

The Bride of Christ in the End Times (part 4)
The Bride of Christ set apart

For those whom He foreknew, He also destined from the beginning to be molded into the image of His Son, that He might become the firstborn among many brethren (Rom. 8:29). The Bride of Christ was set apart not only for salvation, as many believers think so, but also to be molded, changed, through the sanctification of the HOLY SPIRIT. The Bride of Christ must realize that once she died with Him, at the time of her regeneration, it is demanded of her to renounce the elemental notion of following the world and its demands, to aim at the things that pertain to her eternal home where her Lord and Savior is. Only fleeing from all that has to do with the world, as YAHWEH demands her to do, will she be able to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith; love steadfastness and gentleness of heart, for the empty and vain purposes of the world distract her away from fulfilling YAHWEH'S purposes. In this end time, the Bride of Christ has the torch to lighten it in places where darkness abounds to shine the light of YAHSHUA, to bring knowledge and understanding of salvation for all. We have been chosen to represent Him in presenting His love with a pure and sanctified life: "tenderhearted pity and mercy, kind feeling, a lowly opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, patience, forbearing with one another, readily pardoning each other." YAHSHUA said, You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed you, that you might go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit may be lasting (John 15:16).

The Bride of Christ was equipped with everything necessary to live a holy life and to partake it for the purpose of building the Bride of Christ –His universal Church by ways of ministering and encouraging until perfect unity is achieved. In her position of being chosen and set apart, she is YAHWEH'S witness in this end time and she carries a great responsibility of representing Him to the world. To Timothy Paul said, Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency, whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable; and convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching, for the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate sound and wholesome instruction, by, having ears itching, they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold, and will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions (II Tim. 4: 2-4). The Bride's sense of urgency must persevere in this end times, when the world is turning against all she has to say, because the evil days have arrived upon her. As chosen and set apart she carries the tittle of Heralds for Christ; the battle is before her to fight it with calmness, endurance, and in persistence of faith obeying the command to tell. In the unity of the Spirit, she will keep the "harmony in the binding power of peace", for we are one in Him, with "one hope", united in one faith in one Lord. The devastating mistake that the Bride has made from the beginning was that of doctrinal differences. The Word of YAHWEH says that we are one, glued together by the bond of love to be His messengers; YAHSHUA'S prayer was that we would be one as He and His Father are one. So in this end times the Bride of Christ must turn away from the doctrinal differences to embrace togetherness with one

message of salvation for the world in desperate need to be saved. Only united will she accomplish the divine calling for which she was also set apart.

The Bride of Christ set apart to live a holy life covers the whole aspect of YAHWEH'S purpose for her life. In holiness she will abide by the commands of her Master YAHSHUA; in holiness, she will walk close to Him; in holiness she will be ever so prepared to love and reflect on the presence of the HOLY SPIRIT in her. In holiness, she will not spare her life to deny her Lord; in holiness she will be presented to the Father in "glorious splendor, without blemish or wrinkle or any such things" (Ephesians 5: 27). The temptation of this end times before the Bride of Christ is to renounce the faith and follow the ideas of the world, because they are the majorities'; remember, however, that this idea is futile and out of place in the life of the Bride of Christ, for we are not to be given to despair and misery; we are to stand in faith believing in Him to preserve our soul. As Peter said, We have been born again to an ever-living hope through the resurrection of YAHSHUA MESSIAH, [born anew] into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of change and decay, unsullied and unfading, reserved in heaven for you (us), who are being guarded by YAHWEH'S power through faith [till you fully inherit that final] salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time (I Peter 1:3-5). How could we give up such great hope in the promises given us? The distress of this end times is to test and purify the Bride of Christ to attain the promises of YAHWEH.

The Bride of Christ was purchased with the precious blood of her MESSIAH YAHSHUA, a price no one could ever value in this earth or in heaven. This profound reason of her being set apart should be of great consideration for all His Bride. When one considers the amount of pain the Savior suffered to rescue His Bride from eternal condemnation that should be enough for one to be faithful to the end, and overlook all the sufferings, which were meant to conform the Bride to be more like YAHSHUA. "Let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable and faithful to his word" (Heb. 10:23). Many are called, but few are chosen and set apart for His kingdom. The gate that leads to heaven is narrow, and so is the way. We will do well to get up from our frustrations and embrace with faith and hope the privilege of being chosen and set apart for Him; It is a pity for the Bride of Christ to express sadness, fear and anxiety, as if she were left here orphan bereaved and without hope. The Bride of Christ is chosen to be citizens of heaven and nothing in this sphere called earth should be of such importance to the point of taking her to the pit of depression. The Bride of Christ misrepresents, with her anxious behavior, the faithfulness of her Lord in fulfilling His promises to her.

The Bride of Christ misses her position with and in Christ, because of her ignorance of Scriptures; the Lord has set the table for her, but few are those who will sit to feast at His table by the reading of His Word to get to know Him, to be acquainted with Him and His promises for this end time. In the early mornings He calls her to eat breakfast with Him, but she is too busy getting ready to accommodate her life style to the world's; the Bride of Christ wants to be set apart, but she does not want to accept the responsibility of self-denial nor give up the entanglements of the world, to follow Christ, as set apart to holiness. The end times will be the time of refining the Bride of Christ and there will be few who will be able to persevere to the

end; You will do well to pay close attention to the Word of YAHWEH as to submit to His holiness and take your position of set apart unto Him in holiness of behavior and endurance and perseverance of faith to the end, for you to be found worthy of Him and His promises.