

## The Glorious Church

### The Type of Eve

- 1 Cor. 15 says that Adam was a type of the Lord Jesus and Eph. 5 says that Eve typifies the church.
- There is a woman in both Genesis 2 and Ephesians 5.
  - The first woman is a sign typifying the church.
    - Planned by God before the foundation of the world and appeared before the fall.
  - The second woman is the first woman.
    - Also planned by God before the foundation of the world, but was revealed after the fall.
- God's purpose in creating the church is that she may be the help meet of Christ.
  - Having Adam (Christ) alone is not enough to satisfy God's heart. There must also be Eve (the church).
  - His purpose is to have a victorious Christ plus a victorious church.
- God purposed that the church, as Christ's counterpart, should take part in dealing with Satan.
  - If the church does not match Christ, God's purpose will not be fulfilled.
  - In warfare, Christ needs a help meet, and even in glory He also needs a help meet.

### Eve Came Out of Adam

- Eve was formed out of a rib taken from Adam; therefore, Eve was the constituent of Adam.
  - This means that the church comes out of Christ.
  - Anything that is not of Christ is not the church.
- In creation, not only was Adam created, but Eve was also included in him.
  - "Them" in Genesis 1:27 typifies Christ and the church.
  - If the church is not in a state which corresponds with Christ, God will not rest and His work will not be completed.

### The Church Comes out of Christ

- The church is that part which is taken out of Christ.
- Since Eve came out from Adam, she was still Adam.

- The church is another form of Christ, just as Eve was another form of Adam.
- The church is just Christ!
- The material of the church is Christ. Without Christ, the church has no position, no life, no living, and no existence.
- The church is not an individual “I” plus an individual “you”. The church is the Christ in all the Christians around the world throughout all the centuries put together.
- Only that which comes out of Christ is in the church.
  - Eve was not made from clay, but from Adam, the one who typified Christ.
  - Whatever is of man is not the church.
- God must deal with us to such a degree that everything from our human nature will be brought under control.
  - Our natural strength must be dealt with by the cross and subjected to the rule of the Holy Spirit.
  - Only that which is formed from the resurrection life of Christ is the church.
- The vital issue of our new birth is just this: Repentance does not make us a part of the church; neither does our confession of sins nor our faith—only the life which Christ has imparted to us makes us a part of the church.
- God’s eternal purpose is to gain a man—a corporate man coming out of Christ.
- Just as the life of Christ is a reality, the life of the Body of Christ is also a reality.
  - Christians are not individuals; they are one.
  - If the church is to become a real church, two steps are necessary
    - The spreading or increase of Christ
    - The consuming of our self
- In our Christian life, the first and last lesson we need to learn is to discern the source of things.
  - We need to reject anything that comes from ourselves.
  - Our striving and zeal must come from the Lord.
  - We need to see before God that we can do nothing from ourselves.

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