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Introduction

HAVE you ever seen the sun go down with radiant colors and felt its glory trying to say something to you? Beauty revealed in a moment's time, illuminating and transforming the ordinary. You gaze with wonder and appreciation.....and then the beauty recedes.

Or perhaps it's simply hiding itself. But it leaves behind the promise of something wonderful in your heart, and somehow you feel better, even comforted for having seen it.

For it tells you something.....though you're not sure what. Yet if you listen closely to your heart, you can hear it saying, *I love you*, and the proof of My Love is that I'm letting you see Me.

This is our Lord Jesus, the *King of kings and Lord of lords*, the One through Whom God the Father made the world and all that is therein (John 1:3) – *this One* has stepped out from behind the sunset and is letting us see Him.

* * *

From the beginning of Creation, the world has seen Jesus' Glory revealed through nature - through the physical things that are made (Romans 1:20).

Also, the world has seen Jesus prophesied of in the Old Testament as the Messiah - God the Father's Holy Son – and how He would come here as our Lord and Savior to save us from the spiritual authority and domination of Satan, as well as from the death-to-God effects of the Fall of Man in order to fill us with His Divine Life and thereby restore us to the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Heaven and Earth witnessed together how Jesus actually *did* arrive here, and how He paid an excruciatingly high price on a Cross to bring about so great Salvation for us.

But what do we see of Him now? We see Him revealed *in us* when we put our faith in Him as our Lord and Savior and receive His Divine Life in our soul and spirit!

And with that, now we are awaiting that Glorious Day of "the Marriage Supper of the Lamb" – a Divine and very Royal Celebration of our Oneness with Jesus through His Life dwelling within us!

But how do we live in the meantime? Is there a way we can prepare ourselves for that Heavenly Celebration? And in the process, walk in the Freedom, Power, and Victory of Jesus' Life, abiding in Him and ditching the devil, even while we're still here in this world?

Oh, yes there is, and that's what I'm going to tell you about in this book.

Cheers!

- Kathy May Hosier

"After these things, I [John] heard a great voice of a multitude in Heaven saying, 'Hallelujah....Let us be glad and rejoice, and give Honor to Him: for the Marriage of the Lamb is come, and His Wife has made Herself ready.'"

(Revelation 19:1,7)

Overture:

A Princess, a Liar, and a Royal Wedding

I'VE never forgotten the day I phoned my mother and told her how God had been speaking to me about 'Chicks for Jesus.' She was in her seventies at the time, but she laughed like a schoolgirl.

"Oh-h, what a fun name!" she said. "I want to be a Chick for Jesus!"

I got the same response from my eighty-six-year-old friend, Elizabeth: She laughed and said she wanted to be a Chick for Jesus too.

Their reactions are perfect examples, I think, of how girls and women everywhere responded to the chick *nom de plume* when it was first coined in the late 1950's: Young or old, it seemed they all loved it and wanted to be one.

Being a chick implied that you were feminine, cool, hip, good-looking, light-hearted, fun, desirable – you name it. If the descriptive adjective was complimentary, it was thrown into the mix with all the others.

As for me, I've always loved the idea of being a chick! In fact, I can still remember the first time I heard some girls referred to as such. I was about twelve years old, and I heard a boy at school say to his buddies, 'Hey, look at those cute chicks!'

Quickly, I whipped my head around and saw three girls walking by in pretty dresses, giggling amongst themselves. It seemed they felt complimented to be called 'chicks.'

And I was enchanted. That innocent flirtation, so romantic and sweet, instantly captured the heart of my young imagination: A smile....the fluttering of eyelashes in the sunlight....a shy glance backward.... pink blush rising to the cheeks....everything around me all gossamer with the sound of music and the fragrance of flower petals floating in the air.

I tell you, if ever there were a little cupid of love with a red valentine and bow and arrow, he must have shot me through; because in that moment, standing there in the school corridor, suddenly I wanted to be a 'chick' more than anything in the world!

Chicks for Jesus

Honestly, though, as much as I loved the prospect of being some sort of a cool, hip chick, if you had told me back then that one day I would

be a 'Chick for Jesus,' I would've felt like shooting myself in the head with a stun gun.

Because, sadly, having never been around the many smart, fun, loving, compassionate people that make up the True Body of Christ, my only Christian role models were those portrayed in movies. And they looked like mean zombies.

Those actors and actresses in all their black garb and stern, lifeless faces singing morosely about "bringing in the sheaves" really freaked me out.

On the other hand, if you had told me that:

- * I was a real princess, because I was made in the Image and Likeness of God, the King of the universe, as His very own Child
- * but the reason I didn't know it was because Satan had obscured my Royal Identity long before I was ever born
- * that just as the fairytale princesses Snow White and Sleeping Beauty had fallen into a state of sleeping death through the trickery of evil
- * so Satan had used wicked lies about God to trick Adam and Eve into bringing about the Fall of Man

* which caused them and all Mankind after them to descend into a state of spiritual death to God, and as a result, into this lower realm of life where bad things happen......

......Honey, if you had told me all that with a straight face, I would've invited you out for coffee!

(Where I would have asked you to show me chapter and verse in the Bible to back up your claims - as if being in a world where bad things happen isn't enough!)

At Coffee

And let's say that at coffee you showed me those chapters and verses, and then even more, revealing that:

- * just as Snow White and Sleeping Beauty's fairytale prince charmings awakened them with a kiss, and then took them off on white horses to their kingdoms to be their happy, royal brides
- * so Christ Jesus the King of kings and Lord of lords came down from Heaven to make a way, through His own Life, for us to be awakened and raised from our spiritual death to God brought on by the Fall of Man

* so that we could reign with Him now and forever in the Kingdom of God as His Bride; a Glorious, Divine Destiny that is ours when we receive His Life (Colossians 1:13)......

......Beautiful friend, if you had shown me all that in the Bible, this time I would have invited you over for dinner!

Dinner

And let's say at dinner you explained that:

- * It has always been Satan's ploy to portray Christians as ignorant and mean
- * so that none of us would want anything to do with Jesus
- * and therefore would never discover our True Royal Identity, or come into God's Kingdom
- * but would instead spend eternity in a realm where the devil is dictator.....

.......Well, hmm.....how can I put this? Oh, I know: Do you remember that lightning-flashing ark thing in the movie *Raiders of the Lost Ark*?

Well, if you had proved to me in the Bible that all of your above bullet points are actually *true*, I would've felt like finding that ark and vanquishing the devil with it! Multiple times! Big liar.

Discovering Truth

It's been a long time since I was a young girl all turned off by those stern-looking movie actors playing the role of Christians. And yet with all my preconceived notions about Christianity, Jesus kindly and mercifully revealed Himself to me when I was only twenty-four.

Then I read the Bible for the first time, and there I learned that all of those above bullet points are in fact *true*. But I also learned that it's not my place to vanquish the devil from this world – it's the Lord's place, and one day He'll do just that!

In the meantime, my place and privilege (and everyone else's) is to *believe in* and *act on* what God says in His Word about placing our faith in Jesus as our Savior and receiving His Life to dwell within us, in our soul and spirit (which is the meaning of being "born again," as Jesus coined the phrase).

And when we *are*, then we are set free from the condemnation of $\sin - \text{past}$, present, and future - as well as from the spiritual authority of Satan. And we can look forward to that Triumphant Day when we will join our Savior King as His 'Bride' at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb!

The Royal Wedding of the King of kings

Do you know about this Divine and very *Royal* Marriage Supper scheduled to take place in Heaven one day? Jesus described it as a Celebration of Oneness between Himself and those who have been born again with His Life!

In fact, He even shared a parable about it, saying: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a certain king who made a marriage for his son" (Matthew 22:1-13).

In this parable, a 'certain king' invited many people to his son's wedding. Some came, some did not. But then something inappropriate and disrespectful happened: A man came to the marriage not dressed in proper wedding attire.

And when the father of the bridegroom saw this, he approached him and said, "Friend, why have you come in not having on a wedding garment?" And the man was speechless. Then the father ordered his servants to remove him from the wedding, "and he was cast out into outer darkness."

The Wedding Clothing of the Bride of Christ

In real life we've all been invited by God to be counted among the vast multitude of born again Believers who will join Jesus as His Bride at the Marriage Supper that God has arranged for His Son.

But we must be properly dressed for it. We can't show up in any ol' rag or we'll get thrown out. (Or to put it more plainly, we won't have any part with Jesus if we insist on clinging to the rags of our old fallen nature we were born into through the Fall of Man.)

So how can we be dressed for such a Divine and *very Royal* Marriage? What provision has God made for us to be clothed appropriately as: 'THE ROYAL BRIDE OF HIS MAJESTY, THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS'?

Ah, dear friend, the answer is beautiful: God has provided the Glorious Royal Clothing of Jesus' own Divine Life and Nature for us to be clothed with!

Jesus' Life is the *Heavenly Clothing* that God has given us to put on, that He wants us to put on, that we still have time to put on - and then *wear*, even while we are still here in this world.

Note: I use the word 'wear' there in keeping with the metaphorical language of Jesus' marriage parable. For it follows that after the guests 'put on' their wedding garments (presumably at home), they then 'wore' them to the wedding celebration.

There's the action of 'putting on' a garment, and the subsequent action of 'wearing' it.

And this is what we do after we've 'put on' the Royal Clothing of Jesus' Divine Life by being born again. We then 'wear it' by *living* in it and *walking in it* as our own, as those united in Oneness of Life with Him.

Think of it this way: When we install a new operating system on our computer, we then *use* that operating system to do our computer work, surf the internet, build a website, etc.

And that's what I'm talking about here. Figuratively speaking, Jesus' Life is the new 'Operating System' of our souls, given to us to 'live in' and 'walk in' when we are born again.

As Colossians 2:6 says: "As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk you in Him."

A Life from On High

And oh, what a wonderful Gift! For along with Jesus' Life being the *Divine* and *very Royal* Clothing that we are privileged to wear, it is also *Anointed Clothing*, empowering us to partake of all the Freedom, Power, Victory, and Authority of His Life within us. (First John 4:17).

Also, Jesus' Life is *Sacred Clothing*, imputing His Holiness to us as a free Gift; *Sanctified Clothing*, setting us apart for God and endowing us with His Favor and Blessings; *Invincible Clothing*, described in Ephesians 6:10-18 as......uh oh, now I have to say it......that unfeminine 'A' word......as in the '*Ar-r-r-mor of God*.'

Oh, I know, I understand: If you're a girl - if you are of the *femme gendre'* - the 'Armor' word is hardly music to your ears. Especially since armor of any kind suggests war, and we girls are typically for love, not war.

But, actually, there's another way to look at the Armor of God. No, really, there is! In fact, in this book I'll prove it to you in a way that's sure to thrill your feminine heart, I promise.

For regardless of how we may visualize it, the Armor of God is a Biblical revelation of the Person, Nature, Character, and Attributes of *Jesus Himself* empowering us to abide in Him (John 15:4-5), bear much fruit (John 15:8), and be filled with His Might (Ephesians 6:10).

And the devil has to obey Him. Our soul's fallen life and nature are replaced by His Divine Life and Nature when we are born again. And the cloak of this world's life-sucking, Truth-twisting, God-

denying system is revealed by the Light of His Life to be nothing more than what it is - the fabled emperor's non-existent clothing!

So don't let the title of this book fool you. This is not your typical chick literature. I'm not going to tell you the story of a girl who's a lot like us, and a guy who's a lot like Satan, and then give us some lame happy ending anyway.

No no, dear Sister - this is *Christian* chick lit! And our guy is *Jesus*, the King of kings and Lord of lords - handsome, strong, kind, rich, *and deeply in love with us!*

And we're going to have a happy ending in this book by seeing through the first facet of the Armor of God - *Truth* - how we can marry our Heavenly King and wear the Royal Clothing of His Life to abide in Him, ditch the devil, and be totally, Earth-shakingly, Heaven-inspiringly *gorgeous* as the Bride of Christ at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb!

A Glorious Day

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him, for the Marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Wife has made Herself ready."

(Revelation 19:7)

I LOVE how the Scriptures give us glimpses of the Celestial Joy of Heaven's Bride and Bridegroom on the Day of Their Marriage Celebration of Divine Oneness together!

For example, we read in the Psalms:

"God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.... With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter the King's Palace."

(Psalm 47:5; 45:15)

And as it happened, after I met Jesus and entered into this wonderful Divine Love Story for myself, to my great joy I learned in the Bible that I had a Fabulous Future, one of reigning with Christ as part of His "Body" (that great throng of Believers who throughout the ages have been born again with His Life).

And I rejoiced that one Glorious Day, at the sound of a Trumpet, Jesus will gather us to Himself and bring us to His Joyous Marriage Supper in the Kingdom of God, where we will celebrate our Divine Oneness with Him.

Divinely Prophesied

Not everyone knows this, but the Old Testament is encrypted with beautiful prophecies of this Divine Marriage, and in the New Testament, Jesus talked about it as well.

For example, He told the people about it through the parable of that "certain king" we just looked at in the last chapter (the one who hosted a marriage for his son).

Then, after telling His disciples about the end times (which we commonly refer to as 'the last days'), He shared more about the Marriage Supper and gave yet another parable about it (known as 'the parable of the ten virgins').

Then He summed it all up, saying (and I'll conclude with the last line of His ten virgins parable):

"Immediately after the tribulation of those [last] days, the sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light,

and the stars shall fall from the heavens, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man [the sign of the Cross] in the heavens, and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn.

and they shall see the Son of Man [Jesus – Who is both the Son of Man and the Son of God] coming in the clouds with Power and great Glory.

And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His Elect [those born again with His Life] from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other....

and they....[shall go] with Him to the Marriage, and the door shall be shut."

(Matthew 24:29-31; 25:10)

A Dream Come True

Now, I don't know about you, but when I first read about this Heavenly Marriage Supper in the Bible, immediately it became a beautiful dream in my heart that I knew was going to come true.

I was so filled with love for Jesus (and still am!) that it was pure happiness to imagine the joy of celebrating with all Believers our Oneness with Him on that Glorious Day!

I refer there to "all" Believers, because even though I'm a girl writing here to girls of all ages about being Chicks for Jesus, our Oneness with Him as His Bride is a Oneness of soul, not of the flesh, and therefore not of gender. For "In Christ Jesus there is…neither male nor female, for you are all One in Him" (Luke 20:27-36; Galatians 3:28).

In other words, the Life of Christ in the born again Believer is *Divine*. And at the Marriage Supper, after we have shed these fleshly human bodies of ours and received our Celestial Body in Heaven, we will be Divine both within *and* without!

And oh, what a time of Celebration that will be! A time when we will at last see ourselves and one another clothed with our Bridegroom King's Glory, each of us arrayed in the Majestic Splendor of the One Who gave His Life for us (John 17:22)!

A time when we will all rejoice together as Believers in Oneness with our Lord, in a Realm so High, so made of Perfect Love, it will be *Eternal Bliss* (John 17:21-23).

A time also when Heaven and Earth will behold the transcendent Glory of Heaven's Bride and Bridegroom and rejoice that Their Eternal Reign will bring Love and Joy and Peace to all! As Revelation 2:14 says:

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

Truly, as Believers, Beautiful Chicks for Jesus, we are in what has been referred to throughout the ages as 'The Greatest Love Story Ever Told,' with the most fabulous Happy-Ever-After ending imaginable!

Oh, but wait.....I haven't even told you what the name 'Chicks for Jesus' means, have I?

Well, let me get right to that! Because along with being a fun, trippy *nom de plume*, the name 'Chicks for Jesus' also has a Biblical definition, one directly from the Heart of our Heavenly Father.

And it has everything to do with Jesus as our Armor from God, as you shall see!

About the Author

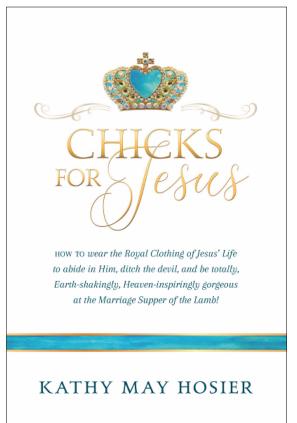
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Truly, "God has given us richly all good things to enjoy" (First Timothy 6:17). And while Kathy enjoys all good things whenever they come her way, her greatest aim in life since the day she met Jesus in 1971 has been to enjoy His Presence and walk closely with Him. And she is grateful for all the doors the Lord has opened for her over the years to share the Gospel and teach His Word, as well as participate with others in intercessory prayer.

As to this book, Kathy's heart's desire is that all who read it will know more of the Love that Jesus has for each of them personally; and that they would see more clearly how they can experience close fellowship with Him and enjoy the Peace and Power and Victory of His Life as their own by purposely walking with Him according to the seven facets of the Armor of God. And she would love for you to meet up with her on her Chicks for Jesus website.

Finally, Kathy's prayer is that people everywhere who don't yet know Jesus would hear how much He loves them and desires a close relationship with each of them personally. And in response, they would receive His Life and experience His Love and the Beauty of Fellowship with Him - *the King of Kings and Lord of lords* - and be counted among those present as the Bride of Christ on that Glorious Day of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb!



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