

# The Church Is Espoused To A Glorious Bridegroom

*"I am married unto you." Jeremiah 3:14*

Christ Jesus is joined unto His people in marriage-union. In love He espoused His Church as a chaste virgin, long before she fell under the yoke of sin. Full of burning affection He toiled, like Jacob for Rachel, until the whole of her purchase-money had been paid; and now, having sought her by His Spirit, and brought her to know and love Him, He awaits the glorious hour when their mutual bliss shall be consummated at the marriage-supper of the Lamb!"

Not yet, has the glorious Bridegroom presented His betrothed – perfected and complete, before the Majesty of Heaven. Not yet, has she actually entered upon the enjoyment of her dignities as His wife and queen. She is as yet – a wanderer in a world of woe, a dweller in the tents of Kedar; but she is even now . . .

the bride of Jesus,  
His beloved spouse,  
dear to His heart,  
precious in His sight,  
written on His hands,  
and united with His person!

On earth He exercises towards her, all the affectionate offices of Husband.

He makes rich provision for her spiritual needs, pays all her debts, allows her to assume His name and to share in all His wealth. Nor will He ever act otherwise to her. The word *divorce* He will never mention, for “He hates divorce.”

Death must sever the marital tie between the most loving mortals – but it cannot divide the union of this immortal marriage.

“Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!”  
(Revelation 19:9)

– C.H Spurgeon