

# Shadows of Christ & His Bride

Lesson #2

Bride for Adam

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The account of Adam and Eve in Genesis 1-3 provides not only the one true account of man's beginning, but it also provides the original type of Christ and His bride.

God has interwoven great spiritual lessons into the account of man's historic beginning, reflecting upon the person and work of His Son.

The basic principles relating to the formation of the bride and the redemptive work of the Son in relation to the bride are set forth in Genesis and remain unchanged throughout Scripture.

God's Creation Design: Focus on the fact that after every part of creation - God said, *"It was good."*

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| Gen 1:4  | God made the light and said                        | <i>"It was good."</i>    |
| Gen 1:10 | God made the seas and the land and said            | <i>"It was good."</i>    |
| Gen 1:12 | God made the grass, plants, trees and said         | <i>"It was good."</i>    |
| Gen 1:18 | God made the sun and the moon and said             | <i>"It was good."</i>    |
| Gen 1:21 | God made sea creatures and birds and said          | <i>"It was good."</i>    |
| Gen 1:25 | God made the land animals and said                 | <i>"It was good."</i>    |
|          | God made Man and placed him in the Garden of Eden. |                          |
| Gen 2:18 | for the first time in the creation record God says | <i>"It is NOT good."</i> |

## The First "Not Good" Statement

Before God created Eve, He said: "It is not good that man should be alone;

I will make him a helper fit for him" [Gen. 2:18].

In the creation narrative, the reader should be jarred by this statement, because up until now, every time that God has surveyed His creation, He has pronounced it "good", as we would expect it to have been before the Fall.

*Man's being alone is the first "not good" thing that required a solution.*

God said it was not good because God was not finished yet.

Mankind was a work in progress, and only HALF of mankind was created so far.

The Hebrew word used here is not easy to translate - it means, most literally, according to the opposite. Have you ever heard the phrase "Opposites attract?"

The best picture of this word is a puzzle and a piece.

This phrase "just right" (NLT) or "fit" (ESV) applies to how God made both the puzzle and the piece. God made the puzzle with cut-outs and cut-ins, then He made the piece with the opposite cut-outs and cut-ins, and He made them fit perfectly together.

When we talk about God making a companion that is just right for us, we're talking about both the puzzle that is just right for the piece and the piece that is just right for the puzzle.

But first, God had to show Adam that no other companion fit his need. God brings all the animals to Adam for him to name them, but in the process, God is actually proving his puzzle and piece design to Adam.

Gen. 2:19-20 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

<sup>20</sup> And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. [one fit for him.]

*Finishing the Design Work for Mankind: Formation of the Bride:*

God made them male and female at the beginning. [Gen. 1:27; 2:7; Matt. 19:4]

Gen. 2:21-22 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place;

<sup>22</sup> And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Creator of Marriage at Work:

1. God made Adam unconscious. He took Adam out of the picture while making the bride.
2. Then God formed Adam's bride JUST RIGHT for him; woman to perfectly fit him.
3. Then God BROUGHT Adam's bride to him.

Key Point: Adam's bride was PART OF HIS BODY. She was TAKEN OUT OF HIS BODY.

Why did God use such a strange method to make Eve? He desired to give us a picture of how a bride for the Lord Jesus, the second man, would come about.

| Adam/Eve                                    | Jesus/Church   |
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| Adam put in a deep sleep                    | NT: Sleep can be used for believer's death. Jesus had to experience death for the bride to come forth                                      |
| Adam had his side opened                    | After He died, Jesus had His side opened from a Roman spear. Blood & water came forth representing the means of forgiveness and cleansing. |
| Eve was made from Adam's flesh & bone.      | The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Eve, the bride of Christ, will be of His nature. We are a new creation in Christ.                                      |
| Eve was taken out of man & then revealed.   | The Bride of Christ is currently hidden in Christ. Col. 3:3. The Bride is longing for the moment she will be revealed. Col. 3:4; Rom. 8:19 |
| God brought Eve to Adam. United in marriage | The Lord will present His Bride at the Marriage of the Lamb. Rev. 19:7   |

The early church saw the piercing of Christ's side and subsequent flow of blood and water, an allusion to Eve's creation in Gen. 2:21-22.

By the end of the second century Tertullian wrote: If Adam was a figure of Christ, the sleep of Adam was the death of Christ who was to fall asleep in death; that in the injury of His side might be figured the Church.

Alban Maguire This teaching had been foreshadowed before the time of Tertullian, and after his time we can find no doctrine more honored among the Fathers and Doctors of the Church.

John 19:33-34 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already,  
they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side,  
and forthwith came there out blood and water.

Can we link the piercing of Jesus side and the flow of blood and water with the creation of Eve?

A. Death as sleep: The piercing and flow follow the death of Jesus.

Prior to opening Adam's side to form the woman, God caused Adam to go into a deep sleep [tardema, Gen. 2:21].

Note: It is the same special work of God when Abraham slept before the covenant with God.

Gen. 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep [tardema] fell upon Abram;  
Jesus makes the comparison between sleep and death explicit before the resurrection of Lazarus. [sleep is called the sleep of death]

John 11:11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them,  
Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

The word 'sleep' can be used for the believer for death.

I Thess. 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again,  
even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

I Cor 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

B. Opened side: While "rib" is a good rendering of what God took from Adam in Genesis 2  
it is unnecessarily restrictive.

The Hebrew may refer to a rib but it more broadly means side. Besides it use in Genesis 2,  
it is used in the Old Testament for the sides of objects, buildings and hills.

Side was also in the minds of the Greek LXX translators when they rendered the Hebrew as pleura. The substance God uses to form the woman is found in the man's side.

John 19:34 and Gen. 2:21-22 also share the unique fact that plerua in both instances is singular  
when it normally occurs in the plural.

God takes from Adam's side [pluera singular]. The solider pierces Christ's side [pleura singular].

C. The Substance: In Genesis God takes a part of Adam to fashion a helper just like him.  
God used existing tissue from Adam and did not "start from scratch" to show that Adam and  
Eve were of the same substance. She was made from the same "stuff" and was a bearer of  
God's image and likeness, just as was Adam [Gen. 1:27].

Why did God take out a piece of the man to make the woman?

Hebrew word for "Took Out" means literally - "To Carve Out, To Leave Something Missing."

In a very intentional action, God "carved out" a piece of man to purposefully leave something  
*missing* from him. He made it so neither Adam nor Eve *would be complete without the other*.

The PUZZLE is NOT complete without the PIECE. PIECE is NOT complete without the PUZZLE.

That is the miraculous *design* of God to fully complete *mankind*.

Gen. 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh:[my missing piece]  
she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man.

2:24 Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife:  
and they shall be one flesh.

God designed a husband and wife to "*fit together*" - like two pieces of a puzzle -  
*both incomplete without the other.*

D. Out of the Body: Eve was created in Adam at the very beginning. The rib was in Adam.

- His bride was hidden in him.
- She was not brought into existence as a separate entity until a later point in time.

Adam was put to sleep, his side opened, and God took one of his ribs and formed Eve.

Eve was taken out of Adam's body and then presented back to Adam for a "helper."

Eve was a part of the very being of Adam. Separate from Eve, Adam was incomplete.

Eve, being presented back to Adam for a "helper," completed Adam and provided completeness for Eve as well.

In the highest sense, God looked upon the existing union as "one flesh" [Gen. 2:21-24].

The Significance Of 'One Flesh' Was it necessary for Eve to be made out of Adam's rib?

Eve needed to be related to Adam.

If she had been created out of the earth, she would be a completely independent creation.

In a unique way, Eve was descended from Adam, because she was made from a part of him.

Eve's descent from Adam is also crucial to the possibility of her salvation.

The prophet Isaiah wrote of the coming Messiah as being the "Kinsman-Redeemer." [Isa. 59:20]

- one who is *related by blood* to those he redeems. [Lev. 25:47-49]

Hebrews 2:11-18 explains how Jesus took on Himself the nature of a man to save mankind.

Jesus entered Adam's line to literally become our relative, to be a part of this *one human*

*family* [Luke 3:23-38]. If all people are not descended from Adam, this vital kinsman-redeemer concept is undermined. Or conversely, if there are people around today who are not descended from Adam and hence not related to Christ through Adam, they are not able to be saved. Both situations are Biblically unviable.

The bride of Adam 2, Jesus Christ, could not be brought into existence as a separate entity until after the Son had been put to sleep [death; *tardema*] and His side opened.

When Jesus, the last Adam [I Cor. 15:45], died on the cross, His side was pierced by a spear thrust, in fulfillment of prophecy [John 19:34, 36-37; Zech. 12:10].

Flowing from that wound in the side of God's Lamb, sacrificed for sin, was the precious blood by which believers are cleansed from sin. [I Pet. 1:19] Those who repent and put their faith in Him are united with Christ in a relationship which the Bible likens to that of a bride towards her husband. [II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:27; Rev. 19:6-8].

## *Blood & Water*

John 19:33-34 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already,  
they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side,  
and forthwith came there out blood and water.

The Son of God was put to sleep [died]. His side was opened, and "blood" and "water" flowed forth out of this opened side.

Note: The correct order is — as in Scripture — blood first, and then water.

Key: Blood and water from the opened side of Christ are the necessary elements to bring into existence the bride who is separate from the body, but still part of the body.

John 19:34-35 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. <sup>35</sup> And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

Note: John interrupted his Gospel to firmly insist that what he is saying is based on eyewitness testimony. Why is he so emphatic in firmly insisting that the "blood and water" flowed from the side of Jesus crucified and that "he who saw it" is telling the truth?

Rabbit Trail: What would this have meant in a first-century Jewish context?

Note: Jesus was put to death during the Jewish "feast of the Passover" [John 13:1].

At the time of Jesus, the Passover was more than a meal; it was a sacrifice which was offered only in the city of Jerusalem.

Once a year many Jews would travel to Jerusalem to sacrifice the Passover lamb in the Temple. Josephus, a priest in the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD, explains the sacrifice of the Passover lambs as follows: The High Priests, upon the coming of their feast which is called the Passover, when they kill their sacrifices, from the 9th hour to the 11th ... found the number of sacrifices was 256,500; which, upon the allowance of no more than ten that feast together, totals up to 2,700,200 individuals that were pure and holy. [Josephus, War, 6.423- 37]

Most modern-day individuals have never seen a single lamb sacrificed, much less tens of thousands! This background is important for understanding what occurs to Jesus on the cross because of the way in which the blood of the Passover lambs was disposed.

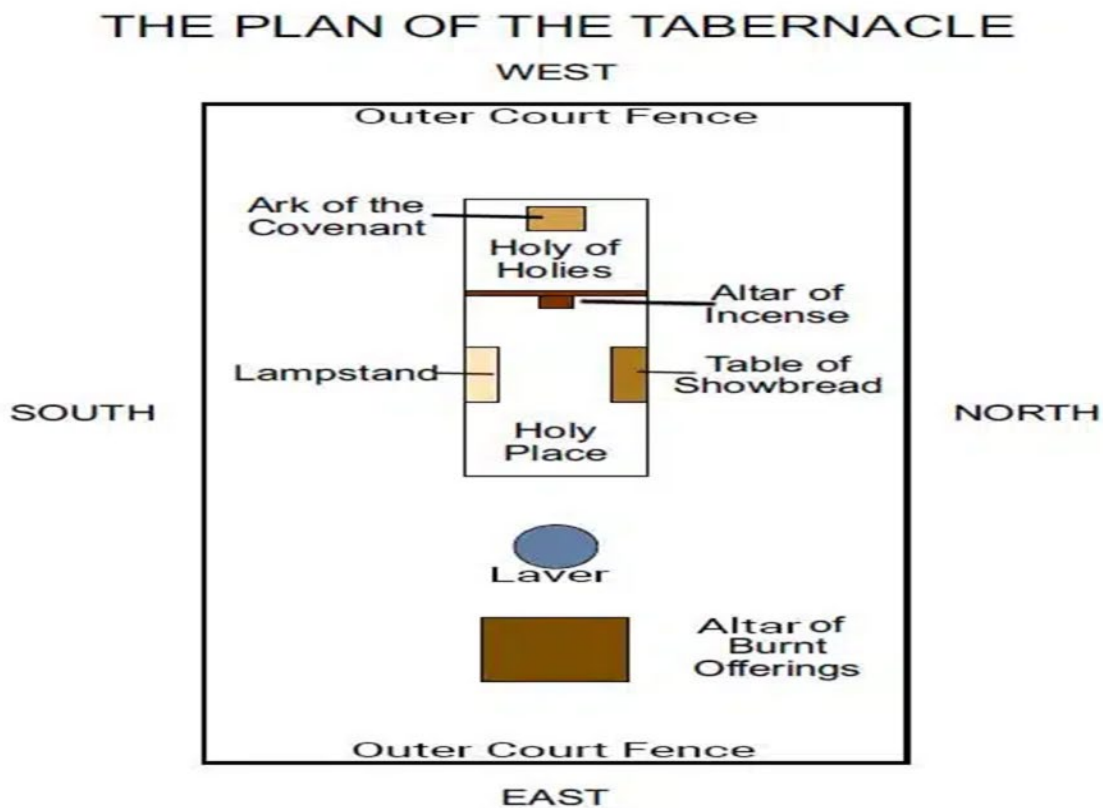
If thousands of lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in one day, where did all the blood go?

According to ancient Jewish tradition, before the Temple was destroyed in AD 70, the blood of the sacrifices used to be poured into a drain that flowed below the altar of sacrifice to merge with a spring of water that flowed out the side of the mountain on which the Temple was built: At the south-western corner [of the Altar] there were two holes like 2 narrow nostrils by which the blood that was poured over the western base and the southern base used to run down and mingle in the water-channel and flow out into the brook Kidron. [Mishnah Middoth 3:2]

At the time Jesus lived, if you were approaching the Temple during the feast of Passover from the vantage point of the Kidron Valley, you would see a stream of blood and water, flowing out of the side of the Temple Mount.

Since sacrifices were offered morning and evening daily with more on high holy days such as Passover, every Jew knew that blood and water routinely spilled into the Kidron Valley below. John's gospel is the only one that mentions the Kidron, John 18:1. Otherwise, the Kidron is not found in the entire New Testament. Only John records John the Baptist saying of Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" [1:29], clearly associating Jesus with the expiatory blood of lambs. Only John records that Jesus compared his own body to the Temple John 2:19, 21: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up," said Jesus, But He spoke of the temple of His body. Therefore, Jesus became forever linked to the blood of lambs, expiation of sins, the Temple, and - consequently - the flushing water of the Temple's altar.

How can we experience the full effect of the blood and water flowing from our Crucified Lord? To correctly understand the place of both blood and water in the formation of the bride, one must look to Old Testament typology. Worship in Israel centered on the tabernacle, and later the temple. Blood sacrifices to atone for sin took place at the brazen altar in the courtyard. Priests from the tribe of Levi ministered on behalf of Israelites for whom blood sacrifices had been offered.



The priests ministered between the brazen altar and the Holy Place. Between these two points lay the brazen laver filled with water.

The priests' hands and feet became defiled as they ministered in the courtyard. They had to wash these parts of their bodies on their journey toward the Holy Place. Blood at the brazen altar and water at the brazen laver constituted the two elements that the priests had to avail themselves of BEFORE they could enter the Holy Place.

In this same respect, in the antitype, Christians themselves are priests today.

I Pet. 2:9a But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; NT Believers, as the Old Testament priests, have direct access to that typified by the blood shed at the brazen altar, the water at the brazen laver, and entrance into the Holy Place.

Through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, we presently possess eternal salvation. [Heb. 9:12] An individual, having appropriated the blood shed at the brazen altar (pointing to Christ's finished work at Calvary), is in a position to approach the Holy Place and have fellowship with the Father in the Holy of Holies through the rent Veil, through the "one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus" [I Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 10:19].

But the brazen laver filled with water stands in his path. The water speaks of continual cleansing from the defilement of this world after an individual has been saved through a Sacrifice typified by the sacrifices occurring at the brazen altar. This continual cleansing is effected through Christ's high priestly ministry on the basis of His shed blood presently on the mercy seat in the tabernacle in heaven.

In the ministry of the priests in Israel in the Old Testament, water was present in the laver in the courtyard of the tabernacle, but a priest had to act himself. He, as an individual, had to wash his hands and his feet. Then the entire matter of sin among the people of God was dealt with in relation to blood on the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies once a year.

Each believer must confess his sins [I John 1:6-2:2] and allow Christ to cleanse him from accrued defilement.

The necessity of cleansing for the bride after this fashion, taught in spiritual lessons drawn from the tabernacle, is vividly set forth in the words of Jesus to Peter.

John 13:8-10: Peter said to Him [Jesus], "You shall never wash my feet!"

Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

Part: portion, share- to have part (fellowship) with one, lot, destiny, assigned to one, Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean . . . ." Jesus told Peter that the one who had been completely washed (louo) needed only a partial washing (nipto).

Christians have been completely washed once. This cleansing can never be changed, altered, or repeated. The priests in the Old Testament ministered between the brazen altar and the Holy Place continually became defiled and had to wash their hands and feet at the brazen laver.

Priests in the New Testament [Christians] continually become defiled in our present pilgrim walk, and must, time after time, avail ourselves of cleansing through the antitype of the cleansing provided by water in the laver before we can enter the Holy Place and have fellowship "with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ" [I John 1:3-2:2). Christians are IN Christ, eternally safe and secure because of a complete cleansing [louo]. But apart from partial cleansings [nipto] from the defilement of this world through confession of sin, Christians cannot have a part WITH Christ.

Adam, the first man upon the earth, was a type of Jesus Christ, the second man, the last Adam. The experiences of Adam & Eve prefigure the experiences of Christ & His bride.

- God brought a deep sleep upon Adam. Although Adam was still innocent, having committed no sin, nonetheless, God wounded him deeply, piercing his side.
- Out of Adam's bloody side God took the substance from which He created the woman for the man.
- God then healed Adam of his wound & awakened him from sleep.
- Then He presented to Adam the woman in all her purity & beauty.

What was the wisdom of God displayed in the creation of the woman, which caused both Paul and John to see a pattern for the creation of a bride for the last Adam?

Paul & John teach us that even before the fall of man, God was foreshadowing the pattern of our redemption. At the climax of John's gospel,

- It is finished: and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost. [sleep of death = tardema]
- Although Jesus was innocent, having committed no sin, nonetheless God permitted His side to be pierced by a Roman spear.
- Out of Jesus' side poured forth blood and water, the blood for the bride's purchase, the water for her purification. [John 19:34]

God's power raised Jesus from the dead.

God will one day present to Jesus His bride in all her purity and beauty.

As in the case of Adam, God saw it was not good for His Son to be alone. From the very beginning it was God's plan and purpose that out of the riven side of His Son should come an Eternal Companion to sit by His side upon His throne.

To be given a kingdom is to be made a king, to be invested with authority over a kingdom.

That this is God's glorious purpose for the church is authenticated & confirmed by Paul.

Once the complete, redeemed bride has been brought into existence through the means that God has provided, the bride will be presented back to the Son, completing the Son and providing completeness for the bride as well [Heb. 2:10].



The truths taught by Christ through washing the disciples' feet are the same truths taught by the blood and water flowing from the opened side of Christ. The blood alone is sufficient to place one IN Christ, but the water is also required if one is to have a part WITH Christ. Both elements are necessary to bring the bride into existence, who is to be taken out of the body.

Consider: The body of Christ, the Church, has been under construction since the day of Pentecost. God knows when the last person will be born again and complete the building of the Church. Then the trump will sound, and the body of Christ will be raptured. [I Thess. 4:13-18]

<sup>13</sup>But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. <sup>15</sup>For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them which are asleep.

<sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

<sup>17</sup>Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

<sup>18</sup>Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Then members of the body of Christ will stand before Him at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

The Judgment Seat of Christ: God does intend to judge His people at the Judgment Seat of Christ with fire trying each one's works.

II Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

I Cor. 3:11-15: For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

➤ Positional Justification

<sup>12</sup>Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

➤ Experiential Sanctification

<sup>13</sup>Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what SORT it is.

<sup>14</sup>If any man's work abides which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

<sup>15</sup>If any man's work shall be burned [human works], he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Consider: Believers who rebel against God and will not submit to sanctification will miss out on the blessings of their inheritance today and will suffer loss at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Truth: It is possible to never mature and remain a spiritual infant for life.

Years of wasted service will only produce a pile of ashes at the Judgment Seat.

### Lesson Takeaways:

1. God said, it is not good that man should be alone. Make a helper fit for him.
2. After this statement, God paraded the animals before Adam who named them.
3. To create Adam's bride, God put him in a deep sleep. Out of the picture; unconscious
4. God made a wound in Adam's side and removed a rib out of his body to make his bride.
5. Eve was formed from a very small part of Adam's body - a rib.
6. God used existing tissue from Adam to show Adam & his bride were made from the same substance. Therefore, she was also a bearer of God's image and likeness.
7. Eve, the bride, was made from Adam's flesh and bone.
8. Eve, the bride, was hidden until she was taken out of the body and revealed to Adam.
9. All born again believers are currently hidden in Christ. [Body of Christ is hidden in Him.]  
Col. 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
10. God brought Eve, the bride, to Adam.
11. Eve existed as an individual, apart from the rest of Adam's body.
12. Blood and water flowed from the side of Adam.
13. Blood and water flowed from the side of Adam 2, Jesus Christ.  
Blood was for our redemption. Water is for our daily cleansing.
14. The blood alone is sufficient to place one in Christ, but the water is also required if one is to have a part with Christ.
15. Blood and water were the 2 necessary elements to bring Christ's bride into existence.

Consider: Will the bride of Christ follow the pattern of Adam 1 and his bride?

Will the bride of Christ be part of the body of Christ but taken out of the body?