

After putting on Christ you need to invite His Spirit to dwell in you. Jesus told his followers in John 14 I will not leave you without a Comforter, I will come to you. Presently, you see me, but soon I will be in you (John 14:17-18). "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27). Ephesians 4:24 encourages us to "put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness".

Water baptism in Jesus name puts you in Christ. The baptism of the Holy Spirit puts Christ in you.

When you have repented of your sins, been baptized in Jesus name and received the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). You have prepared yourself for the marriage supper of the Lamb. You have been clothed in righteousness.

(All scripture references have been taken from the *New King James Version*)

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Caught your attention didn't I? Most young people are interested in marriage. Unfortunately they are more interested in the natural marriage between a man and a woman than they are the spiritual that lasts for eternity. Did you know that you are invited to the wedding of all weddings? In fact, you can be part of the Bride of Christ? Not sure? Read on.

In Matthew 22:1-13, Jesus tells the parable of the wedding banquet. He refers to the kingdom of heaven being like a king who arranged a marriage for his son. Once everything was prepared, the king sent his servants to the invited guests. However, when it was time for them come they did not want to come. Being very patient, the king sent his servants a second time to urge the invited guests to come. All was ready. It was going to be great. Please come quickly! Did the guests finally

come? No, the Bible tells us they did not take the invitation seriously and went on their way. One to his farm, another to his shop and the rest actually killed the servants. This of course made the king very angry. He sent his armies to destroy the murderers and burned their city.

If the invited guests did not want to come, he had another plan. He would go into the streets and invite everyone; the good and the bad. The only requirement was that they have a wedding garment on. After all, this was a wedding for his son. Finally everything was ready and the guests arrived.

The king came to welcome the special guests. I'm sure he went from one to the other saying how happy he was to see them at his grand celebration. But all of a sudden, the king stopped for a closer look. Was this a guest without a wedding garment? "How did you get in here?" the king asked. What could the guest say? He had no excuse. He was speechless. He knew he needed a wedding garment. Maybe he thought he was too young? Perhaps in his desire to reach the palace he did not take the time to put it on. Or maybe he thought he had it on! Regrettably, the king had him cast into outer darkness, representing hell.

Some people think they are ready for the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9). After all, they are good people. They do not r-e-a-l-l-y do anything t-o-o bad. Most people say they are good. However, when we

compare ourselves to the Savior, who is sinless, we see that our righteousness is as filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). The Bible says, "there is none who does good, no, not one" (Psalm 14:3). "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Can you attend a wedding in rags? The obvious answer is no. Can you get into heaven without first putting on Christ? Again, the answer is no. In John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me".

The question that needs to be answered is, "How do you get to Christ?" We know that once we get to Christ we have access to the Father because Jesus told us in John 14:9, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father". Early Jesus explained, "I and My Father are one" (John 10:30).

Going back to our question, "How do you get in Christ?" Believe that Jesus died for your sins, was buried and rose again on the third day (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Then allow this faith to lead you to repent of your sins, asking Jesus to be your Lord and Savior.

Galatians 3:27 tells us that "as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ". Water baptism places us into the body of Christ. That is why you must be baptized in Jesus name. We are identifying ourselves with Jesus Christ, the name that represents all the power and authority of God. (Matthew 28:18; John 14:14; Acts 3:6, 16). Jesus is the name that saves (Acts 4:12).