



Here's the "BLUF" (bottom line up front) – *how did I become this beautiful bride?*

Two contrasted women:

Whore of Revelation 17 – desolate, naked, destroyed (17:16)

Bride of Revelation 19 – standing in sparkling splendor

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### **Follow God's Analogy:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Soulwinner Work 2 Corinthians 11:1-2a

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jesus spends an undetermined time making things ready for the eternity He will spend with the bride (John 14:1-3).

3<sup>rd</sup> – We must make ourselves ready for our presentation to Him. This will involve our sanctification (a cooperative work achieved by the Holy Spirit and ourselves).

Eph 5:25-27 – God's work of preparing us for our presentation.

1 John 3:1-3 (different analogy – one of sonship) – our cooperative work preparing us for our presentation.

2 Corinthians 11:1-3 – There is one great danger – unfaithfulness. We are not to love the world (1 John 15-17). To do so is to become a spiritual adulterer (James 4:4).

4<sup>th</sup> – Jesus will one day come for us and take us to the place He has prepared where we will have a grand celebration (Revelation 19). Final preparation – 2 Corinthians 5:8-11 – at the Bema Seat.

### **Back to Revelation 19....**

Why give glory (v. 7a) to HIM if SHE has made HERSELF ready? Ephesians 5:25-27

*"What persistent love!"*



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