



“The Church Is A Bride”

Ephesians 4:17-6:9
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1. The idea of the Church as a bride doesn't originate with Paul. Where does it come from?

2. Why do we say that this metaphor of the Church as a Bride governs the entire section between 4:17 through 6:9? What's the theme of these verses?

3 Sections To This Block Of Writing

Section 1 (4:17-24): Always Remember That The _____ Comes Before the _____.

1. Before Paul gives us the rules, he reminds us what we were like before we came to Christ. It ain't pretty! How does he describe us?

2. Why does Paul crush us like a bug before explaining what holy living is? What's the point of this paragraph?

Section 2 (4:25-5:21): Here Are Some Of The _____.

3. Why did the apostles fill their letters with lists of holy behavior and sinful behavior?

4. Paul's List:

Holiness To Adopt:

Sins To Avoid:

Teaching Points:

Any observations?

Section 3 (5:22-6:9): Here's How These Rules Will Change Your _____, _____, & _____.

3 Observations from this flyover:

Observation #1: Everything that Paul has taught us about holy living in chapters 4 & 5 _____ what we're reading here.

Observation #2: What Paul says in 4:21 about “_____ to one another” governs everything we read afterwards.

Observation #3: What Paul describes here are three sets of _____ relationships where the stronger is called to serve the weaker.