

7-12-2026 Sunday Sermon Message
This Week's Meditation: Psalm 91:1-16
Text: Genesis 2:18-24

Scripture Title: **The Mysterious
Relationship Between Christ Jesus and
His Church**

God spoke in advance about Adam, and Christ Jesus, the last Adam who would appear in the world in the distant future. The Apostle Paul testified that Adam was a living soul, but Christ Jesus, the last Adam, is the life-giving spirit (1 Corinthians 15:45).

In the words God said that Adam fell into a deep sleep and made a woman from just one of his ribs, He spoke of a mysterious plan to be fulfilled through God's only begotten Son, Christ Jesus:

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."(Genesis 2:24)

Through these words, God foretold the tremendous things He would accomplish through Christ Jesus.

When the time is full, God's only begotten Son—God will leave the heavenly Father and appear on earth to be united with his wife. He prophesied that when He comes, He will shed His blood on the cross to find His wife, die briefly, and by His blood purify the one who would be his wife from sin, then be united to her as one flesh.

Christ Jesus spoke before His disciple Peter about who would be His bride:

" That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."(Matthew 16:18)

Jesus was the first to say that He would build His church on Himself, the Rock. The Apostle Paul first testified about the church Christ would establish:

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

¹⁸ The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

¹⁹ And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

²⁰ Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

²¹ Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

²² And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

²³ Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."(Ephesians 1:17-23)

The Apostle Paul testified that God is preparing His church to become the body of Christ Jesus so that it may be married to Him:

" That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.."(Ephesians 5:26-27)

The Apostle Paul also testified about how men treat their wives who are one with him:

"So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

²⁹ For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

³⁰ For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.
."(Ephesians 5:28-30)

Finally, the Apostle Paul testified to the mysterious relationship between Christ and the church, quoting what God spoke in the Garden of Eden:

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

³² This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

³³ Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."(Ephesians 5:31-33)

In His prayers on earth, Jesus spoke about sanctifying His disciples for them:

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

¹⁸ As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."(John 17:17-19)

Moreover, Jesus listened to the words of His disciples and prayed for the saved church:

" Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

²¹ That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

²² And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

²³ I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

²⁴ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

²⁶ And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

me will be with me where I am, because you loved me before the foundation of the world was laid by you. O righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I knew you, and they knew that you sent me. I have also made the name of the Father known to them, and to make it known, so that the love of the Father who loved me may be within them."(John 17:20-26)

Amen! Hallelujah!