

The Bride of Christ

Ephesians 5:22-33

Why are we looking at metaphors of the church?

1. Don't isolate the metaphors and turn them into models.
2. Don't flatten out the metaphors.

From Ephesians 5:

1. The church submits to Christ
2. The church is substitutionally ransomed by Christ
3. The church is sanctified by Christ
4. The church is united with Christ

Mystery

- Genesis
- Ruth
- Psalm 46
- Song of Songs
- Isaiah 1:21; 54:5; 62:4-5
- Jeremiah 3; 4:30; 31:21-22
- Ezekiel – esp. 16, 23
- Hosea
- Faithfulness & Adornment
- Matt 12:39; 16:4; Mark 8:38; James 4:4; Rev, 17-22
- Titus 2:10; Rev 21:2

Implications:

1. Tell the story
2. Woo for Christ
3. Be concerned for the holiness of the church
4. Be at church that desperately needs and longs for Christ

Clowney, *Interpreting the Biblical Models of the Church: A Hermeneutical Deepening of Ecclesiology*.
In Carson (eds) *Biblical Interpretation and the Church*