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where we are spoken of as the possession of Jesus.
We also see this as the church being described as the
pure, chaste bride of Christ when presented to the
Son by the Father. Remember courtship.

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And, at the same time, you will not experience the joy of intimacy and devotion to Him if you hedge your bet and chose to live in the middle.

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Yes, choose life—the abundant life found only in Him.

