

THE CHURCH
WHAT IS THE CHURCH?
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CHURCH - assembly - called out - congregation
- a religious congregation (Jewish or Christian)



WHAT IS THE KINGDOM?

“PRAY FOR THE KINGDOM TO COME”

MATTHEW 6:10

“SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD”

MATTHEW 6:33

“SOME WOULD SEE THE KINGDOM COME”

MATTHEW 16:28



WHAT IS THE KINGDOM?

WHO WOULD ENTER THIS KINGDOM?

“NOT MANY RICH MEN”

MATTHEW 19:24

“HARLOTS AND TAX COLLECTORS”

MATTHEW 21:31

“YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN” TO ENTER

JOHN 3:3 & 5



WHERE IS THE KINGDOM?

LUKE 17:20-21

20 When Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, The kingdom of God does not come with observation;

21 Nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.



IS JESUS A KING? WHAT IS HIS KINGDOM?

JOHN 18:36-37

36 Jesus said, **My kingdom is not of this world.** If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.

37 Pilate said to Him, **Are You a king then?** Jesus answered, **You say rightly that I am a king.** For **this cause I was born**, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.

WHAT DID JESUS SAY HE WOULD BUILD?

MATTHEW 16:13-18

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, **Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?**

14 They said, Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

15 He said to them, **BUT who do you say that I am?**

16 **Simon Peter** answered and said, **You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

17 **Jesus said to him,** Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

18 I say to you that you are Peter, and **upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**

DID JESUS GIVE PETER KEYS TO THE CHURCH OR TO THE KINGDOM?

MATTHEW 16:18-19

18 I say to you that you are Peter. And upon this rock **I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 And **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven**. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven. And whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.



WHO WOULD SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

MATTHEW 16:28

28 Assuredly, I say to you, **there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.**

MARK 9:1

1 Jesus said to them, Assuredly, I say to you that **there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.**

LUKE 9:27

27 I tell you truly, **there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God.**



HOW IS ONE TO ENTER THIS KINGDOM?

JOHN 3:3-7

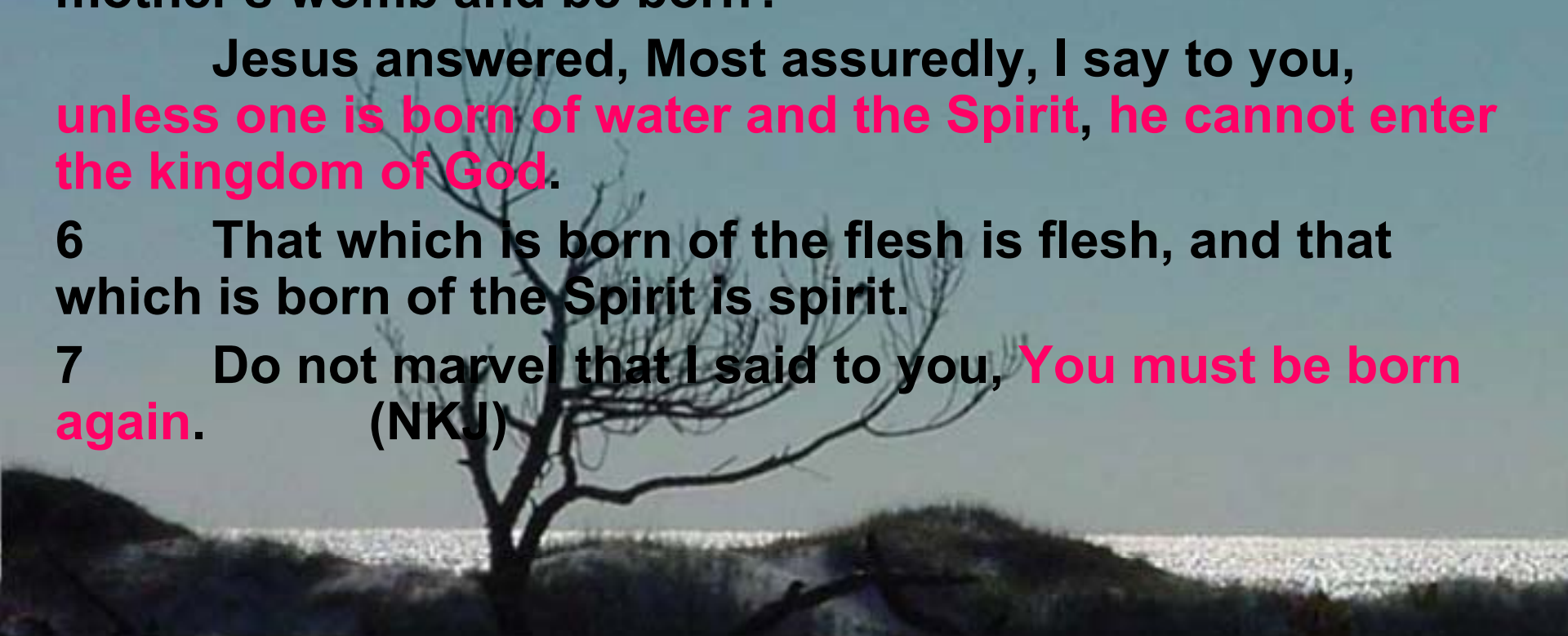
3 Jesus said to Nicodemus, Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

4 Nicodemus said to Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?

Jesus answered, Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not marvel that I said to you, **You must be born again.** (NKJ)



WHAT IS JESUS TO BE HEAD OVER? IS THE CHURCH HIS BODY?

EPHESIANS 1:22-23

22 **God** put all things under His feet, and **gave Him to be head over all things to the church,**

23 **Which is His body,** the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

COLOSSIANS 1:18

18 **He is the head of the body, the church,** who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

COLOSSIANS 1:24

24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for **the sake of His body, which is the church,**

WHAT IS THIS GREAT MYSTERY? CONCERNING THE CHURCH?

EPHESIANS 5:22-32

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

23 For **the husband is head of the wife**, as **Christ is head of the church**; and He is the Savior of the body.

24 Therefore, just as **the church is subject to Christ**, so **let the wives be to their own husbands** in everything.

25 **Husbands, love your wives**, just as **Christ also loved the church** and gave Himself for her,

26 That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

27 That **He might present her to Himself a glorious church**, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that **she should be holy and without blemish**.

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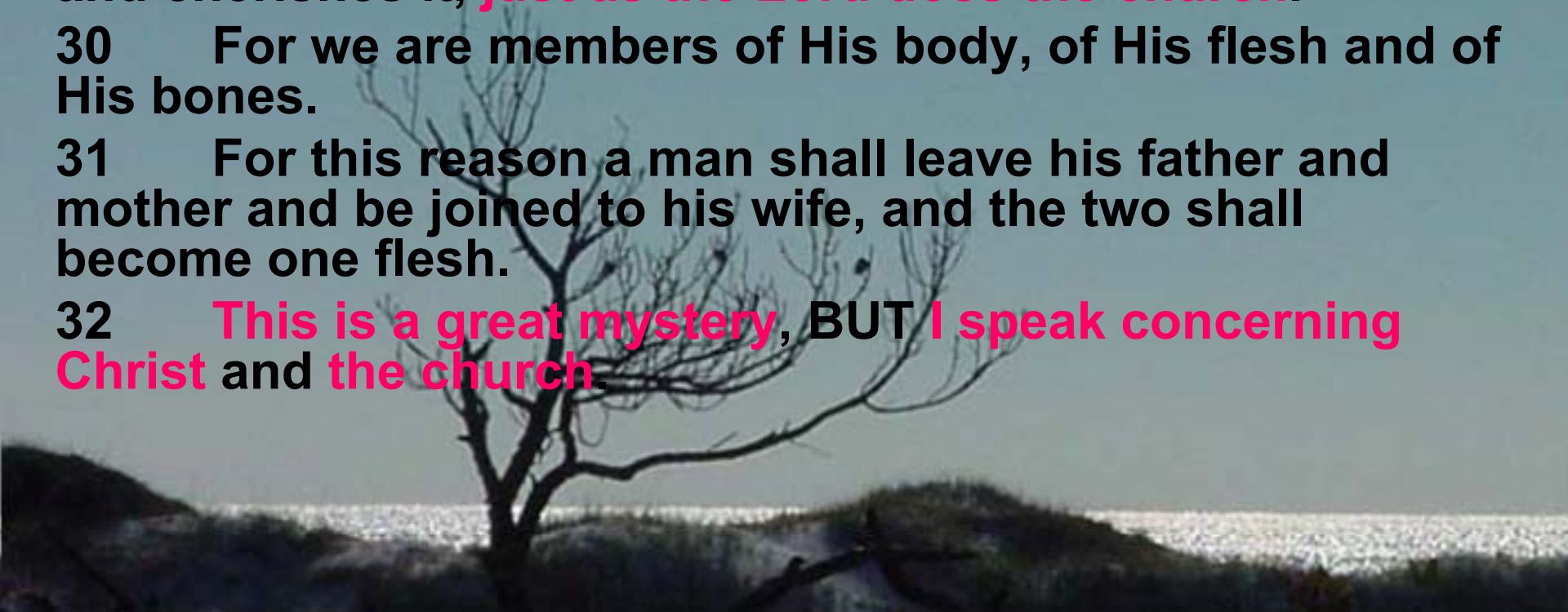
28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, **just as the Lord does the church.**

30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

31 For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

32 **This is a great mystery, BUT I speak concerning Christ and the church.**



WHAT IS THE HOUSE OF GOD?

1 TIMOTHY 3:15

15I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in **the house of God**, which is **the church of the living God**, the pillar and ground of the truth.

HEBREWS 3:5-6

5 Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward,

6 But **Christ as a Son over His own house**, whose **house we** are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

1 PETER 2:5

5 You also, as living stones, are being built up **a spiritual house**, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

WHAT IS THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD?

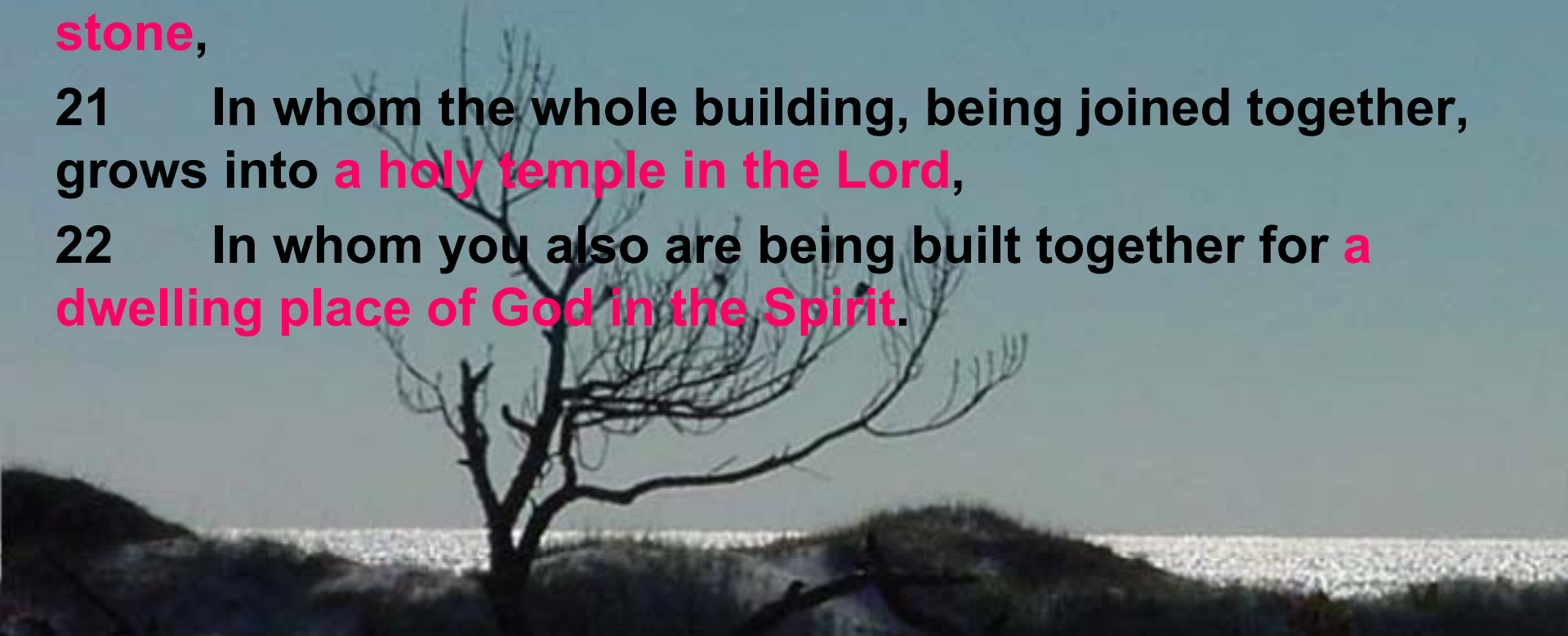
EPHESIANS 2:19-22

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and **members of the household of God,**

20 Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone,**

21 In whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into **a holy temple in the Lord,**

22 In whom you also are being built together for **a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.**



WHAT WERE THEY ADDED TO?

WHO WAS ADDED?

ACTS 2:37-41

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 When they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

38 Peter said to them, **Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins;** and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 For the promise is to you, to your children and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.

40 With many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, Be saved from this perverse generation.

41 **Those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.**

WHAT WERE THEY ADDED TO?

WHO WAS ADDED?

ACTS 2:46-47

46 They continued daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house and ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

47 Praising God and having favor with all the people. And **the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.**



WHO WAS BEING PERSECUTED?

ACTS 5:11

11 **Great fear came upon all the church** and upon all who heard these things.

ACTS 8:1

1 Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a **great persecution arose against the church** which was at Jerusalem; and **they were all scattered** throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

ACTS 8:3

3 **Saul made havoc of the church**, entering every house, dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.

ACTS 12:1

1 About that time **Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church.**

WHO DID PAUL PERSECUTE?

1 CORINTHIANS 15:9

9 I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because **I persecuted the church of God.**

GALATIANS 1:13

13 You have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how **I persecuted the church of God** beyond measure and tried to destroy it.

PHILIPPIANS 3:6

6 Concerning zeal, **persecuting the church**; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

WHERE DID GOD APPOINT THESE PEOPLE? APOSTLES - PROPHETS - TEACHERS?

1 CORINTHIANS 12:28

28 **God has appointed these in the church:** first **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

ACTS 13:1

1 **Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers:** Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

WHO WERE THE ELDERS TO OVERSEE?

ACTS 14:23

23 So when **they had appointed elders in every church**, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

ACTS 20:17

17 From Miletus **Paul sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.**

ACTS 20:28

28 Take heed to yourselves and **to all the flock**, among which **the Holy Spirit has made you overseers**, to **shepherd the church of God** which He purchased with His own blood.

JAMES 5:14

14 Is anyone among you sick? **Let him call for the elders of the church**, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

WHO DID THEY ASSEMBLE WITH?

ACTS 11:26

26 When he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year **they assembled with the church** and taught a great many people. And **the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.**

ACTS 14:27

27 When **they** had come and **gathered the church together**, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

ACTS 15:3-4

4 When they came to Jerusalem, **they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders**; and they reported all things that God had done with them.

WHO IS THE ASSEMBLY?

ACTS 15:22

22 **It pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church,** to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:18

18 **When you come together as a church,** I hear that **there are divisions among you,** and in part I believe it.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:23

23 **If the whole church comes together in one place** and all speak with tongues. And there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?

WHO IS THE ASSEMBLY?

WHAT IS THE CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN?

HEBREWS 12:22-23

22 **You have come to Mount Zion** and to the city of the living God, **the heavenly Jerusalem**, to an innumerable company of angels,

23 **To the general assembly** and **church of the firstborn** who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,



WHAT WAS IN “THEIR” HOUSE?

ROMANS 16:5

5 **Greet the church that is in their house.** Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who is the first fruits of Achaia to Christ.

1 CORINTHAINS 16:19

19 The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, **with the church that is in their house.**

COLOSSIANS 4:15

15 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and **the church that is in his house**

PHILEMON 1:2

2 To the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and **to the church in your house:**

WHO SHOULD BE EDIFIED?

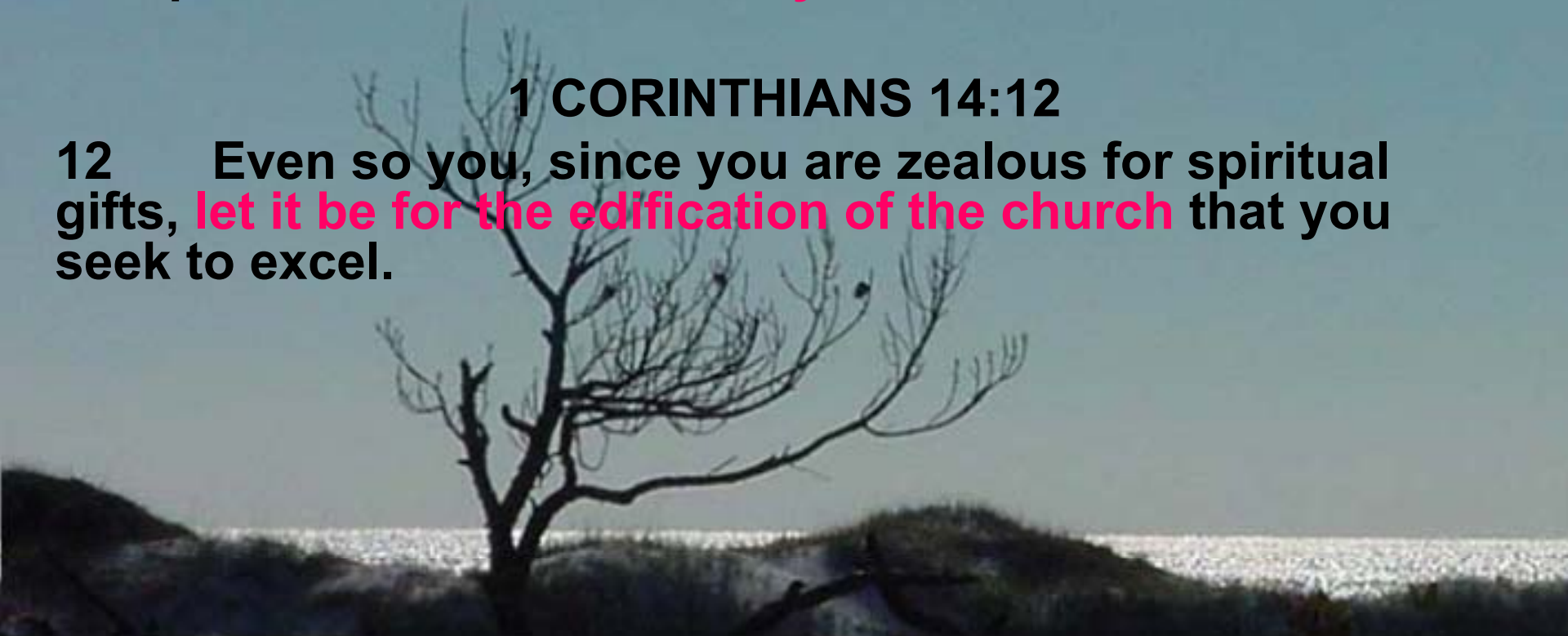
1 CORINTHIANS 14:4-5

4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but **he who prophesies edifies the church.**

5 I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that **the church may receive edification.**

1 CORINTHIANS 14:12

12 Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, **let it be for the edification of the church** that you seek to excel.



WHO SHOULD KEEP SILENT? WHERE?

1 CORINTHIANS 14:28

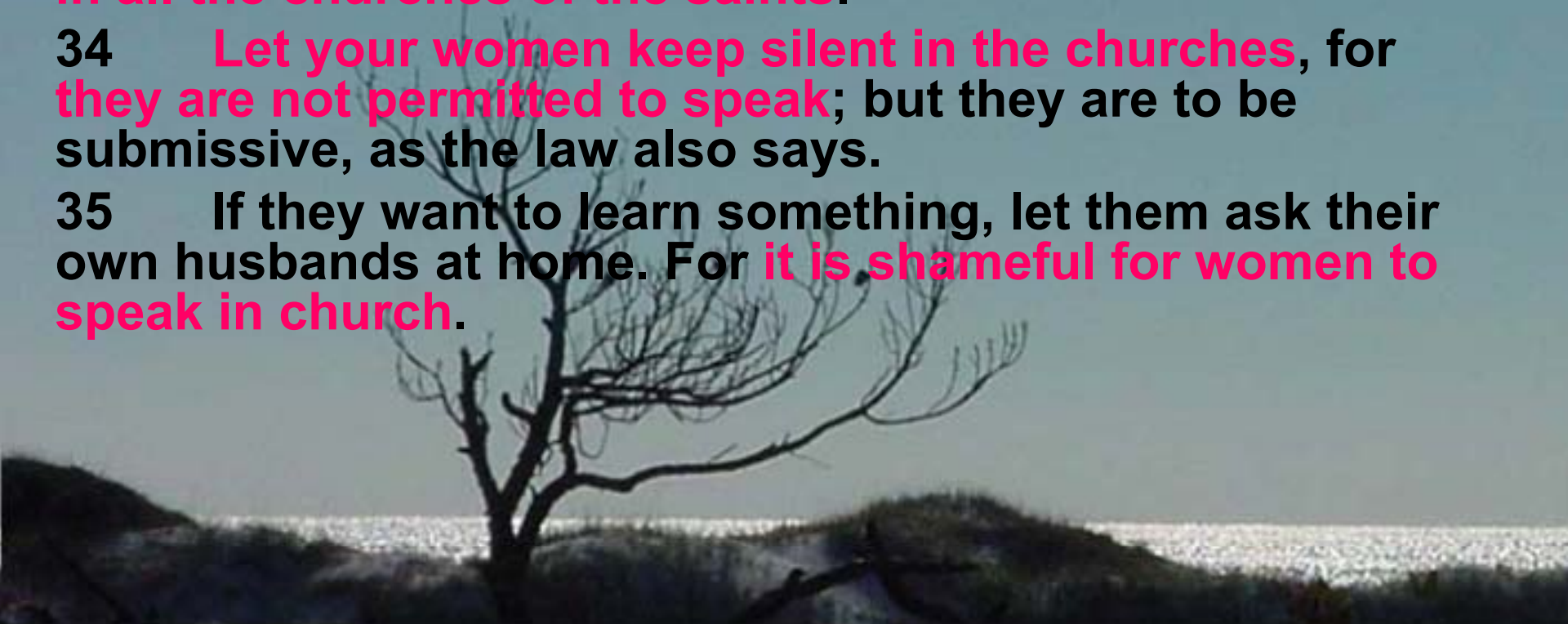
28 But if there is no interpreter, **let him keep silent in church**, and let him speak to himself and to God.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:33-35

33 God is not the author of confusion but of peace, **as in all the churches of the saints**.

34 **Let your women keep silent in the churches**, for **they are not permitted to speak**; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says.

35 If they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home. For **it is shameful for women to speak in church**.



WHO PRAYED FOR PETER?

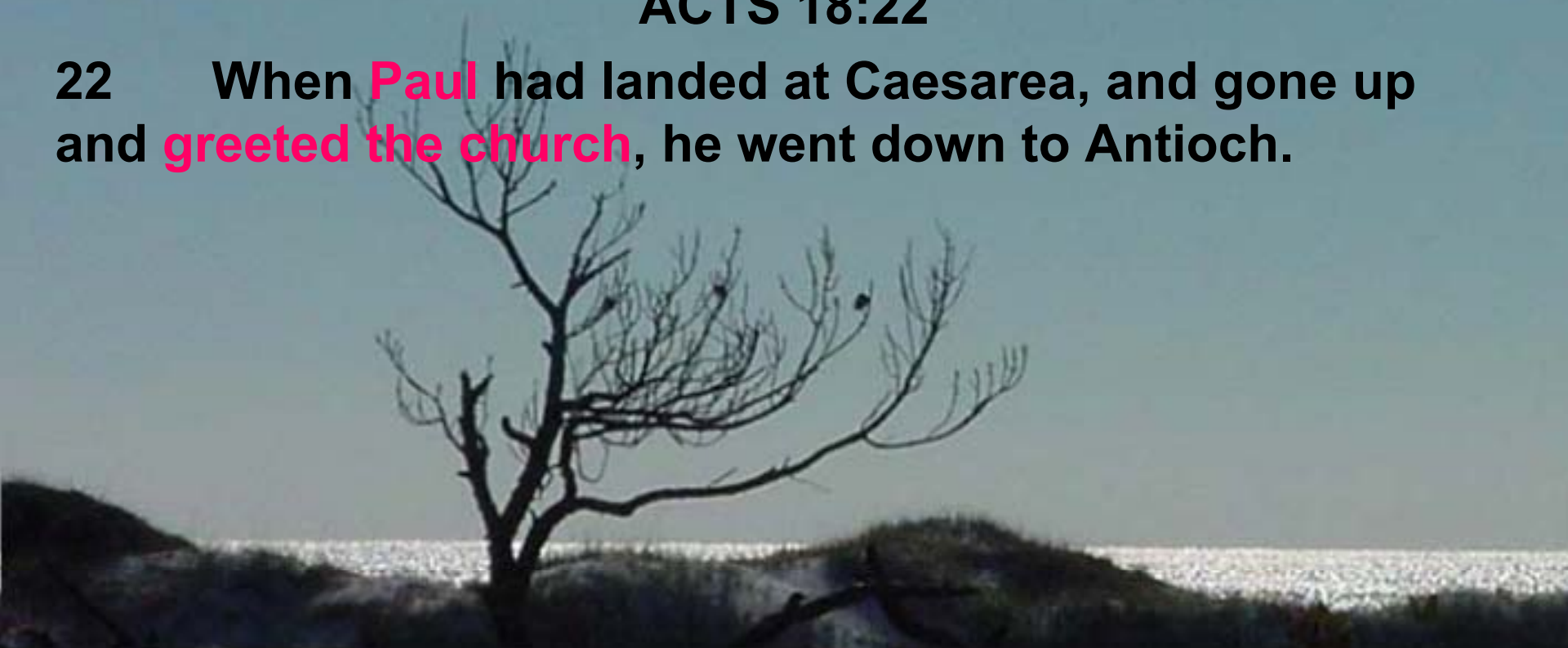
ACTS 12:5

5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but **constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.**

WHO DID PAUL GREET AT CAESAREA?

ACTS 18:22

22 When **Paul** had landed at Caesarea, and gone up and **greeted the church**, he went down to Antioch.



WHAT WAS PHOEBE A SERVANT OF?

ROMANS 16:1

1 I commend to you **Phoebe** our sister, **who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea,**

WHO WAS GAIUS A HOST TO?

ROMANS 16:23

Gaius, my host and the host of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus, a brother.

HOW SHOULD YOU GREET ONE ANOTHER?

ROMANS 16:16

16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. **The churches of Christ greet you.** (NKJ)

WHO MAKES KNOWN THE WISDOM OF GOD?

EPHESIANS 3:10

10 To the intent that now **the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church** to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,

HOW IS JESUS TO BE GLORIFIED?

EPHESIANS 3:21

21 **To Him be glory in the church** by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



TO WHOM ARE THESE LETTERS ADDRESSED?

1 CORINTHIANS 1:2

2 **To the church of God which is at Corinth**, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

2 CORINTHIANS 1:1

1 **Paul**, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, **To the church of God which is at Corinth**, with all the saints who are in all Achaia:

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, **To the church of the Thessalonians** in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:1

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, **To the church of the Thessalonians** in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

WHERE ARE THESE LETTERS TO BE READ?

COLOSSIANS 4:16

16 Now when this epistle is read among you, **see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans**, and that **you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea**.



WHAT IS THE FLOCK OF GOD?

1 PETER 5:2-3

2 **Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;**

3 **Nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;**

TO WHOM DID THEY BEAR WITNESS?

3 JOHN 1:6

6 **You have borne witness of your love before the church.** If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well.



WHAT WERE THEY PUT OUT OF?

3 JOHN 1:9-10

9 **I wrote to the church**, but **Diotrephes**, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us.

10 Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, **he himself does not receive the brethren**, and forbids those who wish to, **putting them out of the church**.



WHAT ARE THE SEVEN LAMP STANDS? WHAT ARE THESE ANGELS OVER?

REVELATION 1:20

20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand and the seven golden lamp stands. **The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lamp stands which you saw are the seven churches.**



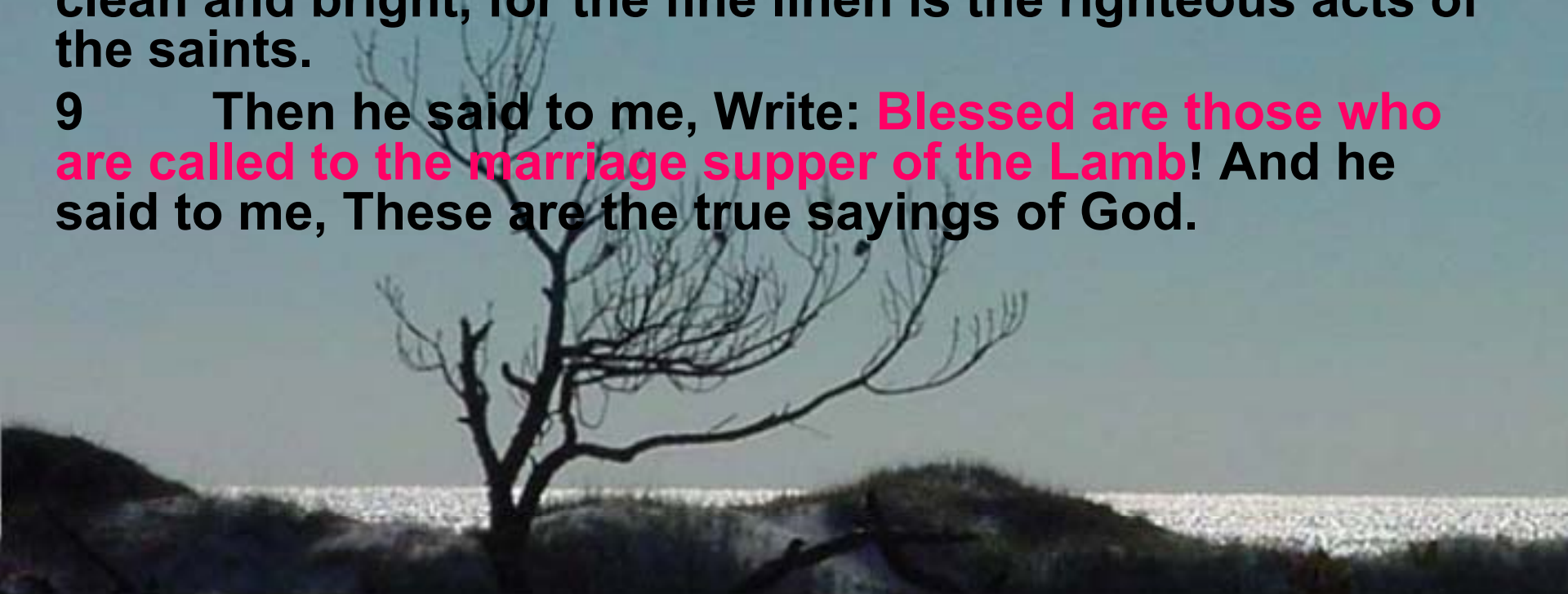
WHO IS THE LAMB? WHO IS HIS WIFE? HOW MANY WIVES DID HE HAVE?

REVELATION 19:7-9

7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory. For **the marriage of the Lamb has come and His wife has made herself ready.**

8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

9 Then he said to me, Write: **Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!** And he said to me, These are the true sayings of God.



WHO IS THE LAMB? WHO IS THE BRIDE? HOW MANY BRIDES DID HE HAVE?

REVELATION 21:2

2 Then I, John, **saw the holy city, New Jerusalem,** coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

REVELATION 21:9

9 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, Come, **I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.**

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REVELATION 22:16-17

16 "I, Jesus, **have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches.** I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

17 **The Spirit and the bride** say, **Come!** Let him who hears say, **Come!** And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

