

Isaiah 62:1-5  
*Here Comes the Bride*

**Word of the Day: Bride**

- The church is compared to a Bride. (Isaiah 54:5; Matthew 9:15; 25:1-13; Mark 2:19-20; John 3:29; Ephesians 5:32; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 19:7; 21:9; 22:17)
- Isaiah 62 talks about the relationship that God will have with His people, and He uses Bride language to convey the relationship He wants with His people.
- 1 John 4:20, Revelation 21:2,9

**1. God is working for His Bride**

- The word "Until" points to the success that will be achieved.

**A) To Save Us**

*Matthew 18:14, Luke 14:12-24*

- God is working and is not silent about saving us from our sins. (Luke 19:10)

**B) To make us Righteous**

*Philippians 1:6, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Matthew 5:16, Hebrews 12*

- Righteousness is simply being in right standing with God. 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Just like a Bride who prepares for her wedding day, so we are to prepare for the marriage supper of the Lamb.
- Our righteousness is to become like a bright light or the removal of all the darkness.
- We can discipline ourselves by reading the word of God and adjusting our lives to it. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- We can also discipline ourselves by being committed to a local body of believers who encourage and challenge us to live the lives we are called to live. (James 5:19-20)

**2. The Bride is given a New Identity**

*Proverbs 27:17, Isaiah 60:1-2, 1 Peter 2:12, Proverbs 12:4, Psalm 63:8*

- For a Bride to take the name of her husband was to change her identity to become one with His.
- The idea in this verse is a woman who is a widow who has been fully restored and Everyone will see the transformation that has taken place in her life.
- Crown of Splendor: Crowns were worn for the wedding day placing extra importance on the Bride and Groom.
- "In the Palm of your God" There is not much explanation about what this means, and some do not know the full meaning, but they all agree that if something is in God's hand then it is special.

**3. God Delights in His Bride**

*1 Peter 2:9*

- Forsaken are how the people felt by God because of the sin in their lives.
- Desolate demonstrates the destruction done by the enemy
- Do you see God looking at you and being pleased?
- Again, the only way God can delight over you is because of Jesus Christ not because of anything you have done or will do. (Colossians 3:1-4)

**4. God Rejoices over His Bride**

*Luke 15:7, Zephaniah 3:17*

- The Idea here is like newlyweds on their wedding day who show great Joy for each other.

**Closing**

- Are you preparing for the ultimate wedding day?
- Do you see yourself as the Bride of Christ who is to prepare herself for her groom?
- The first step is to accept the gift of salvation that is through Jesus Christ
- Then you are to continually work to clean yourself up through the power of the Holy Spirit and discipline with fellow believers.
- God is working for His bride, and you can know that no matter what you are going through God is going to use it to prepare you for the marriage supper of the Lamb. (Revelation 19)

**Devotions**

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1. What does verse 1 tell us our righteousness should be like?
2. Why is it important for our righteousness to be like those things?
3. What does Matthew 5:16 tell us about our righteousness?
4. What are we given in verse 2 and what is the significance of it?
5. What does verse 3 say we will be?
6. Have you ever felt deserted by God?
7. What promises are found in verse 4?
8. What do you think it means that God rejoices over you in verse 5?
9. Why is it difficult for some to understand that God rejoices and delights in us?

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*John 15:5*

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