

The Christ of All Saints Day

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building...is growing into a holy temple in the Lord. (Ephesians 2:19-21, NASB)

On All Saints Day, Jesus unites us with all God's children of all nations and all ages. He was speaking of us when He said,

"I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd."
(John 10:16, NASB)

In His final evening before His arrest, as He talked to His Father, He prayed for us:

"I do not ask on behalf of these [disciples] alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me." (John 17:20-21, NASB)

He longed to make us all one with Himself,
one with the Father, Son, and Spirit.

To express this oneness, He speaks of us and thinks of us as
His friends, His family,
His temple, His body, His bride.

It seems that no one image could fully express His desire to be
together with us in the fullest possible sense.

In Christ, we are united with all believers of every time, every nation,
every language and culture, every situation and personality.

The lives and examples of all who have gone before us
are like a great cloud of witnesses,
watching, encouraging, and cheering us on.

In Jesus Christ we share with them the same Spirit,
the same love, and the same purpose.

Together we are being prepared as the holy, beautiful, glorious bride of Christ.

On All Saints Day, Jesus unites us with all God's children and
points us toward our shared destiny in Him.

Hymn: [Christ and His Bride](#)