

I was just walking along, minding my own business, when she confronted me. She was one of the most beautiful women that I had ever seen, and I had no idea what she could want. When she asked me if I was available, I was astounded! She said that she was extremely attracted to me and wanted to live with me forever and bear my children. I was totally stunned, but before I could even react to this, another equally beautiful woman rushed up claiming that she had seen me first. The two began to fight over me, and I guess that's what woke me up.

It was all a ridiculous dream, of course. I could be this attractive only in fantasyland. I have failed the tall, dark, and handsome test (all three parts) all my life, and would never have something like this happen to me. It would simply be too amazing.

But something even more amazing occurs when God offers us His love. I am filled with a greater sense of wonder that God finds me "attractive" and wants to have a long-term relationship with me. He so loved me that He sent His only begotten Son to die for me. It is simply incredible that as sinful as I am He would fight to win my love. The blood of Christ hides my sin from Him and makes me appear acceptable and even desirable to Him. We are presented as the bride of Christ, holy and beautifully adorned. Best of all, it's all real, so I don't have to worry about "waking up" to find these things are not true.

*Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.*

*Ephesians 5:25b-27*