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8 GREAT THINGS ABOUT BEING A CHURCH MEMBER



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The Bride of Christ

Ephesians 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Rev 19:7-8 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.”





The Wedding Banquet

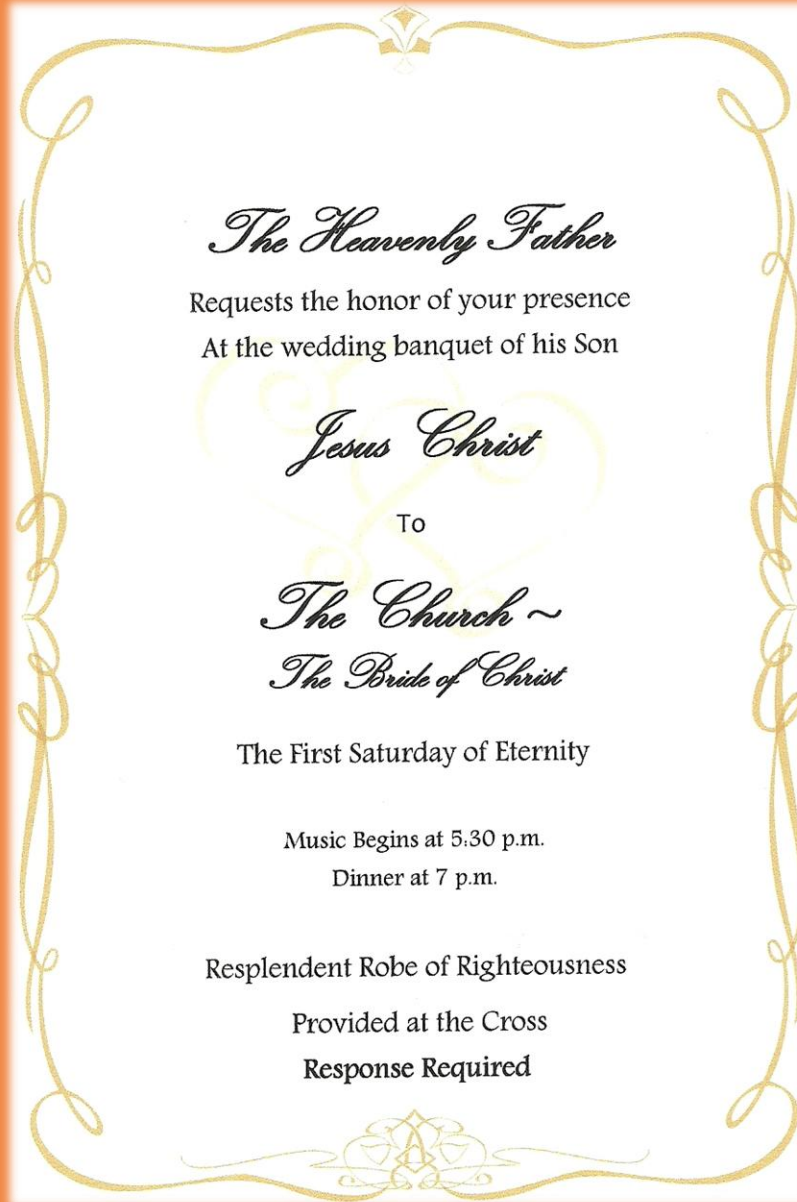
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The Invitation



Matt 22: 4 “Everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.”

v5 But they paid no attention and went off - one to his field, another to his business.





Indifference and Ill-will



"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance, the only thing it cannot be is moderately important."

CS Lewis





The Instruction

Matt 22: 9 “So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.”



2 Peter 3:9 He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance





The Interloper

Matt 22:12 “How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?”



Matt 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.”





The Imperative

“Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.”

“go and make disciples of all nations”

“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

“..... but wait for the gift.....”





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- Wait for the Spirit
- Make sure you are “properly dressed”
- Pray for those who have not yet accepted the invite, and for opportunities to pass it on.
- Consider what are your street corners, highways and byways?
We all have them.
- Be prepared for difficulties and opposition
- Know that we go with the authority of the King



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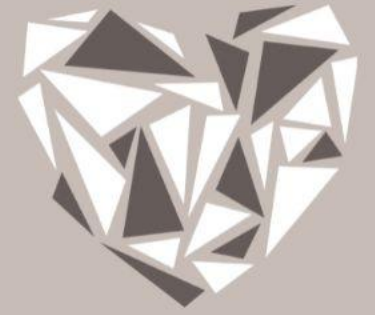
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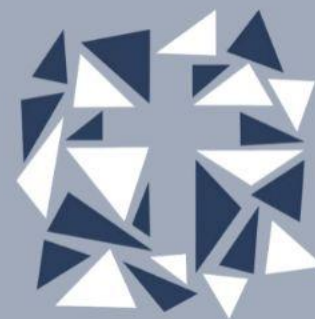
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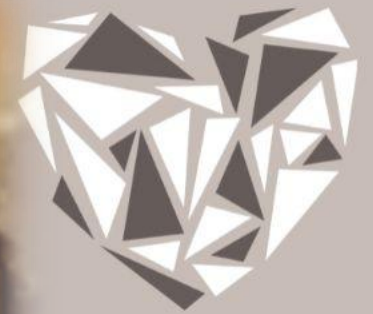


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