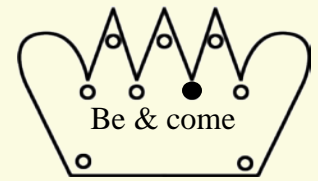


Truly Great When Christ Comes Again



5.1 Holy and Radiant

Bible Verse: Ephesians 5:25-27

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.

Proclaim: *Oh God! Please create in me a pure heart.*

Truth: Jesus Christ loved the church and gave His life for the church. He wants the church to be clean and holy at the end of all ages, becoming God's glorious church.



Scripture Reference: Proverbs 6:16-19

- Lesson:** (1) **A stained and blemished life** – *The Bible describes the church of the last days as a radiant and beautiful bride. However, those of God's people who have ungodly attitude or bad habits will be like a bride who is unclean or blemished, and dressed sloppily. The Bible also tells us that there are certain behaviors which God hates - haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that hurry to run to evil, a lying witness who testifies falsely and one who sows discord. (Proverbs 6:16-19)*
- (2) **Be a holy and radiant church** – *Our attitude and our habits totally affect the way we will be in future. Therefore, we must repent of any ungodly attitude or habit. The Lord gave His life so that we can have power for a new life, to overcome sins and be holy. In Him, we have been made new and can together become God's holy and radiant church. (Ephesians 5:24-27)*
- (3) **The Lord cleanses us by His Word** – *Everyone is born sinful by nature, but the Lord Jesus has provided cleansing for us by His words. God's words can remove bad thoughts and motivations, causing us to have Christ-likeness. How can a young man cleanse his ways? By living according to God's words. (Psalm 51:2-3; 119:9)*
- (4) **The Lord is transforming our hearts** – *There is a world famous tower in Italy, called the Tower of Pisa. It has a longstanding problem of more than 800 years - it is tilted vertically to as much as ten feet at the top. The cause is its bad foundations. As for man, God requires us to be upright, honest and trustworthy. God's words are the foundations for upright living and it is His will to form in everyone a pure heart and a righteous spirit. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (Psalm 51:10, Matthew 5:8)*

Conclusion: In the last days, God's people will become a loving and radiant church. God's holy city, Jerusalem, will worship the Lord God, together with God's people, in the light of His eternal glory.

You Will Need:	A BIBLE; VISUAL AIDS- Lesson Title and Memory verse Picture/Drawing of a Bride in a decent, white gown.
BIBLE PASSAGES	Ephesian 5: 25-27; Proverbs 6:16-19 - The Church as the Bride
NARRATION	The radiant Bride that symbolizes the Church
OBJECT LESSON	1. The Bible describes the Church as a radiant bride 2. Habits of gossip, sexual impurity, unclean talking are like unclean clothes 3. A clean, radiant bride symbolizes a holy and mature Church (Rev 21:2)
SHOW & TELL	
PRAY	Ask of God for a pure heart that is pleasing to Him. May we become a holy and radiant Church for God.