

Bible Reading: Ephesians 5: 22-33 (p.
1176)

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail—
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for
us—
truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

"Speak, O Lord"

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13.2m long & 4.2m in diameter

Weights 11.2 tonnes

Travels at 17,000 mph

Orbits the earth every 95 minutes



The Hubble Telescope



Launched in 1990

Service Life ?????

Power use: 2.2kW

Sends 120 gigabytes of
info to NASA every
week = 1km length of
books on a shelf







The Hubble Telescope



has enabled us to see
things which we never
saw before

has helped to see more
widely, more deeply,
more clearly

has changed our ideas
about the universe

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Corrects our wrong
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everything that matters

Reveals to us the God
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We are encouraged to ask questions:

- Who?
- When?
- Where?
- Why?

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Who is the Church?

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*‘This is a profound mystery – but I
am talking about Christ and the
church’ (v. 32)*

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*Marriage is a flawed but helpful
picture of the relationship between
Jesus Christ and his church*

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Romans 5 : 6 – 8 (p.1132)

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*Jesus Christ did not love the Church
because she was beautiful – actually
the complete opposite*

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Ezekiel 16 : 4 - 6 (p.841)

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*Despised, rejected, unwashed and
filthy, abandoned.*

'I saidLIVE'

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Isaiah 53 : 1 – 6 (p.740)

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*A prophesy of One who would be
despised, rejected and suffer instead
of us*

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Mark 8 : 31 (p.1012)

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*Jesus Christ came to fulfil the
prophecy*

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Acts 20 : 21 (p.1117)

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*The evidence of Jesus Christ's saving
work in us...repentance towards God
and faith in Jesus Christ*

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Who is the Church of Jesus Christ?

The church of Jesus Christ is that body of people of which Christ is the Head because of his undeserved and loving saving work for them by his life, death, resurrection and intercession.

They show that they belong to Jesus Christ by lives which have turned from God-opposition to God-obedience trusting Jesus as their only Saviour and Lord.

They are being changed by, and in cooperation with, God's grace day by day into people who are holy, a radiant bride fit for, and delighted in, her husband, Jesus Christ, for ever.

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Are you one of these people? Come!

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Scripture References:

V.1 = Eph. 1:22-23, Col. 1:18, 1 Cor. 3:11, Eph. 2:20,
Eph. 5:26-27

V. 2 = Eph. 4:4-6

V. 3 = Rev. 6:10