***Our Great Wedding – Sermon Kit 101-5***

Jesus is calling people to enter a race. The race is not easy, but its completion will make every moment of suffering pale as we behold what is in store. Jesus is waiting at the finish line. He will wipe away every tear and present awards to those who run their race well. We will be home.

The purpose of this sermon kit (**101**) is to introduce the race and the One who starts and finishes it for each person (Heb. 12:2). We want people to know who Jesus is, what Jesus calls them to, what the rewards are, and what the finish looks like. Hopefully, these will motivate positive action in the people to whom you minister.

This kit contains six sermons and the helps to go with them:

101-1 The Battle For Your Soul

101-2 Jesus, The Only Way To God

101-3 The Great Exchange

101-4 Our Identity In Christ

101-5 Our Great Wedding

101-6 Preparing To Finish Well

This section (**101-5; Our Great Wedding**) of the kit is based on **Ephesians 5:21-33**. God illustrates the relationship between a husband and a wife by explaining the relationship between Christ and the Church. Christ performs multiple functions as our Bridegroom.

The teaching sample includes and explains the needs Jesus meets in the lives of His followers.

1. Jesus leads His bride.
2. Jesus protects His bride.
3. Jesus loves His bride.
4. Jesus suffers for His bride.
5. Jesus refines His bride.
6. Jesus escorts His bride.

The sermon is arranged in such a way that each part is self-contained. You may or may not want to deliver the whole message at one time. Due to the constraints of your situation, you might want to choose those portions that your audience most needs to hear or that stand out the most to you from the text. Listen to God’s Spirit, and follow His leading.

There are multiple parts to this sermon kit.

1. Introduction page – explains what is in the kit.
2. Sermon note-sheet – a resource for the people to take notes
3. Sermon outline – a resource for the pastor to use
4. Teaching sample – sermon text ideas
5. PowerPoint – graphics for media applications
6. Promotional helps – several resources to help promote the message

All Pastoral Kits resources are free and available to use as you wish within the above guidelines. Make changes that best fit your application, and feel free to make unlimited copies and distribute them as needed. Our prayer is that God will use these resources to prepare people for the soon return of Jesus Christ. Finish Well.