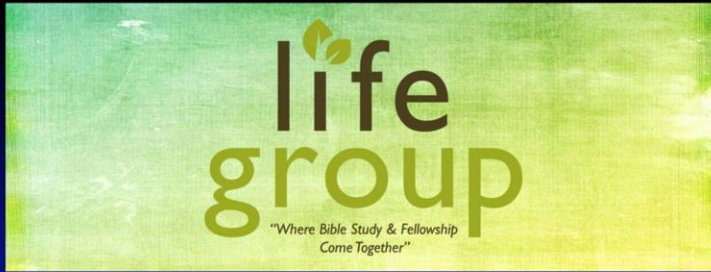


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LIFE Group ...

**6:30 pm at the Thomas' home on Wed. evenings
Bring your Bibles, your Notebook, an
Expectant heart and a prayerful-thankful attitude
to Experience the Presence, the Power and the
Purpose of Jesus Christ, together**





The Victorious and Glorious Church

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Ephesians 5:25-27

Husbands, LOVE your wives, just AS Christ also LOVED the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might SANCTIFY and CLEANSE her with the WASHING of WATER by the WORD, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a GLORIOUS church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be HOLY and WITHOUT BLEMISH.

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[This is why the Perversion of “marriage” today is such an important subject – as it MALIGNS the Image of God (Genesis 1 & 2) and picture of Christ with His Bride, the church]

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2. Christ has a Goal for her ... (a love story . . . →)

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Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a **BRIDE** adorned for her **HUSBAND**. (Revelation 21:1-2)

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⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the **BRIDE**, the Lamb's **WIFE**." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the **GLORY** of God. (Revelation 21:9-11)

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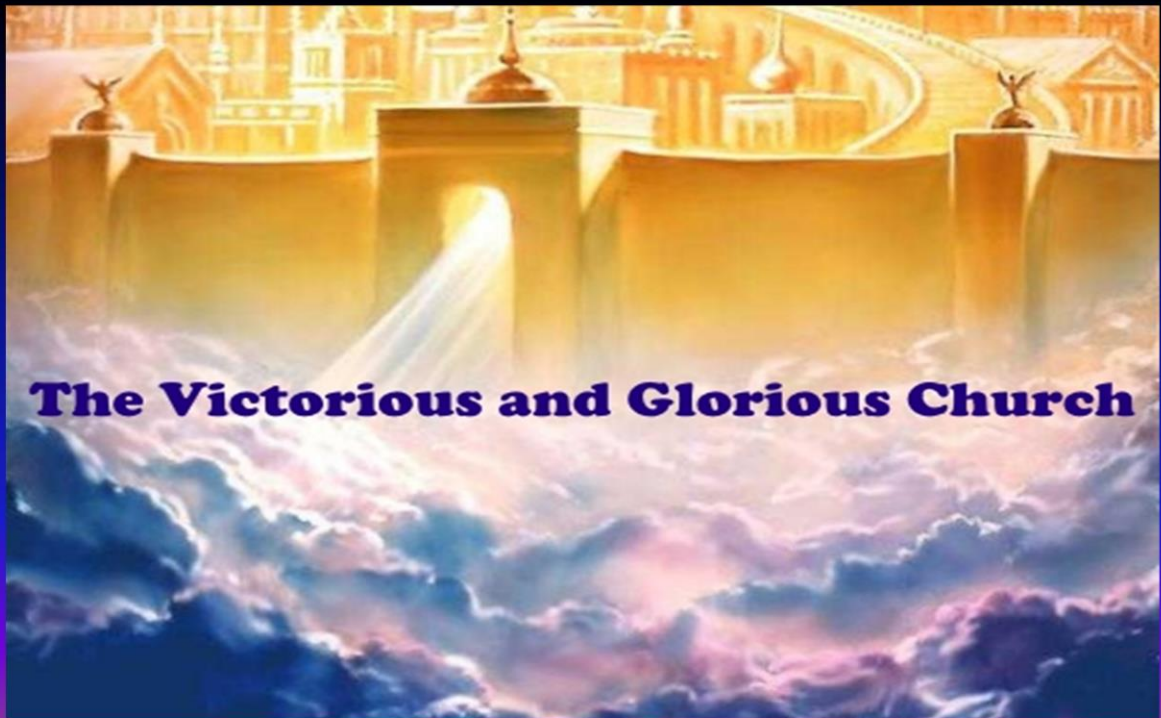
¹⁷ And the Spirit and the BRIDE say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the WATER of LIFE freely. (Revelation 22:17)

**We, the BRIDE, by His Spirit are to be His Voice in Urging Lost Sinners to COME to CHRIST (our Head and Husband)
Our Goal is bring more with us to Heaven ...
His Goal is make us Victorious and Glorious ...**

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See y'all Next Time we Gather...
@ LIFE Group and/or Here Next Week



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