

## Who Am I? The Bride of Christ!

### I. Concept of the Bride

A. Bride/Wife - picture of relationship God ordained with Him

1. Song of Solomon –
2. Apostle Paul -
3. Book of Revelation -

B. OT vs NT –

\*Note about Hebrew custom:

1. OT –
2. NT –

### II. Characteristics of the Church as His Bride – Just a Few!

[Assignment: Find Scripture that illustrates these points.]

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.
- F.
- G.

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### III. Calling of the Bride – Intimacy and Rulership

Quote from *Destined for the Throne* by Paul Billheimer p. 23 - 'As the Lord of history, God is controlling all of its events, not only on earth but in all realms, to serve His purpose of bringing to maturity and eventually to enthronement with His Son, not angels or archangels, but the Church, His chosen Bride. From this it is implicit that romance is at the heart of the universe and the key to all existence. From all eternity God purposed that at some time in the future His Son should have an Eternal Companion, described by John the Revelator as 'the bride, the Lamb's wife' (Rev 21:9). John further revealed that this Eternal Companion in God's eternal purpose is to share the Bridegroom's throne following the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Rev 3:21). Here we see the ultimate purpose, the climactic goal of history.'

"He entered into the stream of human history for this one purpose, to claim His Beloved (Rev 19:6,9; Rev 21:7,9,10) .... From before the foundation of the world until the dawn of eternal ages, God has been working towards one grand event, one supreme end" - Quote from Billheimer p. 26

#### A. INTIMACY

1. Characterized by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Song of Solomon 3:1-4
  - b) Isaiah 62:5 –
  - c) **Assignment:** Search out *some other references* to the passion, longing and seeking that God intends to be part of our relationship!!
  - d) Passionate communion with Him in evidence today through \_\_\_\_\_
2. Eph 5:23-32 –
3. Union/Communion/One Flesh –
  - a) John 17:21-
  - b) 1 Cor 6:16 –

B. RULERSHIP

1. Joint Heirs –
  
2. Biblical foundation -
  
3. God is working, orchestrating, weaving circumstances and events together NOW to \_\_\_\_\_ the Bride for ruling and reigning with Him.