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Don't Touch My Bride ***Dan Jenkins***

Imagine that moment in a wedding when the doors in the back of the wedding chapel open and the bride appears. The song chosen especially for this moment begins to play and the mother of the bride stands. When she does, the audience stands and turns to see the bride. She has never been more radiant, and who could ever forget this moment?

As she begins to take her steps to be joined in holy matrimony, someone steps forward and begins changing her hairstyle. This changes her appearance and neither the bride nor groom likes her new look. Another person comes and changes her jewelry by removing her beautiful earrings and necklace and replacing them with those of far less beauty and value. It does not end there. To the dismay of all present, others change her makeup, her shoes and even the veil.

Your first reaction as you read this account would be that such could never happen. Who could have such disrespect to a bride and groom? Who could ever presume that they were so important that they could ignore what was planned? But, it actually has happened!

God has revealed to us that the church is the bride of Jesus. Paul said to the Corinthians, "I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Cor. 11:2). When he wrote to Ephesus, he had spoken about the respect a wife should have for her husband

and the sacrificial love the husband must have toward his wife. However, when he got to the end of this discussion he said, "This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church" (Eph. 5:32). The church is truly the bride of Jesus.

Now consider this. Before the world began, the beautiful bride of Jesus was known. God worked for thousands of years to prepare for that time when the doors of heaven would be opened and the bride would appear. Then, the bride came.

God's plan was for the bride to retain her eternal beauty. All authority in heaven and on earth is His and that leaves no room for any mortal to change the adornment of the bride (Matt. 28:18; Gal. 1:6-9). There was no provision for any mortal to change in any way the beauty of His bride. Even angels could not change it.

The denominational nature of modern Christendom is overwhelming evidence that mankind presumptuously altered the bride of Jesus after she was revealed. Every person should soberly consider if they have in their religious life followed those who alter His bride. God help every person in every denomination to think about this and return to His plan for His beautiful bride.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Doug Crouse,
Freddie Callis, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Danny Darnaby

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Jane Washington, Betty Green

Today's Sermons

AM - Before I Ever Knew Him
1 Peter 1:17-23

PM - Hymns of the Faith -
Wonderful Words of Life

Happenings

South Jackson

Cards to Send

Billy Landers
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Weekly Record

Bible Class	50/5
AM Worship	73/15
PM Worship	63/8
Wed Bible Study	53/4
Contribution	5663
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Dec 14 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Read Scripture:
Costel Ghimpu
Opening Prayer:
Colton Brown
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Greg Long
Communion: Marion Thomas
Contribution:
Charlie Richardson

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Ron Clouse
Communion: Mike Wages

Dec 17 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Ray Pack
Devo - Marion Thomas

Dec 21 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Jeff Bliss
Opening Prayer:
Eddie Anderson
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Colton Brown
Communion: Jeff Dove
Contribution:
Ronald Clouse

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Joe Venable
Communion: Jeff Dove

Dec 24 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: John Smith
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Tim

Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM