

# Marriage



## MARRIAGE PART 10 - RIGHTEOUS ACTS AND BEING READY

So far in relation to the wedding garments, we have looked at 3 things.

1. What does it mean to be made ready?
2. What is the garment of righteousness?
3. What is the garment of the righteous acts of the saints?

In part 10 we will combine all 3 of these truths together to reveal to us the life that we are all called and chosen to live out as His church, His people, His bride, now on earth.

As previously stated the bride is made ready on earth, not in Heaven, so it is imperative that we fully grasp the eternal purpose of God for His people, you and I, otherwise we will suffer loss at our judgement seat of Christ.

Firstly, God clothes us in the garment of righteousness, where the Son gives us His garment for our garment of filthy rags. It's a beautiful exchange, where the One who is everything gives of Himself, to the one who is nothing, so the one who is nothing can become the righteousness of God.

***2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.***

This is the free gift of salvation which the Scriptures declare of. We are justified by His grace through faith in Jesus Christ. This free gift that we are given is Jesus Himself. He was given for us and on our behalf, so we can fully enter into the presence of God now and in the future, spending our eternity with Him for ever.

This is the start, the beginning of becoming the bride of Christ, and as I have stated many times, just because we all receive Jesus in this way doesn't mean we will in fact be His bride and be at the wedding feast.

This garment of righteousness, or this justified position in Christ, now empowers us to enter into the first part of being made ready, the sanctification process, commonly known as the bridal preparation process. This is where on the inside of us we are transformed into the image of Christ, where through the Spirit and faith in the Truth, we are given His nature, character and life on the inside of us.

***Romans 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.***

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***Galatians 4:19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you***

***2 Peter 1:3-4 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.***

***John 4:13-14 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."***

This is all the internal part of being made ready, which the bride will undertake. This is the maturing process which forms the fruit of Christ's life in us, commonly known as Christ in us the hope of glory.

The second part of this being made ready is the accomplishment of the works God has predestined us to do before the foundations of the earth.

These works are all centred, initiated, empowered and led by Him. They are not our works or our good intentions, but His works which He calls us to accomplish through His grace.

***Colossians 1:29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.***

***1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.***

***Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.***

***James 2:18 But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works."***

***Hebrews 11: 32-33 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions.***

***John 5:30 "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.***

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Works that are centred, initiated, empowered and led by man or self, are flesh works and are burnt up at our judgement seat, no matter how spiritual they may be and appear.

The bride who is being made ready on earth will be engaging in both of these realities above and will be presented to her Groom on that day, as a spotless and blameless virgin. One who has never been with the world and one who lived for the purpose of the Will of the Father, exactly as her Groom did.

The only question that remains is are we as His people actually being made ready as per this Spiritual Way?

## QUESTIONS

1. How impacting has this resource been on you and why?
2. What are you being made aware of through this resource?
3. Why is the bride made ready on earth and not in heaven?
4. Why is it only those who engage in this way, will actually be the bride?

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