

# “A FRIEND OF THE BRIDEGROOM”

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**Read:** John 3:24-30

The famous chapter 3 of Johns' gospel.

We will find what is in the more neglected parts of this chapter.

John the Baptist is baptizing, soon to be cast in prison, but not yet.

## John 3:29

He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: **this my joy is fulfilled.**

A significant moment when John the Baptist completed his work.

He that hath the bride is the bridegroom:

**Christ owns His church-**“churches of Christ” Rom. 16:16

1- Built on Christ- Mt. 16:18

2-Bought by Christ- Acts 20:28

3- To be wed to Christ- Rev 19:7

Currently, the Lord's church is the Bride-elect.

One day they will wed.

...this my joy is **FULFILLED.**

The whole work of John the Baptist was a joy, and now it has been fulfilled.

Fulfilled because the bridegroom has united with the bride-elect.

**As if John the Baptist says:**

If this union had not occurred I would not be joyed.

In the future, I cannot do anything more. This is my purpose in life and ...this my joy is **FULFILLED.**

**Note the what and why concerning the Bible:**

**What?** It can be explained that the bible is about; the war of the two kingdoms.

**Why?** It can be further explained that the purpose this is; God joining His Son with His Bride at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.