

INSIGHT

- I. **The central thought of John 14 is that we must believe into God and thereby enter into God—John 14:1:**
  - A. To believe in God is objective, but to believe into God is subjective; it is the subjective believing that brings us into God.
  - B. It is by believing into the Lord that we enter into Him to be one with Him, to partake of Him, and to participate in all that He has accomplished for us—John 3:15.
  - C. Through believing into Christ, we have an organic union with Him and have our being merged into His so that we two may be one organically—John 15:4-5.
  
- II. **The Father's house is a matter of the Triune God—through incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection—working Himself into the believers in order to be fully mingled with them so that He may build them up as an organism for His dwelling and expression—John 14:2-3, 23:**
  - A. In 2:16 *My Father's house* refers to the dwelling place of God on earth, the temple; the temple is a type, or figure, of the body of Jesus, which in resurrection has been enlarged to be the Body of Christ—John 2:19-22.
  - B. *My Father's house* in 14:2 is the Body of Christ, the church as the house of God—Eph. 1:22-23; 2:21-22; 1 Tim. 3:15.
  - C. The Father's house is a divine and human incorporation of the processed and consummated God constituted with His redeemed, regenerated, and transformed elect—John 14:20.
  - D. In the Father's house are many abodes—John 14:2:
    - The many abodes are the many members of the Body of Christ, which is God's temple—Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 3:16-17.
    - All the believers in Christ are the abodes in God's building, the Father's house; this building is the Body of Christ—Eph. 1:22-23; 2:21-22; 5:30; 1 Cor. 12:27.
  - E. *I go to prepare a place for you* means that the Lord would prepare a place, accomplish redemption, open up the way, and make a standing for us to enter into God—John 14:2-3, 6:
    - By death and resurrection the Lord Jesus paved the way and prepared the place so that we might be brought into God—John 14:20.
    - By His death and resurrection He prepared a standing for us before God and in God; in this way He prepared a place for us in God—John 14:2-3, 6.
    - The standing in God, being enlarged, becomes the standing in the Body of Christ—Rom. 12:4-5; Eph. 5:30; 1 Cor. 12:27:
      - Anyone who does not have a standing, a place, in God does not have a place in the Body of Christ, which is the Father's house, the dwelling place of God—Eph. 1:22-23; 2:21-22.
      - As believers in Christ, we all have a place in God and a place in the Body, and now we should live in the place prepared for us through the death and resurrection of Christ—John 14:2-3, 20; 1 Cor. 12:27.
  - F. The Lord's coming brought God into man, and His going brought man into God; by this coming and going, He builds up the house of God by building God into man and man into God—John 1:14; 10:10b; 14:2-3.
  - G. By the Spirit and through His death and resurrection, the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, is building an organism, the church, which is His Body and the Father's house, produced by the mingling of the Triune God with His chosen and redeemed people—John 14:7-24.
  - H. The Father's house is built up by the constant visitation to the redeemed elect of the Father and the Son with the Spirit—John 14:23.
  - I. The Father's house is in three stages: the stage of God's incarnation, the stage of Christ resurrected with His believers to be built up as the church, and the consummate stage—the New Jerusalem—John 2:19-21; Rev. 21:2-3, 9-10.

III. **The Father's house, the church, is in God the Father**—John 14:2, 20; 1 Thes. 1:1; 2 Thes. 1:1:

- A. For the church to be in God the Father, God must become the Father to us, and we need to have a life relationship with Him—John 20:17:
- In the New Testament *the Father* denotes the source of life—John 5:26.
  - The title *God* refers to creation; the title *Father* refers to the impartation and multiplication of life—1 John 3:1.
  - God is no longer merely our Creator; He is also our Father, our Begetter, for He has begotten us with His life—John 1:12-13.
  - We can call God our Father because we have been born of Him, and now, as His children, we have a life relationship with Him—Rom. 8:15-16.
  - Through His life-releasing death and life-imparting resurrection the Lord has made us one with Him; His Father is now our Father—John 20:17.
  - By His death and resurrection the Lord Jesus has brought us into Him; since He is in the Father, we are in the Father by being in Him, the Lord Jesus—John 14:20.
- B. For the church to be in God the Father means that the church is in the One who is the unique source, the Originator and Initiator—1 Cor. 8:6:
- To know God as the Father is to know that everything originates from Him and that everything proceeds from Him—Matt. 15:13; Rom. 11:36.
  - In the church life the Father should be the unique source, and we all should be in His unique purpose and plan—2 Tim. 1:9; Rom. 8:28.

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IV. **We need to see the intrinsic significance of living in the church as the Father's house**—John 14:2-3, 23:

- A. To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in the Triune God as life—John 1:4; 5:26; 6:53; 11:25; 14:6.
- B. To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in the light—John 1:4; 8:12.
- C. To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in resurrection—John 11:25.
- D. To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in grace and reality—John 1:14, 16-17; 14:6; 16:13.
- E. To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in the divine glory—John 17:22-23.
- F. To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in a house of prayer and worship—John 14:13; 15:7, 16; 16:23-24; 4:23-24.
- G. To live in the church as the Father's house is to live a life of shepherding—John 10:10-11, 15-17; 21:15-17.
- H. To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in and for God's building—John 2:19-21; 14:23.
- I. To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit for the keeping of oneness—John 7:39; 14:16-20; 16:13; 17:11, 21, 23.
- J. To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in the divine and human incorporation of the processed and consummated Triune God with the redeemed and regenerated tripartite believers—John 14:10-11, 20.

## INSIGHT

**Message 11: In the Father's House—Living in the Place Prepared for Us through the Death and Resurrection of Christ****I. The central thought of John 14 is that we must believe into God and thereby enter into God**

- To believe in God is objective, but to believe into God is subjective that brings us to be one with the Lord, partake and participate in all that He has accomplished for us; have our being merged into His so that He and we are one organic union. [John 14:1] Do not let your heart be troubled; believe into God, believe also into Me. [John 15:4-5] I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. sinews, grows with the growth of God.

**II. The Father's house is a matter of the Triune God—through incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection—working Himself into the believers in order to be fully mingled with them so that He may build them up as an organism for His dwelling and expression**

- In John 2:16 My Father's house refers to the dwelling place of God on earth, the temple; a type of the enlarged body of the resurrected Jesus, the church as the house of God. It is a divine and human incorporation of the processed and consummated God constituted with His redeemed, regenerated, and transformed elect. These believers in Christ are the many abodes in the Father's house; God's building, as the Body of Christ. By His death and resurrection the Lord Jesus paved the way, prepared the place and a standing for us before God and in God that we might be brought into God. The standing in God, being enlarged, becomes the standing in the Body of Christ. Without this standing and place in God, one does not have a place in the Body of Christ. We, believers in Christ, all have a place in God and in the Body, we should now live in the place prepared for us through the death and resurrection of Christ. By the Lord's coming (bringing God into man) and His going (bringing man into God), He builds up the house of God by building God into man and man into God. Through His death and resurrection and by the Spirit, the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, is building an organism, the church, the Father's house and His Body, by the constant visitation to the redeemed elect of the Father and the Son with the Spirit, and by mingling the Triune God with His chosen and redeemed people. The Father's house is in three stages: the stage of God's incarnation, the stage of Christ resurrected with His believers to be built up as the church, and the consummate stage—the New Jerusalem. [John 14:2] In My Father's house are many abodes; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. [1 Tim. 3:15] But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth. [John 14:20] In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. [1 Cor. 3:16] Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? [1 Cor. 12:27] Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. [John 14:3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be. [John 14:21] He who has My commandments and keeps them, he is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him. [John 14:23] Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

**III. The Father's house, the church, is in God the Father**

- For the church to be in God the Father, we need to have a life relationship with Him that He may be the source of life for the impartation and multiplication of life. God is our Father, our Begetter, for He has begotten us with His life, we are His children. Through the Lord's life-releasing death and life-imparting resurrection, He has made us one with Him and His Father is now our Father. Since the Lord Jesus is in the Father, we are also in the Father by being in Christ. This means that the church is in the One who is the unique source, the Originator and Initiator, that in the church life the Father should be the unique source, and we all should be in His unique purpose and plan. [1 Thes. 1:1] to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ... [Rom. 11:36] Because out from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

## EXPERIENCE

**IV. We need to see the intrinsic significance of living in the church as the Father's house**

- To live in the church as the Father's house is to live: ① in the Triune God as life; ② in the light; ③ in resurrection; ④ in grace and reality; ⑤ in the divine glory; ⑥ in a house of prayer and worship; ⑦ a life of shepherding; ⑧ in and for God's building; ⑨ in the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit for the keeping of oneness; ⑩ in the divine and human incorporation of the processed and consummated Triune God with the redeemed and regenerated tripartite believers. [John 17:21] That they all may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me. [John 17:23] I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.

By His death and resurrection, the Lord has not only opened the way into God, but also prepared a standing for us before and in God. Listen to the good tidings: A place before and in God has been prepared for us. As long as we believe in the name of the Lord Jesus, we have a standing before God and in God. We all must shout, "Hallelujah! I have a standing before God. I even have a standing within God. Even God Himself cannot reject me. Oh, because of the preparing work of Christ, the righteous God can never cast me out. I have such a firm standing in God." I can testify to you that I am so secure about the fact that I am in God. Without the crucified and resurrected Christ we could never have this assurance. But since the Lord has gone through the cross and has been raised from the dead, we know that we have a position before God and a standing in God.

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God has only one building in the entire universe. In Old Testament times God's building was with the children of Israel and was typified by the tabernacle and the temple. Both the tabernacle and the temple were symbols of God's people being His dwelling place on the earth. In the New Testament times the church is built. In a spiritual sense the church is the continuation of the tabernacle and the temple. In the Old Testament we have the tabernacle and the temple, and in the New Testament we have the church as God's temple. Today, we are God's temple. Eventually, the building with the Old Testament saints and the New Testament saints will ultimately consummate in the New Jerusalem which will be the eternal tabernacle, God's habitation among men for eternity. This is God's building.

Do you believe that now, in the church age, God does not have a habitation among men on the earth? He certainly has! This habitation is the church. Where is the church? It is on earth. God's habitation today is a living composition of living believers on the earth. Wherever we, the living believers, are built together, God has a habitation on earth. This is God's building on the earth today. By being redeemed, washed in the blood, and regenerated by the divine life, we have been made a living part of this living building which is the place that the Lord was going to prepare for us as He said in John 14:2.

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