



*Read Revelation 19:6-8*

This is a vivid description of the wedding feast of the Lamb. The bride of Christ is clothed in fine linen, a linen that is the righteous deeds of the Church. Yet, it is *granted* to her to wear it. When we think of our own deeds, we tend to have a sense of ownership over them - both the good and the bad. But this passage states that the Church must be given permission to wear its own good deeds.

Q: Why is that permission is required?

Q: How is claiming our own righteous deeds as a right contrary to scripture?

*Read Ephesians 2:10*

Q: What is the source of our Good Deeds?

If God is the ultimate source of our good works, then we can not really claim ownership of them. If we are aware that our goodness does not come from us, then how does that impact:

Q: How do we perform good deeds?

Q: Why do we perform good deeds?

Q: How we talk about our good deeds?

*Read Hebrews 10:10*

It is by God's will (the same that established the new covenant) that we are sanctified.

Q: How does this relate to the wedding feast where we are granted to wear our righteous deeds?

*Read 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:12*

Here we see the church being called to be set apart from the world, specifically from those who are not believers. We are to represent God on Earth. God is Holy; we are to be holy.

Q: What does it mean to for the Church to be holy?

Q: Why is it important that the Church be holy?

Q: What are the consequences of ignoring our call to be holy?

Q: What is the impact when the Church ignores the importance of being set apart from the world?

We are called to love one another with increasing amounts of love.

Q: In what ways do we fail in showing brotherly love? Why is this a big deal?

We are called to live a quiet life and attend to our own affairs.

Q: In what ways do we interject ourselves into things that are not our business?

Q: This seems to mean say that we should look inward and ignore the world. How does scripture reconcile this with the Great Commission and commands such as the charge to care for orphans and widows?

We are called to provide for ourselves by our own labor.

Q: If we are dependant on the world for our well being, how does that hinder our ability to be set apart?