

Overview: The entire Bible is a divine romance, a record of how God courts His chosen people and eventually marries them. As God's people love God and spend time to fellowship with Him in His word, God infuses them with His divine element, making them one with Him as His spouse. In Genesis 2 we see a picture of Christ and the church in the types of Adam and Eve. "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper as his counterpart". Jehovah God built the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman and brought her to the man. The man said, "This time this is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh" Only those who are regenerated of Christ and who live by Christ as the church can match Christ and complement Him.

I. The entire Bible is a divine romance, a record of how God courts His chosen people and eventually marries them: A. When we as God's people enter into a love relationship with God, we receive His life, just as Eve received the life of Adam.
B. It is this life that enables us to become one with God and makes Him one with us.
C. In order for God and His people to be one, there must be a mutual love between them.
D. The love between God and His people unfolded in the Bible is primarily like the affectionate love between a man and a woman.
E. As God's people love God and spend time to fellowship with Him in His word, God infuses them with His divine element, making them one with Him as His spouse, the same as He is in life, nature, and expression.]]

II. In Genesis 2 we see a picture of Christ and the church in the types of Adam and Eve:
A. Adam typifies God in Christ as the real, universal Husband, who is seeking a wife for Himself.
B. "Jehovah God said, It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper as his counterpart"—Gen. 2:18: **1.** Adam's need for a wife typifies and portrays God's need, in His economy, to have a wife as His counterpart, His complement (lit., His parallel). **2.** Although God, Christ, is absolutely and eternally perfect, He is not complete without the church as His wife. **3.** God desires to have both Adam, typifying Christ, and Eve, typifying the church; His purpose is to "let them have dominion" His purpose is to have a victorious Christ plus a victorious church, a Christ who has overcome the work of the devil plus a church that has overthrown the work of the devil; God wants Christ and the church to have dominion.]]

III. We need to see what God did in order to produce a counterpart for Himself: A. From the ground God formed every animal of the field and every bird of heaven and brought them to Adam, "and the man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of heaven and to every animal of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper as his counterpart"—Gen. 2:19-20:

1. The wife must be the same as the husband in life, nature, and expression.

2. Among the cattle, the birds, and the animals, Adam did not find a counterpart for himself, one that could match him.

B. In order to produce a counterpart for Himself, God first became a man, as typified by God's creation of Adam.

C. "Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place"—Gen. 2:21:

1. Adam's deep sleep for the producing of Eve as his wife typifies Christ's death on the cross for the producing of the church as His counterpart.]]

2. In the Bible sleep often refers to death. **3.** Christ's death is the life-releasing, life-imparting, life-propagating, life-multiplying, life-reproducing death, which is signified by the grain of wheat falling into the ground to die and to grow up in order to produce many grains for the making of the loaf, which is the Body, the church. **4.** Through Christ's death the divine life within Him was released, and through His resurrection His released divine life was imparted into His believers for the constituting of the church. **5.** Through such a process God in Christ has been wrought into man with His life and nature so that man can be the same as God in life and nature in order to match Him as His counterpart.

D. "Jehovah God built the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman and brought her to the man"—Gen. 2:22: **1.** The rib taken from Adam's opened side typifies the unbreakable indestructible eternal life of Christ, which flowed out of His pierced side to impart life to His believers for the producing and building up of the church as His counterpart:]]

a. Out of Christ's side came blood and water, but all that came out of Adam's side was the rib without the blood.

b. At Adam's time there was no need of redemption through the blood, because there was no sin. **c.** However, by the time that Christ was "sleeping" on the cross, there was the problem of sin; thus, the blood that came out of Christ's side was for our judicial redemption. **d.** Following the blood, the water came out, which is the flowing life of God for our organic salvation; this divine, flowing, uncreated life is typified by the rib taken out of Adam's side.

2. Genesis 2:22 does not say that Eve was created but that she was built; the building of Eve with the rib taken from Adam's side typifies the building of the church with the resurrection life released from Christ through His death on the cross and imparted into His believers in His resurrection.

3. The church as the real Eve is the totality of Christ in all His believers; the church is the reproduction of Christ; other than Christ's element, there should be no other element in the church.

4. Only that which comes out of Christ with His resurrection life can be His complement and counterpart, the Body of Christ: **a.** We need to put off all the natural life until the living Christ can be expressed from within our spirit; then we will be the church in reality. **b.** To live out anything other than Christ is not the church; "it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me"; "to me, to live is Christ"—this is the church! **c.** Only that which comes out of Christ can be recognized by Christ; only that which comes out of Christ can return to Christ and match Him.

5. At the end of the Bible is a city, New Jerusalem, the ultimate and eternal woman, the corporate bride, the wife of the Lamb built with three precious materials, fulfilling for eternity the type shown in Genesis 2; thus, in type all the precious materials mentioned in Genesis 2:11-12 are for the building of the woman.

6. As Eve was taken out of Adam and brought back to Adam to be one flesh with him, so the church produced out of Christ will go back to Christ to be one spirit with Him; Christ and the church as one spirit, typified by a husband and wife as one flesh, are the great mystery.

7. In the future, Christ as the holy Bridegroom will present us to Himself as His counterpart for His marriage just as God presented Eve to Adam as his counterpart for his marriage:

a. Ephesians 5:27 reveals the beauty of the bride, saying that Christ will "present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish." **b.** The beauty of the bride comes from the very Christ who is wrought into the church and who is then expressed through the church. **c.** The Lord's recovery is for the preparation of the bride of Christ, who is composed of all the overcomers.

E. "The man said, This time this is bone of my bones / And flesh of my flesh; / This one shall be called Woman / Because out of Man this one was taken. Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh": **1.** In Hebrew Man is Ish, and Woman is Ishshah; the church is a pure product out of Christ; the church is "Christly," "resurrectionally," and heavenly. **2.** Only those who are regenerated of Christ and who live by Christ as the church can match Christ and complement Him.]]

3. When Christ sees this, He surely says, "This time this is bone of My bones and flesh of My flesh" 4. Just as Eve was the increase of Adam, the church as the bride is the increase of Christ as the Bridegroom. 5. Adam and Eve becoming one flesh, a complete unit, is a figure of God and man being joined as one; the coming New Jerusalem will be the eternal union of God and man, a universal couple as a complete unit composed of divinity and humanity.

F. Adam and Eve, being one, lived a married life together as husband and wife; this portrays that in the New Jerusalem the processed and consummated redeeming Triune God as the universal Husband will live a married life with the redeemed, regenerated, transformed, and glorified humanity as the wife, forever: 1. The entire revelation of the Bible shows us the love story of a universal couple. 2. The sovereign Lord, who created the universe and all things, that is, the Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—who went through the processes of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, and who ultimately became the life-giving Spirit, is joined in marriage to the created, redeemed, regenerated, transformed, and glorified tripartite man—composed of spirit, soul, and body—who ultimately constitutes the church, the expression of God. 3. In the eternity that is without end, by the divine, eternal, and surpassingly glorious life, they will live a life that is the mingling of God and man as one spirit, a life that is superexcellent and that overflows with blessings and joy. ↓

Day 1: Jer. 2:2 ...Thus says Jehovah: I remember concerning you the kindness of your youth, the love of your bridal days, when you followed after Me in the wilderness...

《Composition for prophecy》

Eph. 5:25 ...Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her. 27 That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.

Day 2: Gen. 2:18 And Jehovah God said, It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper as his counterpart. 22 And Jehovah God built the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman and brought her to the man.

Day 3: Gen. 2:19 Now Jehovah God had formed from the ground every animal of the field and every bird of heaven. And He brought them to the man to see what he would call them... 20 But for Adam there was not found a helper as his counterpart. 21 And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place.

Day 4: Gen. 2:22 ...Jehovah God built the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 And the man said, This time this is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman because out of Man this one was taken. 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Day 5: John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water. 36 For these things happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "No bone of His shall be broken."

Day 6: John 3:29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom.... 30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

Rev. 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.

Experience①: The church will fight against the devil Satan as bridal army

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The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone" [Gen. 2:18]. In other words, God desired to have both Adam and Eve. His purpose is to have a victorious Christ plus a victorious church, a Christ who has overcome the work of the devil plus a church which has overthrown the work of the devil. His purpose is to have a ruling Christ and a ruling church. This is what God planned for His own pleasure, and He has performed it for His own satisfaction. It has been done because God desired to do it. God desired to have Christ, and God also desired to have a church which is exactly like Christ. God not only desired that Christ would have dominion; He also wants the church to have dominion. God allows the devil on earth because He said, "Let them," Christ and the church, "have dominion" [Gen. 1:26]. God purposed that the church, as Christ's counterpart, should take part in dealing with Satan. If the church does not match Christ, God's purpose will not be fulfilled. In warfare Christ needs a counterpart, and even in glory He also needs a counterpart. God requires the church to be the same as Christ in every respect. It is God's desire that Christ should have a counterpart.

For Young Working Saints

The entire Bible is a divine romance. In this romance, the church is the bride of Christ. Brothers and sisters in the church are a part of the bride, so they love Christ fervently and shout repeatedly, "Lord Jesus, I love you". Without such loving relationship, your church life loses its flavor.

The church as the bride desires and loves God's economy being carried out. In Genesis, after the creation of Adam, God said it was not good for Adam to be alone. God also desired to have Eve (the church) as a counterpart, a complement of Adam (Christ), and desired that Christ and the church should have dominion over all things including the devil, Satan. As a business person, you need to know the following two are very important for you.

- i. You must love Christ fervently every day, and consecrate yourself as a living sacrifice to God every morning and evening. You must not love your income nor position in your job more than you love Christ.
- ii. The church is the bride-army. Satan and his army are the spiritual forces of evil, the authorities of darkness in the world. Those who rule the rulers in the world, including the company you are working for, are the evil spirits. Only Christ and the church can overthrow Satan and Satanic kingdom. Because you are a part of the bride-army, you must rise up in the Lord against Satan, having courage with the church. For example, restricting overtime work but achieving good results for the building of the church is also a warfare. Amen!

Experience②: As Eve was built from Adam, the church is built from Christ

After God finished the work of producing Eve during Adam's sleep, Adam awoke from his sleep. As Adam's sleep typifies the death of Christ, so his waking signifies the resurrection of Christ. After waking, Adam became another person with Eve produced out of him. After His resurrection Christ also became another person with the church brought forth out of Him. As Adam eventually awoke from his sleep to take Eve as his counterpart, so Christ was also resurrected from the dead to take the church as His complement.

The church is nothing more than a pure product out of Christ. This is typified by Eve in the book of Genesis. Eve was fully, completely, and purely produced out of Adam. Within Eve there was nothing else but Adam. Besides the adamic element, there was no other element in Eve. Whatever was in Eve and whatever Eve was, was Adam. Eve was a full reproduction of Adam. Adam and Eve are a type of Christ and the church. The church must also be one element—the element of Christ. Other than Christ's element there should be no other element in the church....Anything that is other than Christ is not the church.

The entire revelation of the Bible shows us the love story of a universal couple. That is, the sovereign Lord, who created the universe and all things, the Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—who went through the processes of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, and who ultimately became the life-giving Spirit, is joined in marriage to the created, redeemed, regenerated, transformed, and glorified tripartite man—composed of spirit, soul, and body—who ultimately constitutes the church, the expression of God. In the eternity that is without end, by the divine, eternal, and surpassingly glorious life, they will live a life that is the mingling of God and man as one spirit, a life that is superexcellent and that overflows with blessings and joy.

For Junior and Senior High Students

Eve was taken out of Adam. Eve typifies the church, and Adam typifies Christ. For the building of the church, you need to enjoy the rich supply from Christ and let Christ dwell in you richly. Church cannot be built by your natural ability or strength. It must come from Christ. By exercising your spirit and touching the Spirit who is incarnated in the Holy Word, you need to be constituted by Christ and make the human living of Jesus your human living. Because such a living comes from Christ, Eve, church, can be built. Only what comes out of Christ is a match as His spouse.

God brought all kinds of animals before Adam, but not one was matching enough to be Adam's spouse. So God caused a deep sleep upon Adam, built a woman by using one of his ribs, and brought her to Adam. Adam said, "This time this is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." Eve was built with something from Adam. You need to experience Christ in your school life. Experience Christ as the lubricant for your human relations, as wisdom, comprehension, and memory for your study. The Christ you have experienced can build the church.

Also, you need to have Christ as your husband and submit to Him. In the past, you have asked the Lord to help you with your wishes and the success of your plans. Such prayers are of yourself and are not prayers of the bride. Gradually you will love the Lord more and will be trained by submitting yourself to the Lord in the church life. Hallelujah!

詩歌 592 召会 — キリストの豊満

1
キリストの豊満エンジョイし、われらその豊満となる;
かれご自身のすべてに あずかりて表現す。
2
その豊満は主自身、われらのきょう受となる;
かれの豊満はしょうかい、主をエンジョイし、成就す。
3
主の豊満を予表す カナンの富む産ぶつもて、
かみのみや建造するは、召会産しゆつ予表す。
4
アダムの豊満なる エバはアダムより出て、
しょう会がキリストより 出たことを予表す。
5
豊満はうちなる主、ほう満は外面の召かい;
主に満たされた表現は、主と同様にとうとし。

1
我們享受基督豐富，
就得成為祂的豐滿；
分享一切祂之所是，
就能使祂得著彰顯。
2
基督豐富是祂所是，
來作我們一切享受；
基督豐滿乃是召會，
因享基督而得成就。
3
迦南美地豐富出產，
乃是豫表基督豐富；
藉這出產聖殿得成，
象徵召會出於基督。
4
夏娃乃是亞當豐滿，
豫表召會之於基督；
夏娃原是出於亞當，
基督也是召會出處。
5
豐富是我裡面基督，
豐滿是我外面召會；
充滿基督，作祂表現，
得與基督同樣寶貴。

#820 The Church – The Fullness of Christ

1
Riches of Christ we should enjoy
And then His fulness we will be;
Partaking of His very self,
His testimony men will see.
2
Riches of Christ are what He is
To us who are His members true;
His fulness is what we become
As body doth to man accrue.
3
Riches of Christ are typified
By Canaan's produce rich and sweet,
With which the temple great was built,
The Church's greatest type replete.
4
As Eve to Adam fulness was,
So is the Church to Christ her Head;
As Eve from Adam's being came,
The Church by Christ's own life is bred.
5
Christ's riches are Himself within,
His fulness is the Church without,
As His expression, full of Him;
The Church with Christ is built throughout.