

THE CHURCH: THE BRIDE OF CHRIST
Selected Scriptures

The church.

- The **body** of Christ. Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 12:12-13
- The **universal** church. Acts 8:3, 9:31; 1 Cor. 12:28, 15:9; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18
- The **local** church. 1 Thess. 1:1; 1 Cor. 4:17; 2 Cor. 11:8; Gal. 1:2; Eph. 1:1; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:1; Rev. 2-3

The bridegroom. Matt. 9:15, 25:1-13; John 3:29; Rev. 19:6-9

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The bride (the church).

- **Connection**. John 3:16, 1:12; Rom. 10:8-10
- **Conscience**. Matt. 25:1-13; 1 Thess. 4:13-17
- **Commitment**. Luke 9:28; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18; 2 Pet. 3:18; Eph. 4:10-17

Wedding ceremony.

- The bride is **selected** by the groom's father. Gen. 24:1-67; John 15:16, 16:44
- The **price** paid for the bride (dowry). Matt. 26:39; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 Cor. 6:19-20
- **Betrothal** of bride and groom. Matt. 1:18; Hos. 2:19-20; Jer. 2:2; 2 Cor. 1:20
- The bride's "I **do**." John 1:12; Rom. 10:8-10
- The bridegroom's **gift** to the bride. John 14:15-17, 14:26, 15:26-27
- The **cup** of the covenant. Jer. 31:32-33; Matt. 26:28
- The **cleansing** of the bride. Eph. 5:31
- Departure of the bridegroom to **prepare** for the bride. John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9
- **Return** of the bridegroom for the bride. Matt. 25:6; 1 Pet. 4:13-17