***The Church Engaged with the Holy Spirit (Revelation 22:17) – Part 2***

The church worldwide will be in dynamic unity with the Spirit before Jesus returns. Thus, the Spirit will be moving through the church in power. This describes the church functioning in four ways:

1. Anointed with the Spirit
2. Engaged with intercession
3. Established in our bridal identity
4. Effective in the harvest

The Holy Spirit, for the first time in history, will universally emphasize the church’s spiritual identity as Jesus’ bride. Notice that Jogn does no proclaim that the Spirit and the *family* say, “Come,” nor the spirit and the *army*, nor the *kingdom*, nor the *body*, nor the *temple*, nor the *priesthood*. Rather, it is the Spirit resting on the church as a *bride*.

Forever we will rejoice in the reality of our identity as God’s army, family, body, temple, priesthood, and kingdom. As sons of God, we are in the position to experience ***God’s throne*** as heirs of His power (Revelation 3:21, Romans 8:17).

As the bride, we are in position to experience ***God’s heart*** (emotions or affections). As the church sees Jesus as the bridegroom King, they will see themselves as a cherished bride.

Just as women are sons of God, so also men are part of the bride of Christ. Both describe a position of privilege before God rather than pointing to something that is intrinsically male or female.

Some men struggle with being part of the bride of Christ because they wrongly conclude that it is a call to become less masculine. This truth does not undermine one’s masculinity, but strengthens it. Some of the greatest men of God functioned in truths associated with the church’s bridal identity.