



**God \_\_\_\_\_ Adam's marriage to picture Christ**

*Ephesians 1:1; Colossians 1:27*

Old Testament pictures of the Gentile bride:

- Adam & his gentile bride, Eve (Genesis 2:23-24)
- Isaac & his gentile bride, Rebekah (Genesis 24:67)
- Joseph & his gentile bride, Asenath (Genesis 41:45)
- Moses & his gentile bride, Zipporah (Exodus 2:21)
- Boaz & his gentile bride, Ruth (Ruth 4:13)
- Solomon & his gentile bride, Shulamite (Song of Solomon 6:13)

The picture of the first marriage:

- When God made the first Adam fall into a deep sleep in order to create the woman, He did so picturing the death that the last Adam, Christ, would endure to create His bride, the church.
- When God took a rib from Adam, transformed it into the woman, and gave it back to him as a bride, He foreshadowed that the church would be members of Christ's flesh and of His bones.
- When God formed Eve to be a help to Adam's commission, He did so in fore-planning of us being a help to Christ's mission of filling the earth with sons of God.
- As God recorded that marriage involved leaving and cleaving, He prescribed the exclusive and intimate relationship between Christ and the church.
- As God foreknew that the woman's sin would cause Adam to take the punishment of death, He portrayed how Christ would take the punishment of death for the sin of His bride.
- When God called them both by the same name (Adam, Genesis 5:2), He foretold that the church would be one with Christ – even being called by His name.

The Jewish Wedding process:

- The Espousal (*2 Corinthians 11:2; Romans 7:4; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 1:13-14; John 14:2; Ephesians 5:26-27*)
- The Wedding (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; John 14:3; Matthew 25:1-13*)
- The Feast (*Revelation 19:7-21; Matthew 22:1-14*)

**God \_\_\_\_\_ your marriage to picture Christ**  
*Titus 2:3-5; John 3:16-17*

1) Wives must picture humble \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ

*Your own husbands... v.22*

*As unto the Lord... v.22*

*In every thing... v.23-24*

Results of a distorted picture:

- Our children defy Christ's authority.
- Our children rebel against Christ's authority.
- Our children selectively submit to Christ's authority.
- Our society thinks God cannot handle life's circumstances

2) Husbands must picture sacrificial \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ

*As Christ... gave himself for it... v.25*

*Sanctify and cleanse it... v.26-27*

*Nourisheth and cherisheth it... v.28-29*

Results of a distorted picture:

- Our children think Christ's love must be earned.
- Our children think Christ's love is conditional.
- Our children think Christ's love is inaccessible.
- Our society thinks Christ is judgmental
- Our society thinks Christ is distant.