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***Ephesians 5:27***

**Christ Will Present a Glorious Church to Himself**

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**Three Purpose Statements**

1. He might sanctify her (Eph. 5:26)
2. He might present her to Himself (vs 27a)
3. That she might be holy and blameless (vs 27b)

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**Christ Presents a Glorious Bride to Himself**

**Ephesians 5:27a (LEB)**  
in order that he might present to himself the church glorious,

- “Present” is key word in the Greek and is used like this in Col. 1:22
- “Glorious” is *doxa* with *en* prefix
- In a typical wedding, the bride prepares herself...here Christ does it all

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**A Bride With No Defects**

**Ephesians 5:27b (LEB)**  
...not having a spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she may be **holy and blameless**.

- “Holy and blameless” is found in Eph. 1:4 regarding God’s act before the foundation of the world
- “Blameless” means “without blemish”
- A glorious day of perfection awaits

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**Implications and Applications**

- The plan for a spotless bride will certainly come to pass because it is part of God’s eternal decree
- Christ’s glorious church is His doing for the praise of His glory
- Christ prepares a spotless bride for Himself by making dead sinners alive, adding them to the church, and sanctifying them

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**Chosen to Be Holy and Blameless**

**Ephesians 1:4 (NASB)**  
just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be **holy and blameless** before Him.

- This verse forms the beginning of a bracket that ends in Eph. 5:27
- This *inclusio* takes us from eternity past to the eschatological fulfillment
- The intervening verses define the process

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### To the Praise of His Glory

#### **Ephesians 1:13, 14 (NASB)**

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, **you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise**, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, **to the praise of His glory.**

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### Dead Sinners Made Alive

#### **Ephesians 2:1, 5, 8 (NASB)**

And **you were dead** in your trespasses and sins, ...even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive** together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ...For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, **it is the gift of God;**

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### Lay Aside the Old Man

#### **Ephesians 4:22-24 (LEB)**

that you take off, according to your former way of life, the old man, who is being destroyed according to deceitful desires, be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man (in accordance with God), who is **created in righteousness and holiness from the truth.**

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