

Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles

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The Church Engaged with the Holy Spirit (Rev. 22:17) (Part 2)

This prophecy emphasizes that we will “call out” in two different directions.

First, we call out to Jesus in intercession to “come to us.”

Second, we call out to people who thirst to “come to Jesus.” We call believers (discipleship) and unbelievers (evangelism) to experience the Bridegroom God.

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 in 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 John does not 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 (Rev. 3:21; Rom. 8:17). As the Bride, we are in position to experience God’s heart (emotions or affections). As the Church sees Jesus as a 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.

Prayer:

Father, help us. We ask to fully enter our bridal identity! We ask to grow into reflecting the image of the bridegroom King and Judge.