

[25] Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, [26] that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, [27] so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

[31] “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” [32] This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. [33] However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

(Ephesians 5:25-27,31-33 ESV)

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[6] Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.[7] Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; [8] it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. [9] And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

(Revelation 19:6-9 ESV)

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[2] For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. [3] But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

(2 Corinthians 11:2-3 ESV)

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[17] And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

(Revelation 22:17 ESV)

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- our longing to love and be loved

### The ultimate romance

- the picture of marriage <sup>1</sup>
- the three ways of Lewis

### The ultimate wedding

- the bridegroom <sup>2</sup>
- the wedding <sup>3</sup>

### The ultimate home

- the new world <sup>4</sup>

### The ultimate engagement

- engaged <sup>5</sup>
- not engaged <sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Ephesians 5:25-33

<sup>2</sup> Matthew 9:14-15; 25:1; John 3:28-30

<sup>3</sup> Revelation 19:6-9; Isaiah 62:5; Revelation 7:13; Ephesians 5:26

<sup>4</sup> Revelation 21:1-4; 22:17,20

<sup>5</sup> 2 Corinthians 11:2-3

<sup>6</sup> Revelation 22:17

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