



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“The commitment to Christ has no divorce provisions.”

Here Comes the Bride

“Typically, when brides walk down the aisle holding onto the arm of their daddies, you hear the traditional "Here Comes The Bride" play on the church organ. Dum-dum-da-dum, Dum-dum-da-dum. People are familiar with it (You can hear it [here](#).) English speaking Americans will sing to themselves "Here comes the bride, all dressed in white." Not too many know what comes next: "Sweetly serene in the soft glowing light, Lovely to see, Marching to thee, Sweet love united for eternity." But actually, those aren't the lyrics. Though often called "The Wedding March," the song's true title is "Bridal Chorus." It comes from a German opera called "Lohengrin" by Richard Wagner, written in 1850. The bridal party sings it to the bride after the ceremony and the words are even close to being the same.”¹

“It was this song that Princess Victoria walked down the aisle of the Chapel Royal in St. James Palace in 1858 to her beloved German Prince Albert. And she was indeed dressed in white. Matter of fact, it is Victoria who is credited with starting the tradition of brides wearing white.”²

“Some members of the Roman Catholic Church, and more conservative-leaning denominations frown on the use of the song for a few reasons including: the fact that it comes from a secular body of work, the original context of the song was not that of a wedding processional, and that Wagnerian operas tend to incorporate pagan elements.”³

February 14 is known as St Valentine's Day. It is a day for romance. Many weddings are on that day. It is the same day that I asked my wife to marry me. Valentine was a Priest, that lived in 269 AD, during the time of Emperor Claudius. “Claudius had an edict that prohibited the marriage of young people. This was based on the hypothesis that unmarried soldiers fought better than married soldiers because married soldiers might be afraid of what might happen to them or their wives or families if they died. The idea of encouraging them to marry within the Christian church was what Valentine was about. And he secretly married them because of the edict. Valentine was sentenced to a three-part execution of a beating, stoning, and finally decapitation all because of his stand for Christian marriage.”⁴

Just a few months ago, Susan and I celebrated our 40th anniversary. We got out the pictures, listened to the recording, looked at the wedding cards, got the cake topper out and even unboxed her wedding dress. That was a joyful event. There were over two hundred people and several Pastors there.

“Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.” Rev 19:7-8 The Bride of Christ is the church. It is not one specific church or denomination but the entire body of believers throughout the ages. All who have trusted the Lord and received salvation by grace through faith are collectively His Bride. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it. That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph 5:25-27 "For I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." II Cor 11:2



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This Valentine's Day become a part of Christ's wedding. Say I do.



^{1 2} betrothedinfidelity.blogspot.com/2014/11/here-comes-bride.html

³ weddingetc.co.za/the-popularity-and-controversy-of-here-comes-the-bride/ ⁴ www1.cbn.com/st-valentine-real-story

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