

Intro: What is the church?

1. The church is God's idea.

The church is a group of God's people gathering for the purpose of experiencing God's presence.

Matthew 18:20, Acts 8:1

2. The church is God's responsibility.

Matthew 16:18

3. Pictured as a bride or fiancé.

Ephesians 5:22-27, 31-33

As the bride your job is to get ready for your wedding.

Revelation 19:7

Live like your engaged.

2 Corinthians 11:2

Wash yourself daily.

Ephesians 5:26-27

Put on your wedding clothes.

Ephesians 4:22-24

Be watching and waiting for your husband.

Mark 13:31-33

Invite as many people as you can to the wedding.

Joel 3:14

Conclusion...

Are you making yourself ready?

What if the wedding between the church and Jesus were to begin today?

Revelation 7:17, 21:4