***The Church Engaged with the Holy Spirit (Revelation 22:17) – Part 4***

**Jesus the Bridegroom Has Fiery Affections**

He has burning desire and longing for His people. The church will be cleansed by the word that points to the “cherishing heart” of Jesus (Ephesians 5:29).

“As the Father loved Me, **I also have loved you;** abide in My love.”  
John 15:9

“That He might... cleanse her… by the Word… present her… a glorious church… for no one ever hated his flesh, but nourished and **cherishes** it, **as the Lord does the Church**.  
Ephesians 5:26-29

**Jesus the Bridegroom King Possesses Indescribable Beauty**

He fascinates our hearts (Isaiah 33:17).

“**Your eyes will see** the King in His **beauty**…”  
Isaiah 33:17

“In that day the Branch of the Lord [Jesus] shall be **beautiful** and glorious…”  
Isaiah 4:2

**Jesus the Bridegroom is Filled with Tender Mercy**

He is gentle with our weakness. Some confuse spiritual immaturity with rebellion. God is angry at rebellion, but He is tender and merciful towards sincere yet weak believers who seek to obey Him. Jesus enjoys us even in our weakness.

“He delivered me [David] **because He delighted in me**. Your **gentleness** made me great.”  
Psalm 18:19, 35

Jesus the bridegroom has a ***heart of gladness***: Jesus had more gladness than any man in history (Hebrew 1:9). Many view God as mostly mad or mostly sad when He relates to His people. However, Jesus is mostly glad when He relates to His people, even in their weakness.

“God has anointed You with the **oil of gladness more than** Your companions.”  
Hebrew 1:9

**Jesus the Bridegroom is Zealous**

His judgments remove all that hinder love (Zechariah 8:2; John 2:17).

“I am **zealous** for Zion with **great zeal**; with great favor I am zealous for her.”  
Zechariah 8:1-2

Let us know our bridegroom king and judge. Meditate; see Him for who He is in the end times.