalem until you’re endued with power from on high, then you shall be witnesses of Me,”** preparing His witnesses, God sent witnesses.

58-0927 - Why Are We Not A Denomination?

38 Scarlet, in the Bible, represents “royal.” The color scarlet means “red.” And beast represents “power.” Did you notice, the beast come up out of the sea, that was in Revelations, the 13th.

And when you see the beast coming up out of the sea, is meant that **this power was raising up among the people.** But in Revelations 13, when this lamb came up, he came up out of the earth, no people, **United States.** But then, after, he had two little horns, civil and ecclesiastical powers.

And then he received power, and spoke like the dragon did before him. So you just got to mark it down, we are coming into a religious persecution with the same things that they did in pagan Rome many years ago, for it’s **THUS SAITH THE LORD.** Now watch it. “Sitting upon a beast, a power.”

39 Did you notice Rebekah? When Eliezer found her, it was in the evening time, and she watered the camel. Cause, Eliezer said, “If the damsel that comes and waters this camel, that will be the...and gives me a drink, that will be the one that You have

chosen, Lord, to be the bride of Your servant, Isaac." And while he was yet in prayer, Rebekah come and drawed water and give him a drink, and watered the camel. Notice, the camel was a beast. And that same beast that she was watering, was the one who packed her to her bride, Isaac.

40 And, today, the power of the Holy Ghost, that the Church is watering and worshipping, **is the Thing that will pack It from this earth, to meet the Bride.** Sure, Isaac was out in the field, in the evening. We don't meet the Lord up in Glory. Ephesians, the 5th chapter, says that we shall meet Him in the air. Oh, that makes the Methodists get ready to shout. Think of it! See?

The Lord... Isaac had come out from his father's house, and was out in the field when he saw Rebekah coming on the camel. And she loved him, at first sight, and jumped off the camel and run to meet him. That's right. That's where we meet the Lord.

And the very camel that she watered, packed her to her husband. And the very Power that the Church is worshipping, that the world is calling fanaticism, that the Church is worshipping, **will be the same Power that'll take the Church up in the air**, "To meet the Lord in the air." The Holy Spirit! See? There is... And, look, Rebekah was a virgin.

62-0121E - The Marriage Of The Lamb 215 So I think that's the way with preaching the Gospel. If It don't stir you up a little bit, get your...feel your spiritual gastronomics started right,

make you a little sick, to examine yourself with the Bible: see if that old temper, and selfishness, ungodliness, love of the world, television, and things at night; and leaving the church set empty, and the pews set empty. When, you ought to be out there like Jesus, you got His Spirit in you, trying to get everybody in the country to come to your church, to receive Christ. And we call ourselves then the Bride of Christ? Oh, what a pity, friend!

216 The hour has come. “**His Bride has made Herself ready.**” Oh! “**Made Herself ready.**” She laid aside all of these things. Remember, Esther was **chosen**, and the others was rejected. And only those that’s **born again**, that’s got the Spirit of God, will be the Chosen that Day, that the crown of glory will be set upon Her head. And the others will be rejected.

62-0319 - The End-Time Sign Seed 115 Now, the Jews was cut off Paul tells us, **and the Gentiles grafted in again**, into the Kingdom, but, notice, Jesus said, “**Learn a parable of the fig tree.**” Now, that tree, like Job saw, if it dies, will it live again? Sure. He said, “**Now, when you see the fig tree, and all the other**

trees...” Trees, trees of what? There is a Tree of Life, there’s a tree of creed, denomination, there’s a creed of nation. “**When you see the fig tree, and all the other trees putting forth buds,**” browse, fixing to leaf out, “**you say summer is nigh.**” Notice, making a parable out of the nations.

116 Now, God deals with the **Gentiles for a Bride**, one here, and one there, but He deals with the **Jews as a nation, not as a individual**, as a nation, He has always, that's been God's chosen nation, God chose them as a nation. Missionaries going into Jerusalem, and things: when Israel is saved, she'll be "**A nation**," the Bible says, "**will be born in a day.**" That's right. So Israel will accept Christ at one, just at one...as a nation, not just as individuals.

62-0531 - The Conflict Between God And Satan 225 The—the Bride must be **unified, unified together by the Word.** "**My sheep hear My Voice.**" And This is His Voice on printed Word. All right. Unified by the Word, **She makes Herself ready**, not with the regular creed.

226 Like Esther, when Esther was to be chosen to stand before the king, she didn't adorn themselves with all the things, but she adorned herself with a sweet, meek spirit. **That's what the Bride is adorning Herself with, with all of the fruits of the Spirit following it.**

227 What She got? Assembling together in the fellowship of the Word. Amen!

228 Fellowship of the Word. That's right. Fellowshipping, **setting together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus**, tonight: one accord, one place, one Spirit, one mind, one hope, one God, one purpose. "Amen." See? There you are. Every time the

Bible says anything, we say, “**Amen.**” **Punctuating every Word with, “Amen.”** “Jesus Christ, same yesterday, and forever.” “Amen!” “Repent, and be baptized, the Name of Jesus Christ.”

63-0825M - How Can I Overcome? 55 But I—I can’t agree with him, ’cause I don’t see it. But, it doesn’t pertain to salvation, it’s pertaining to the Coming of the Lord. He sees that the Church has to go through the Tribulation period, for purification. **I say the Blood of Jesus Christ purified the Church.** See? It needs no...

I believe that the church goes through the Tribulation period, **church organization, but the Bride does not.** Would you choose a woman you had to purify before you married her? See? **Christ’s Bride is chosen, and She is elected.** And She is God’s Bride, the Bride of Jesus Christ.

56 And now he said, “How you going to type that, if that Bride goes forth, goes up before She goes through the Tribulation period?” Said, “I got Scripture that shows you that the Church is in the Tribulation period.” I said, “Just read the Sixth Seal, that’s all, she is right there under the Tribulation period.

But find out, just before that, the Bride is done gone. See? She is in Glory at that time. She has no purification.” See? **“He that believeth on Me has everlasting Life, and shall not come into condemnation or the Judgment, but has passed from death unto**

Life.” Christ gave the promise that we would not even stand at the Judgment. So freely did He take my place, until I’m **absolutely free**. When I’m pardoned, I’m pardoned. How can He take me out of the pawnshop, got a clear receipt, if...How can He be my Redeemer, and take me from the pawn shop, and the broker still say I belong to him?

I got a written receipt, amen, see, wrote by the Blood of Jesus Christ. See? Now, in that, here is where we come. He said, “Now, how are you going to get, separate that elected Bride you talk about now, how you going to put That under a type?”

57 I said, “Very good.” I say, “Here it is. Now, in Matthew, the 27th chapter and the 51st verse.” If we... Let me just read it, and then we—we got it good. Then we find out whether it was typed or not, whether it’s the **elected Bride**. Matthew, the 27th chapter and the—and the 51st verse. All right. We read this, at the crucifixion of our Lord. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom;...

58 Now, that was the law. The law ended right there. Because, the veil kept the congregation from the holy articles of God. Only an anointed priest went in there, and, that, once a year. Remember? Now, God, with His Own hand, notice, “**from the top to the bottom**,” not from the bottom to the top. It’s some forty-feet high. Notice, not from the bottom to the top, but “**from the top to the bottom**,” **showed it was done by God**.

Rent the veil in two, then though, anyone, whosoever will, may come and partake of His holiness. See? All right. ...from top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection,...went into the holy city, and appeared to many.

59 There is that Elected, that Bride. Not all of the Jewish church come forth at that time. All of them made the same sacrifice. All of them was under the shed blood of the lamb. But there was an elected Group; and that elected Group, **as soon as the event come, that really believed in It with sincerity.** Now I'm coming to the word overcome.

Now hold that. These that had really overcome, sincerely making the same offering that the rest of them made, but, in sincerity, **overcome the things of the world.** When the propitiation correctly was made for them, they were in paradise until that pla-...that time. When that time was made, they had overcome and was resting, sleeping; see, “many bodies of those that slept in the dust,” see, slept.

64-0313 - The Voice Of The Sign 23 Now the type here, there is a wonderful type that we sure don't want to miss. See? Typed, God was bringing Israel, His people, out, a nation, a nation out of a nation. A Nation out of a nation, **a beautiful type of today, that God is calling His Bride out of a church,**

Christian Bride out of a Christian church, a Bride Church out of a church, which is called, in the Bible, referred to.

24 I've got several notes and Scriptures written down here, on this lesson tonight.

25 It's called, sometimes, "The Chosen, the Elected, or the Remnant of the woman's seed." It was called, "**the Bride**," what God, by His foreknowledge, ordained to be. That is, the Bride comes out of the church. See, the whole thing is a church, but God takes a people out of that church, **as a Bride**. He said He would. And He did it, notice, or He will do it.

26 Notice, see how He did it, and the manner and how He did it. We want to look at this now, as He brought out Israel, how He did it, and the manner that He—He did it.

27 Notice when the time of the promised Word was to be fulfilled, God called Moses, by foreordination, and elected him to the job. See? God has always got the person on the mark, at the time. Nothing fails with God. He said it; it can't fail. If it fails, then God fails, 'cause God is the Word.

28 Notice, now, **the Word had to be manifested**. And when the Word had to be manifested, of a promise, **God always sends a prophet to manifest that promise**, because the Word of the Lord comes to him.

29 Moses, foreordained for the purpose, was called to the job. No one else could do it.

30 **When God has—has called a person for a job to do, there is no one can take its place. There is no one can take your place, your peculiarity.**

65-0429E - The Choosing Of A Bride 167 The true Church of Christ, the Bride, is so sold out to Him and His promised Word, **till the very mind that's in Christ is in you.** What a difference!

168 And we find today, that, the modern church, a modern world church, the modern world church and also that the spiritual Church are both pregnant, to give birth to sons.

169 One of them, a denominational birth, is going to be give, one of...day, to...these days, at the World Council of Churches, **which will produce to the world the antichrist, through a denomination.** That's exactly the Truth. I may not live to see it. I believe I will.

But, you young people, remember that you heard a minister say that. That'll finally wind up. And that is the mark of the beast, when she forms that World Council of Churches. And she'll give birth to her son, the antichrist.

170 The other is pregnant by the **Word of God** and will bring forth the Body, **the finished Body of Jesus Christ,** which is the

Bride. The Body of Christ isn't finished yet. How many knows that? **A man and woman is one. And Christ is one Body, the Word. The Bride will have to be the rest of that Body.** And the two, together, makes the **one Body** again. Like Adam was at the beginning: man, his wife, are one. Now, She, the true Bride, so sold out to Him, **that She use no mind of Her own.** His mind, of course, is His will, **and His will is His Word.**

171 Now look at the so-called bride chosen by man, and compare the spiritual to the natural of today, a modern Jezebel bewitched by her Ahab, Max Factor beauties, everything. Look at the church, the same way, but a prostitute to the Word of the living God;

big denominations, big buildings, big money, big salary, all sold out. Men standing in the pulpit endorsing that that's all right, and let them get by with it. Just deceit, that's all. Truly a blind Laodicea Church Age, just exactly what the Bible said would be.

“Said, ‘I am rich. I set as a queen. I have need of nothing.’ And knowest thou not that you’re poor, miserable, blind, wretched, naked: and don’t know it.” If that isn’t **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, Revelation 3, I’ve never read It. That’s what she is, and don’t know it! Think of it.

65-0718E - Spiritual Food In Due Season 95 Remember, he went into his secret place by the plan of God, by the call of God, and the Word of God. Elijah entered into his secret place by

God's foreknowledge, plan, and the call upon his life, and according to the Word. If that ain't the way we entered, I don't know how we get there.

96 And notice, before the drought begin, Elijah went into this place of secret for his living. A very type of before the judgment starts to strike the earth, the Church is already called out, **the Bride is already chosen, and just waiting before the judgment strikes.** Already waiting, eating the Food of God, enjoying the blessings of God. Any man in his normal mind knows that we're headed straight, we're right in the hour of judgment.

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - 4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age In John 6:37 and 44 it says, "All that the Father giveth Me shall come to me; and him that cometh to Me I shall in no wise cast out." "No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 1:12-13, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD."

Ephesians 1:4-5, "According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: having predestinated us unto

the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.” Now without getting too involved in the subject of the sovereignty of God (for that would take a book in itself) let me point out here that according to these verses, **Jesus Christ is choosing His own bride just the same as men choose their brides today.**

The bride today does not simply decide she is going to take a certain man for a husband. No sir. It is the groom who decides and chooses a certain woman for his bride. (John 15:16, “Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you.”) Now according to the Word of God, **the bride was chosen before the foundation of the world.**

This choosing of the bride was purposed in Himself. **Ephesians 1:9.** And in **Romans 9:11** it says, “**That the purpose of God according to election might stand.**” You can’t read it any other way. The heart purpose, the eternal purpose of God was to take a bride of His OWN choosing, and that purpose was in Himself,

and being eternal was decreed before the foundation of the world. Watch carefully now and see this. Before there was ever a speck of star dust; **before God was God** (God is an object of adoration and no one was there to worship Him, so He was at that time only potentially God). and He was known only as eternal Spirit, **the bride was already in His mind.**

Yes, she was. She was existing in His thoughts. And what about those thoughts of God? They are eternal, are they not? The eternal thoughts of God! Let me ask you, "**Are the thoughts of God eternal?**" If you can see this, you will see many things.

God is unchangeable in both essence and behavior. We have studied that and proven that already. God is infinite in His abilities so therefore He as God must be omniscient. If He is omniscient, then He is not now learning, nor is He taking counsel even with Himself, nor is He at any time adding to His knowledge.

If He can add to His knowledge, then He is not omniscient. The best we could say is that sometime He will be. But that is not Scriptural. He **IS** omniscient. He has never had a new thought about anything because all His thoughts He has always had and always will have, and knows the end from the beginning because He is God.

THUS THE THOUGHTS OF GOD ARE ETERNAL. THEY ARE REAL. They are not simply like a man with a blueprint he has drawn up and which one day will be translated into substance and form, but they are already real and eternal, and part of God. See how this works. God always had His thoughts for Adam. Adam, as His thoughts, was yet unexpressed.

Psalm 139:15-16 will give you a little idea of this, "**My substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret,**

and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in Thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them."

That, as I said, was not written about Adam but it gives you the idea and knowledge that the thought was there in His mind, and that thought was eternal and had to be expressed. So when Adam was formed of the dust of the earth and his spiritual being created by God, then Adam became God's thought expressed, and those eternal thoughts were now manifested.

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - 7 - The Sardisean Church Age Now let us go another step, but before we do let us review our case thus far. First of all, we know most assuredly that the purpose of God stands in election. It was purposed in Himself. It was God's purpose to bring forth a people like unto Himself that would be a Word Bride.

She was chosen before the foundation of the world IN HIM. She was foreknown and beloved before she was ever brought forth during the ages upon the earth. She was redeemed by His blood and can NEVER come into condemnation. She can never be in the judgment because sin cannot be imputed unto her.

Romans 4:8, “Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.” But indeed she shall be with Him in His throne of judgment, judging the world and even angels. Her name (each of her members) was written in a **section of the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world.**

Secondly, there is another class. Their names are also in the Book of Life and they will come up in the **second resurrection.** Such are the foolish virgins and the righteous as are spoken of in Matthew 25. In this class also are those who do not worship the beast or become involved in the antichrist system but die for their faith **even though they are not in the bride**, not having been born again.

But they will come up in the second resurrection and go into eternal life. Thirdly, there are the borderline Christians such as we saw in Israel coming out of Egypt. These had their names in the Book of Life and their works written in the books. These having failed to obey God and being void of the Spirit, though even the signs and wonders were amongst them, will have their names **removed from the Book of Life.**

Amongst this group will be the ones like Judas who though entirely void of the Spirit, but are religious, will have **manifestation in their lives**, and though on the books were not the elected IN HIM. Such also as Balaam will be in that group. Fourth and finally, are the ones whose names have never been or will ever be written on the books.

Such are found in Revelation 13:8 and Revelation 17:8, “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” “The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”

Jesus said that a certain group would accept one who came in his own name. That one is the antichrist. And that is exactly what it says of them in Revelation 13:8, and 17:8. **These were ordained of God but not unto election.** And with this group is such that are as Pharaoh.

It says of him, “Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up.” “Vessels of wrath fitted to destruction.” Romans 9:17 and 22. None of these would be placed on the records of life. I am not saying that there is no record of them. No doubt there is some kind of a record of them, but NOT IN THE RECORDS OF LIFE.

Their purpose of existence has been dealt with slightly in the rest of this book but we can add two more Scriptures. Proverbs 16:4, “The Lord hath made the wicked for the day of evil.” Job 21:30, “...the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.”

Since this portion of the Word is hard for the human mind to grasp, it must be accepted and believed by faith. Some will be offended by what I have set forth because they fail to understand the sovereignty of God which sets forth that GOD IS GOD, and because He is God one cannot defeat His counsels or thwart His will and purpose;

but He, being omnipotent, is ruling in ALL affairs and is doing whatever He will with all His creation because all were created for His good pleasure. Therefore, as Paul says, “If God should take of one lump of clay and make of that same lump one vessel unto honor and another vessel unto dishonor, who can be offended and cry against Him?”

That He has the right to do this on the grounds of creation alone, we cannot deny. Yet He went even further, for according to Romans 14:7-9, we have the irrefutable proof that Jesus paid the purchase price of the whole world, and therefore He can do as He wills with His own.

“For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ both died and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord BOTH OF THE DEAD AND LIVING.” (Ownership; NOT relationship is meant here.)

This is also set forth in John 17:2, “As Thou hast given Him power OVER ALL FLESH, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him.” Now, if we impute omniscience to God, we must also accept that He is perfect in wisdom and righteousness. This plan of election and reprobation is the wisdom of God revealed in all ages even, as it says in

Ephesians 1:3-11, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all Spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: having predestinated us

unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved. In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; wherein He hath abounded toward us in all WISDOM and

prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself; that in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: in Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will.”

Thus if God has so designed that there be those whose names are placed in a section of the Lamb's Book of Life and cannot be erased **for they are the names of His bride**, then we must accept that. If it also states that there are those whose names were placed in the record of the Book of Life but in the foreknowledge of God they were to fall and have their names removed we must accept that.

And if there are those whose names were NEVER placed upon a record of life, we must accept that, also. And if there are those who will enter into life eternal after the White Throne judgment solely on the grounds of being good and kind and just to the elect of God who are His brethren, then we cannot but **accept that**. **FOR WHO KNOWETH THE MIND OF THE LORD THAT HE SHOULD INSTRUCT HIM?** Rather let us be subject in faith to Him Who is our Father and live.

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - 9 - The Laodicean Church Age

But now He is standing in the midst of the Church. As He stands there revealing **Who He is in this last age**, He calls Himself the "Author of the creation of God." This is ANOTHER CREATION. This has to do with the church.

This is a special designation of Himself. He is the CREATOR of that church. The heavenly Bridegroom created his own bride. As the Spirit of God, He came down and created in the virgin Mary the cells from which His body was born.

I want to repeat that. He created the very cells in the womb of Mary for that body. **It was not enough** for the Holy Spirit to simply give life to a human ovum supplied by Mary. That would have been sinful mankind producing a body. That would not have produced the “Last Adam.” Of Him it was said, “Lo, a body hast Thou

(Father) prepared for Me.” God (not Mary) provided that body. Mary was the human incubator and she carried that Holy Child and brought Him to birth. It was a God-man. He was the Son of God. He was of the NEW creation. Man and God met and joined; **He was the first of this new race. He is the head of this new race.**

Colossians 1:18, “And He is the head of the body, the church: Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence.”

II Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new.” There you can see that though man was of the OLD ORDER or creation, now in UNION WITH CHRIST, he has become the NEW CREATION of God.

Ephesians 2:10, “For we are His workmanship, CREATED IN UNION WITH CHRIST JESUS unto good works.” Ephesians 4:24, “And that ye put on the NEW MAN, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

This New Creation is not the old creation made over, **or it could not be called a new creation.** This is exactly what it says it is, “NEW CREATION.” It is another creation, distinct from the old one. No longer is He dealing by ways of the flesh. That was how He dealt with Israel. He chose Abraham, and of Abraham’s issue through the godly Isaac line.

But now out of every kindred, tribe and nation He has purposed a new creation. He is the first of that creation. He was God created in the form of man. **Now by His Spirit He is creating many Sons unto Himself.** God the creator, creating Himself a part of His creation. **This is the true revelation of God.**

This was His purpose. This purpose took form through election. That is why He could look right down to the last age when all would be over and see Himself still in the midst of the church, as author of this New Creation of God. His Sovereign power brought it to pass. By His own decree He elected the members of this New Creation.

He predestinated them to the adoption of children according to the good pleasure of His will. By His omniscience and omnipotence He brought it to pass. How else could He know that He would be standing in the midst of the church receiving glory from His brethren if He did not make sure? All things He knew, and all things He worked out according to what He knew in order that His purpose and good pleasure be brought to pass.

Ephesians 1:11, “In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will.” Hallelujah! Aren’t you glad that you belong to Him!

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - 8 - The Philadelphian Church Age “He That hath the key of David.” This beautiful phrase follows and comes out of the preceding phrase, “**He that is true.**” — Christ, **the Perfect Realization, contrasted with Partial Realization.**

Here it is. Moses was a prophet of God, but Jesus (like unto Moses) was **THE Prophet of God.** David (a man after God’s own heart) was king of Israel, but Jesus is the Greater David, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, God very God. Now David was born of the tribe of Judah out of whom no priests came, yet he ate of the shewbread reserved for priests.

He was the great warrior overcoming the enemy, establishing the people; as king he sat on the throne. He was a prophet. He was a wonderful type of Christ. Now it says in Isaiah 22:22, “**And the key of the house of David will I lay upon His shoulder; so He shall open, and none shall shut; and He shall shut, and none shall open.**”

The Spirit uses this Old Testament reference concerning the Lord Jesus Christ and **His ministry in the church.** What the key of David signified at that time is mere shadow, which is now

fulfilled in Jesus standing in the midst of the lampstands. It has to do with our Lord AFTER His resurrection and not His earthly pilgrimage. But what does this key signify? The answer lies in the POSITION of the key. It is NOT in His hand. It is not worn around His neck.

It is not placed in the hands of other men, or the verse could not be saying that HE ALONE HAS THE USE OF THAT KEY — FOR HE ALONE OPENS AND SHUTS, AND NO MAN has that right but Jesus Himself. Isn't that right? But where is the key? IT IS ON HIS SHOULDER. But what does SHOULDER have to do with it?

Read Isaiah 9:6, “**And the government shall be upon His shoulder.**” But what does this mean? The answer is this. The phrase, “**government upon His shoulder**” comes from the wedding ceremony of the East. When the bride has been committed to the groom she takes off her veil and places it over the groom’s shoulders,

signifying that not only is she under his dominion — that she has transferred her rights to him — that he is the head — but also that he bears the responsibility and the care and that HE AND HE ALONE — NO ONE ELSE — NO OTHER MAN — NO OTHER POWER — HAS ANY RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY.

And that, beloved, is the KEY of David. God being Sovereign, He foreknew by Divine decree exactly who would be in His

bride. **He chose her. She did not choose Him.** He called her. She did not come on her own. He died for her. He washed her in His own blood. He paid the price for her. She belongs to Him and to Him alone.

She is wholly committed to Him and He accepts the obligation. He is her head, **for Christ is the head of His church.** As Sarah called Abraham, Lord, even so the bride is happy that He is her Lord. He speaks and she obeys for that is her delight.

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You're standing, completely. You never sinned at the first place. God don't even know nothing. It's in the Sea of Forgetfulness. You never did it. You were accused of it, by the accuser. But really, from the beginning, you were predestinated to be a son and daughter of God. You're standing there, washed. And your old book of divorcement is put away, and it's dead, absolutely out of existence, even in the mind of God.

270 You're the virtuous Bride of Christ, washed in the Blood of Christ. Precious, virtuous, sinless Son of God standing with a pure, **unadulterated Bride-Word that He washed by the Water of His Own Blood;** that become flesh and manifested, that He might take you which were predestinated in the bosom of the Father, before the beginning, the same as He was. He was that great attribute of God, called "love."

271 Whatever you are, you are servants of God, whatever God wants you to do, where your place is. "God placed in the Church, some apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors..." He placed that by virtue of His Own predestination. And you were that, to begin with.

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16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

60-1231 - Revelation, Chapter Four Part I 84 But, finally, right at that crucial hour, they heard the sand turning under the wheels, the horses coming. What a thing it was to see that little bride that made herself ready, jump out of the door, and around through the rose-covered trellis out there, to fly into the arms of the man that she loved, and to be her husband, to pick her up in like that, and be married and ride away.

AMEN,