

The Bride of Christ

Illustration for the poet Dante's Paradiseo by Gustave Dore'.

The Bride of Christ he saw as a living "rose".

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In Jewish tradition of marriage, an arrangement begins between two fathers, then the purchase of the bride by the groom's father, then a preparation for a period of time, then the ceremony of vows.

In the Jewish/now Christian application here, God Our Father, the Father of the groom, made the arrangement, and paid the price, with His Son's Blood, for the Bride, who is, by Jesus' Faith, all of us believing and receiving people who are Christians. Men, women, and children: Humanity.

Humanity is, corporately speaking, the "Bride" of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. He is the One who died for all, for all time. He made His offering and paid the Bride price with His Life Blood, for all.

Those of us who choose to receive His offer and love Him become His Beloved, Betrothed, Bride, individually, and aware of the personal relationship in their vessels of earth flesh, as those who are aware in Heavenly bodies. He died for you to be His Beloved, Betrothed, Bride. He wanted you, and wants you now. Don't let anyone or any circumstance, situation, disappointment, or other relationship, ever make you think or feel you are not wanted! Nothing can snatch you from His Love.

The relationship does grow individually in close maturity and realization. We understand the time of love realization, the time of engagement, and the ceremony of final vows in our earth marriage relationship. There are similarities in personal spiritual growth of the reception and giving of God's Love, of a preparation time, and of a free will commitment of vows as the Bride of Christ, also.

Jesus spoke, "It is finished" from on the Cross. The Aramaic word that Jesus would have used for finish is "kelal", and the Hebrew word for Bride derived from this is "kallah", which means bride, spouse, and to complete.

Col.2:9-10, "For in Him (Jesus) dwells all of the Fullness of the GodHead bodily.

And you are complete in Him,"

He spoke out He had purchased His Bride, paid her price, and completed her. His Love is *already* complete, full, and forever yours. "IT IS FINISHED!"

Receive., receive, receive.



DULIA: is Latin for the *devotion*, *the respect* for our Christian Friends and Family of God, committed saints already, or in the preparation time of becoming, The Bride of Christ, in Heaven or on earth in flesh

The last Psalm, my Christian Friend of God, Evelyn, requested each visitor to read her out loud, was Psalm 65. It was the last day she was lying in a Hospice. The Holy Spirit told me she would be "leaving" the next day, so I knew this was our word of "goodbye" for now.

She wanted to hear this Psalm again and again, but she also knew each person who read it would receive a parting inspiration they needed for when she would

be gone. She was a woman of Faith and had influenced many people, and would continue to do so from her Heavenly balcony. She is no doubt praying for you as you read today, as her prayers for this psalm of inspiration, continue on from that day.

As you ponder this Psalm, let the Holy Spirit impress you with the section that is for you today. Write it down and put it up somewhere you will see it, for surely He will expand upon this beginning ray of inspiration.



England



"Praise waits for thee, O God, in Zion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O thou who Hears prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Iniquities prevail against me; as for our transgressions, thou shall purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom you chose, and causes to approach to you, that he may dwell in your courts; we shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, even of your holy temple.

By awesome things in righteousness will you answer us, O God of our salvation, who is the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and those who are far off on the sea;

Who by his strength sets fast the mountains, being girded with power;

Who stills the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid of your signs; you make the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

You visit the earth, and water it; you greatly enrich it with the river of God, which is full of water; you prepare them grain, when you have so provided for it.

You water the ridges thereof abundantly; you settle the furrows thereof; you make it soft with showers; you bless the springing thereof.

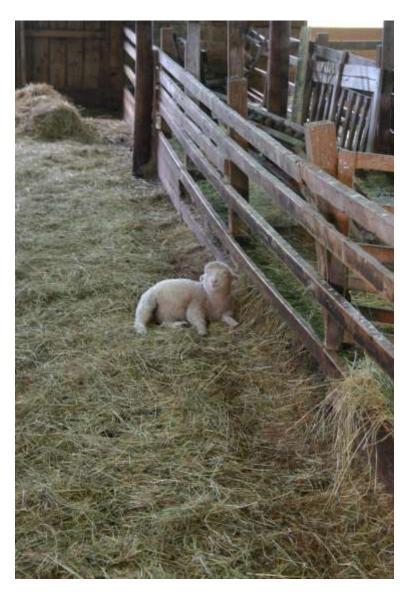
You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness, and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with grain;

they shout for joy, they also sing."





Sweet Lamb Of God Smiling Peacefully, on Nova Scotia Farm

In her life, Evelyn would stomp, sing, dance, laugh and clap, as she'd pray over you. She'd speak words of Truth that would hit you between the eyes and slay the giants of your life instantly. Or, if you were stubborn, the giants would swarm like bees around you until you received Light in your understanding and rose up in Jesus Name and swat them by Grace into Jesus and The Already Completed Work of His Cross. He already took care of it ALL over 2000 years ago! She'd hug you as a Momma no matter what you did, and you knew what the Love of God was.

She had such infectious laughter, her joy unspeakable full of Glory would have everyone around her laughing, and they did not always know or care why. That river of joy just bubbled and we all jumped in and were buoyant above troubles. "Let NOT your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" was one of her life's challenges, Jn.14:27. She and the Holy Spirit held hands on that one to agree it be done in her. Her joy and laughter in simple small things, made it evident she was an Overcommer in Christ Jesus. He was her "husband" and she relied on Him to "groom" her, as a "bride".

She was a miraculous marvel to say the least, In Christ. "Christ In The Form of Evelyn" was one of her expressions we all heard her say often. This friend was an uneducated black southern woman who learned to read in her forties. Uneducated, but not unintelligent. Nor unwise. She had more wisdom from above than most educated women ever hoped to have. We all had "dulia" for Christ in the form of our dear friend, Evelyn.

She was weak in her choices at times and would put the Holy Spirit in charge saying, "Unless you do this, Holy Spirit, you know it won't get done. I'll mess it up or will forget it." So He would, since she gave Him permission. They were a great team to watch and learn from.

She also would say, "Christ and I are the majority of ONE." She would remind me of this many times when I felt alone in prayer, as a Mother, or in the inspired work Jesus gave for me to do.

I wrote in the Fullness Series daily, and she would always call to hear what the Lord was teaching me. We talked only after I wrote my ideas down already, and she would happily take the idea and apply it. Then she would come back to tell me the results. Then she would try sharing it with others in her study group and friendships, and she'd report what the reaction was.

I was testing the waters for me as the initial inspiration from the Holy Spirit, then Evelyn as the first Fullness facilitator for The Already Completed Work of Jesus' Cross Prayer HandBook, and then to students, without anyone but us and the Holy Spirit knowing. She asked me one day if she could just say it was from the Holy Spirit instead of "Amy says". I agreed. It did cause problems when she was gone, though, since people did not know of our agreement, and thought all the thoughts were hers. She did have plenty of her own profound initial inspirations from the Holy Spirit!

#### You're Covered!



Grief Arbor, Stratford Upon Avon,

England Shakespeare's Wife, Ann Hathaway's House She Grew Up In.

One time she and our Friend of God, also a Bride of Christ, Chalton, came to my house for prayer and fellowship time. Evelyn says to our surprise, "YOU'RE COVERED!!!!!" Again and again, "YOU'RE COVERED!" No matter what we continued on with conversation she'd interject just in the right spaces, "YOU'RE COVERED!" till we all got it and with each point we'd make we'd say together, "We're covered!" and laugh! Yep! We got it! No matter what the point,

problem, inspiration, word, situation, hope, we are *covered* by the Blood of Jesus and His Already Completed Work.

For us all to receive and live in the awareness of. By Grace (all of God's Powers, Authorities, Angels), He *covers* us with His feathers, and we are *under* His wings; *under* His shadow of provision, protection, and preservation!



**Under Tree At Maes Y Neuadd, Wales** 



"He who dwells in the secret place of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in Him will I trust.

Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings shall you trust; His truth shall be your shield and buckler."



Garden at Ann Hathaway's House

in Stratford Upon Avon, England

When I became a Christian Bible teacher, the first time I was to teach a women's meeting at a large church, I was prepared for the Lord had given me an inspiration. Time came and NO ONE SHOWED UP! Not a one! I stood there looking at all the seats and thought, "Ok, it's a half hour past time to start, Lord, and no one is here." I wasted my time studying and preparing and coming here! Then I remembered a scripture that says His Word when sent out will not return void.

VOID: to be unoccupied, vacant, a vacuum, empty, useless, ineffectual, vain

Isa.55:11, "So shall my Word be that goes forth out of my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

I looked at the chairs and thought, "Ok unseen angels and friends of God, listen to this and take it out, so the Word He gave me tonight does not go to waste." I spoke out loud "And the Word promises not to return to me void! So here goes!" I walked back and forth and taught as I would have with live bodies in front of me. I figured maybe the angels or The Friends of God from above, who were "in the room" so to speak, knew this already, but then it would be a reminder to take it out to new people and places. I do not remember what I taught that night, but what teaching came out of it that stuck with me is to be yielded and obedient, and trust God to take it from there. Share or do whatever God inspires you to do, pray, sing, read, speak, paint, and so on, however He inspires you, and it will go out and plant, by Grace, somewhere, with someone, willing to receive. It may take a moment, a day, a year, or a lifetime for the seed to grow, prosper, and accomplish that He which He pleases, but it will not be a waste of your life time or energy. It will not return void. It WILL accomplish whatever God planned.

#### AN INVITATION



Wedding Feast Table

From my youth as a Christian person of prayer, the Holy Spirit had me to extend what He taught me in prayer to all the Body of Christ who will receive, and to all others who will receive, like the scripture of Matt.22 of inviting people to the Wedding Feast Banqueting Table and they do not come, so, send the invitation to all others on the way who will come and receive. I knew to be pleasantly surprised how He would bear witness later somehow to me, of those who had received. My being a silent fishing partner, throwing out the line of agreement with the Holy Spirit and seeing what He produced, was fun. It always came back to me, what the results were. It was my fun. Anyways, I told Evelyn about it years later, and she was surprised this Word worked for her also.



Head of God by Michelangelo

### **A Thousand Generations**



The scripture of Ex.20:5, saying God will "visit the iniquity of the Fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate me", but this was the next part I'd prefer to hold on to: "and showing mercy unto thousands of

those who love Me and keep my Commandments."

Deut.7:9, "Know, therefore, that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and mercy with them who love Him and keep His Commandments to a thousand generations."

So when I started praying The Already Completed Work of Jesus' Cross Prayer, I always added, "and let it be done to a thousand generations." The Grace of God has the Power to carry the prayers of love and mercy and faith to a thousand generations- way beyond when you will be around on earth.

# A GREAT CALM

My part of Evelyn's last Psalm for us, Psalm 65, was, Ps. 65:7, "...who stills the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people."

TUMULT: to swell, an uproar, highly distressing agitation of mind or feeling; turbulent mental or emotional disturbance



Yes, I was highly distressed. My youngest child, Mother, husband, my close friend Bev, and now Evelyn, had all left this earth in close succession, and I felt they all went to Heaven and left me alone in this hell of grief. Thank Heaven for the grief group at the local Hospice and great leadership there. I went for two years and made wonderful friends.

I put all the grief into The Already Completed Work of Jesus' Cross, but I had to come into agreement with my spirit, soul and flesh that they were gone, not coming back, and I will be glad for them and thankful for the time we had together. But, I still had to learn to live a new life without the easy close love of these people. I had to learn to be humble, vulnerable at an older age, and receive new relationships, full of new flavors, spices, and activities that were new to me. He did "still the noise and tumult".

He has built upon my initial inspiration in this Psalm since then. Watch, He will for you also. This is where the Bride of Christ from Heaven champions for you to They pray for you earnestly knowing more of the whole picture than you do here on earth. Appreciate the Bride of Christ! Whosoever reads this, Evelyn will be actively praying for you, I am sure. She will enlist others to pray too, as she did when she was in the flesh on earth. Not that she is restricted to Ps. 65, but this is her last prayer and it is going out for a thousand years. I am honoring and respecting this desire and prayer to jumpstart you on receiving blessings from Ps.65.

I am also attempting to jumpstart you in realizing that the Holy Spirit will teach you personally. He can and will use many ways to get your attention and learn.

The Bride of Christ, our praying friends of God, whether alive on earth or in Heaven, are happy to pray for you, and hopefully you will pray for them when inspired by the Holy Spirit.



Faith of a Child by Gelsinger

Jesus did create a great calm. That was a Grace-full miracle. An atmosphere for a miracle to take place in my heart. To accept, be glad for my loved ones who left this world, give thanks and have the courage In Christ to receive by faith and go forward to make new friends and love continually. This was a miracle of the Hand of God! Jesus' Hands, holding this heart gently... CALMLY..

Let Jesus create an atmosphere of a great calm and do a miracle in your heart. Q



Remember to receive and respond with Dulia: in Devotion and Respect say, "Thank you, Father, Thank you, Jesus, thanks, Holy Spirit, Thanks, Bride of Christ!"

Take Communion. Be The Bride of Christ on earth. Share what you learn with

### children.

"SonLight Be! In your understanding today! In Jesus Name."

**Gracefully expecting Leaves of Change this year** 





Alexandria and friends