



## Christ and the Church (Another Marriage Made in Heaven)

- **The church is the bride of Christ**, 2 Corinthians 11:2; Romans 7:4; Ephesians 5:22-25.
  - Jesus has but one bride! Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4.
- **There is loving leadership**, Ephesians 5:25.
  - Christ does not relinquish His leadership role to the church!
  - Adam did not assume his leadership role. I Timothy 2:11-14; Genesis 3:6. "The saddest chapter."
  - No relationship more adversely affected by sin than that of a husband and a wife!

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- **There must be willing submission**, Ephesians 5:24; Colossians 3:17; Revelation 22:18-19.
- **There must be diligent service**. Romans 6:4; 12:1-2; Hebrews 10:25; I Corinthians 15:58.
- **There is delightful fellowship**.
  - With God, I Corinthians 1:9; 10:16; I John 1:3.
  - With each other, I John 1:3; Philippians 1:5; 4:14-16.
- **There is a heavenly reward**. Matthew 5:12; I Peter 1:4; Philippians 3:20-21.

## Conclusion:

- **A Scriptural, happy marriage**, where all parties lovingly function as God ordained, can be the happiest relationship this side of heaven. Every person who contemplates marriage should make up his or her mind to make theirs "a marriage made in heaven."
- **Biblically speaking**, as it relates to accountable people, no unmarried person can go to heaven. One must be married to Christ; he or she must be a part of His bride, the church.