

*This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. (Ephesians 5:32)*

**1. THE BRIDE SHOULD KNOW THAT SHE IS LOVED**

*Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ... (Ephesians 5:25)*

*... that you ... may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge ... (Ephesians 3:17-19)*

**2. THE BRIDE SHOULD KNOW THAT SHE IS BEING PREPARED**

*...that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word ... For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. (Ephesians 5:26, 29-30)*

*For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:2)*

**3. THE BRIDE SHOULD KNOW THAT THE BEST IS YET TO COME**

*... so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (Ephesians 5:27)*

*... for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready ... (Revelation 19:7 – see vv. 6-10)*

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