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NAMES FOR THE CHURCH continued

1. THE BRIDE OF CHRIST - (Rev. 21:9) "... I will show you **the bride, the Lamb's wife**"

This relationship has roots in O.T. and ties in with the N.T.

(Jeremiah 3:14) "... says the Lord, for I am married to you ... "  
(Romans 7:1-6) (v4) "... that you may be married to another, to Him ... "

Apostle Paul writes using the comparison of a husband and wife relationship:

(Ephesians 5:23) "husband ... wife ... Christ ... church"  
(v24) "church ... Christ ... wives ... husbands"  
(v25) "husbands ... wives ... Christ ... church ... gave Himself for her"  
(v31-32) "a man ... his wife ... I speak concerning Christ and the church."

The Bible also presents us as "engaged" to be married or "betrothed," "espoused."

The ultimate marriage ceremony takes place when Jesus comes again.

(Revelation 19:7) "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the **marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.**"  
(v9) "Blessed are those who are **called to the marriage supper of the Lamb**"

Our obligation is to prepare ourselves for that ultimate event (ceremony).

(Gr. Arrabon) - earnest; sealed; guarantee; and in Greek culture may also be translated "engagement-ring" if signifying a gift given in promise or pledge of future marriage.

(Eph. 1:13-14) "you were **sealed** with the Holy Spirit of **promise**, who is the **guarantee** of our inheritance until ... "  
(2 Cor. 5:5) "... God, who has given us the Spirit as a **guarantee**"  
(2 Cor. 11:2) "For I have **betrothed you** as a chaste virgin to Christ"

(Eph. 5:25-27) "... that He might present her to Himself a glorious church ... "

This description is in the parable Jesus told: (Matthew 25:1-13)  
"the kingdom of heaven ... went out to meet the bridegroom ... **those who were ready went in with him to the wedding** ... watch ... you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming"

2. THE HOUSE OF GOD - (1 Timothy 3:15) "I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourselves in **the house of God, which is the church of the living God**"

(Eph. 2:19) "... but fellow citizens with the saints and members of **the household of God**"

We were born into the "household" - (1 Peter 1:22-23, John 3:5-7, Gal. 3:26-27)

Yes, there are "house rules" defined by the heavenly Father: (Romans 12:1-2)

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