

My life is small until I combine it with others' lives to become part of something bigger than myself.

# THE CHURCH ESBEAUTIFUL

³ what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us...

4b we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.

5 He decreed statutes...
which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children,
6 so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.

Psalm 78:3-6

#### A PROMISED

31 "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers... 33b "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33b-34

## THE B

## BRIDE

<sup>7</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. Revelation 21:2 (See also Ephesians 5:29-32)

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.

§ Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear."

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

Revelation 19: 7-8 (See also Revelation 21:1-5)

## A NEW

<sup>20</sup> In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

<sup>1</sup>As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

<sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

<sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

<sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—

<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

<sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1-6

## NEXT STEPS