

Mysteries in the Gospel of John Season 4: The Next Level of Christianity



Scripture

- **John 3:29-30**

He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full. He must increase, but I must decrease.

Other Scriptures

- John 3:3
- Matthew 10:39
- Ephesians 5:31-32
- John 14:10
- John 5:19
- John 15:5
- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- 2 Corinthians 1:8-9
- Genesis 3:10
- Colossians 1:27

Main Points

- The people of God are referred to in scripture as the bride of Christ.
- Being a bride of Christ is about our relationship of receiving.
- We can't abide in Him and we can't receive His life unless we're dependent on Him.
- We can only live in the power of the Spirit when we're dependent on the Spirit. When we're depending on the Bridegroom, for life.
- Receiving Jesus is not something we do one time. Receiving Jesus is a lifestyle.
- God wants us to understand that we're dependent on Him for our every breath.
- Spend time with the Lord. Spend time sitting before Him.
- The power of God moves through peace. Peace brings authority.

Questions

1. Why does God refer to believers—the people of God, whether male or female—as the Bride of Christ? Are men supposed to be more feminine?
2. Is receiving Christ a one-time action? What does it really mean?
3. What did Rabbi mean when when he said we are too self-confident? How dependent are we upon God?
4. Are you currently spending quiet time with the Lord? What would you need to change in order to make this happen?
5. What might be the benefits of developing a time with the Lord daily? Are you ready to commit to doing this today?