

How Revival Transforms God's People Series

“The Rehearsal Dinner”

Zephaniah 3:9-17, Matthew 26:26-30

The Lord's Supper is the Rehearsal Dinner for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. God sees all believers as His Bride. A bride Jesus purchased for Himself on the Cross. Jesus tells us to celebrate it in remembrance of Him and as a reminder that He is coming back for His Bride the Church. It is the fulfillment of God's Love Covenant with His People.

I. God's PURCHASE of His People.

Exodus 6:6-7 NIV

"Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God.'"

- **God takes away our PUNISHMENT.**

The LORD has taken away your punishment." Zeph. 3:15

- **God PURIFIES His People.**

Titus 2:13-14 NIV

While we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Zephaniah 3:9 NIV

"Then will I purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him shoulder to shoulder.

- **God takes away our SHAME.**

On that day you will not be put to shame... Zeph. 3:11

- **God takes away our FEAR.**
..never again will you fear any harm... Zeph. 3:15
- **God takes away our WEARINESS.**
Do no let your hand hang limp. Zeph. 3:16

II. God's VOWS to His People.

- **God PLEDGES to be with you.**
"The Lord your God is with you." Zeph. 3:17
- **God has the POWER to save you.**
"He is mighty to save." Zeph. 3:17
- **God takes PLEASURE in you.**
"He will take great delight in you." Zeph. 3:17
- **God is PASSIONATE for you.**
"He will quiet you with his love." Zeph. 3:17
- **God sings PRAISES about you.**
He will rejoice over you with singing." Zeph. 3:17

III. God's INVITATION to all people.

Zephaniah 2:3 NIV

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger.

Revelation 22:17 NIV

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

IV. God's VIEW of His People.

1 John 3:1 NIV

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

God has given you an new identity based upon the love He has lavished on you. Through faith in Jesus Christ you are...

- **ACCEPTED**

You are God's Child – John 1:12

You are a friend of Jesus Christ – John 15:15

You have been justified in Christ – Romans 5:1

You are joined to the Lord – 1 Corinthians 6:17

You belong to God -1 Corinthians. 6:19-20

You are a member of Christ' body – 1 Corinthians 12:27

You have been chosen by God – Ephesians 1:4

You have been adopted by God – Ephesians 1:5

You have been given fullness in Christ – Colossians 2:9-10

You have access to the throne of grace – Hebrews 4:14

- **SECURE**

You are free from condemnation – Romans 8:1-2

You are assured that God works for your good – Rom. 8:28

You cannot be separated from God's love – Romans 8:31-39

You are sealed by God – 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

You are hidden with Christ in God – Colossians 3:1-4

You are a citizen of heaven – Philippians 3:20

You are kept safe in God – 1 John 5:18

- **SIGNIFICANT**

You have been chosen to bear fruit for God – John 15:16

You are an agent of reconciliation for God – John 15:16

You are God's temple – 1 Corinthians 3:16

You are seated with Christ in the heavenly realm – Eph. 2:6

You are God's workmanship – Ephesians 2:10

You may approach God with freedom – Ephesians 3:12

You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you – Phil. 4:13

Are you living in accordance with how God sees you as through your new identity in Jesus Christ?