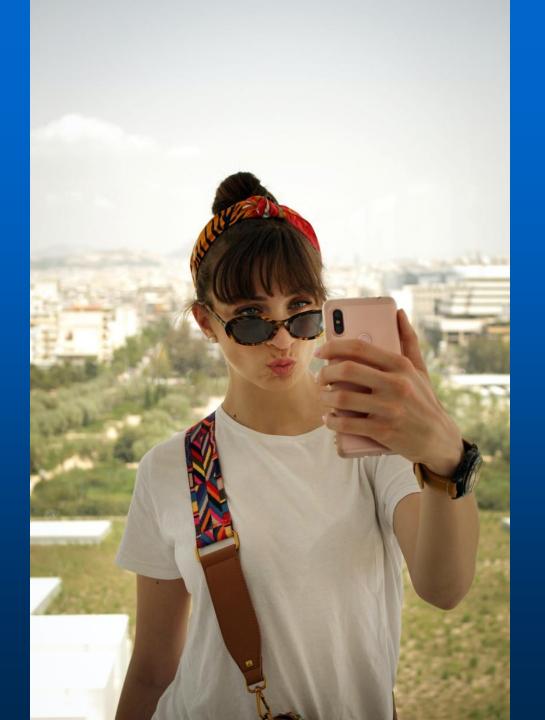
# His Bride the Church Restored and Ready

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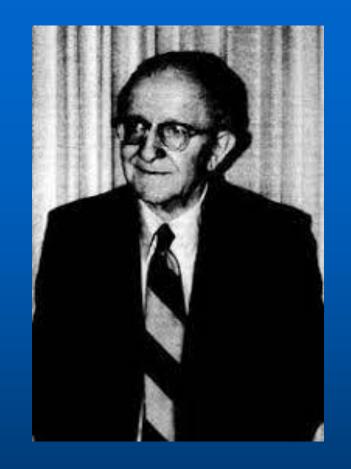
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John Calvin French theologian <u>"Lovers of self'</u> aptly heads the list since it is the essence of all sin and the root from which all the other characteristics spring. The word is literally 'self-lovers' and points to the fact that the center of gravity of the natural man is self rather than God."



D. Edmond Hiebert Bible Comentator 'And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God'

(Rom. 12:2)

'These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

(John 15:17-19)

'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another'

(John 15:12)

'We love Him because He first loved us'

(1 John 4:19)

' This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you' (John 15:12) *`Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us, for the glory of God'* 

(Romans 15:7 NASB)

'Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ' (Galatians 6:2) 'Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another' (Romans 12:10) 'For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another' (Galatians 5:13) 'And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you' (Ephesians 4:32) *`Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing'* 

(1Thess. 5:11)

## 'Be hospitable to one another without grumbling' (1 Peter 4:9)

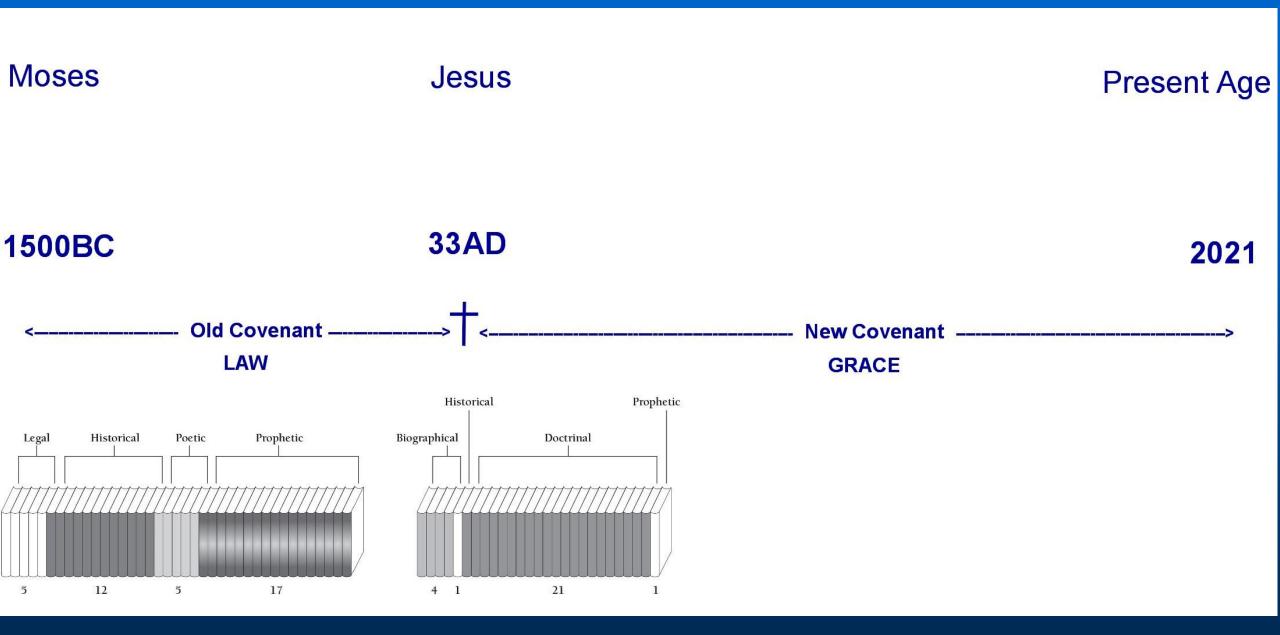
'And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." (1Peter 4:8)

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' And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has <u>anointed us</u>'

(2 Cor. 1:21)

' But <u>you have been anointed</u> by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge'

(1 John 2:20)

'There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. <u>But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one</u> for the profit of all'

(1Cor.12:4-7)

### **The Second Coming of Christ**

*Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, <u>and His wife has made herself ready</u>." 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'* 

(Rev.19:7-8)

#### 'For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do'

(Eph. 2:10) NIV

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'...may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which <u>every part does</u> <u>its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love</u>'

(Ephesians 4:15-16)

'So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <u>to equip his people for works of service</u>, so that the body of Christ may be built up'

(Ephesians 4:11-12 NIV)

'As <u>each one has received a gift</u>, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God'

### (1 Pet. 4:10)

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms'* 

(1 Pet. 4:10) NIV

'And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ'

(Col. 3:23-24)

### **Reward for works**

Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "<u>that they may rest from their labors, and</u> <u>their works follow them</u>."

(Rev.14:13)



'Now he who plants and he who waters are one, <u>and each one will receive</u> <u>his own reward according to his own labor</u>. For <u>we are God's fellow workers</u>; you are God's field, you are God's building'

(1Cor.3:8-9)

'<u>We then, as workers together with Him</u> also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain'

(2 Cor.6:1)