## 11/18-24, #11 In the Father's House— Living in the Place Prepared for Us through the Death and Resurrection of Christ Bird's-Eye View

The central thought of John 14 is that we must believe into God and thereby enter into God: John 14:1 Do not let your heart be troubled; believe into God, believe also into Me. 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. 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. 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: <u>14:2</u> 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. 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. 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. 2:16 And to those who were selling the doves He said, Take these things away from here; do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise. B My Father's house in 14:2 is the Body of Christ, the church as the house of God. 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. Father's house is a divine and human incorporation of the processed and consummated God constituted with His redeemed, regenerated, and transformed elect. D In the Father's house are many abodes: 1 The many abodes are the many members of the Body of Christ, which is God's temple. 1 Cor. 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 2 All the believers in Christ are the abodes in God's building, the Father's house; this building is the Body of Christ. <u>12:27</u> Now you are the Body of Christ, and members individually. 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: 1 By death and resurrection the Lord Jesus paved the way and prepared the place so that we might be brought into God. 2 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. 3 The standing in God, being enlarged, becomes the standing in the Body of Christ: 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. 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 14:20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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 stagethe New Jerusalem. III The Father's house, the church, is in God the Father: 1 Thes. 1:1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. 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: 1 In the New Testament the Father denotes the source of life. 2 The title God refers to creation; the title Father refers to the impartation and multiplication of life. 3 God is no longer merely our Creator; He is also our Father, our Begetter, for He has begotten us with His life. 4 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. 5 Through His life-releasing death and life-imparting resurrection the Lord has made us one with Him; His Father is now our Father. 6 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. 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 To know God as the Father is to know that everything originates from Him and that everything proceeds from Him. Rom. 11:36 Because out from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen. 2 In the church life the Father should be the unique source, and we all should be in His unique purpose and plan. IV We need to see the intrinsic significance of living in the church as the Father's house: <mark>A</mark> To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in the Triune God as life. B To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in the light. C To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in grace and reality. D To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in grace and reality. To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in the divine glory. F To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in a house of prayer and worship. G To live in the church as the Father's house is to live a life of shepherding. H To live in the church as the Father's house is to live in and for God's building. 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 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. 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. 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.

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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. B My Father's house in 14:2 is the Body of Christ, the church as the house of God D In the Father's house are many abodes 2 All the believers in Christ are the abodes in God's building, the Father's house; this building is the Body of Christ. <u>1 Cor. 12:27</u>Now you are the Body of Christ, and members individually. 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 1 By death and resurrection the Lord Jesus paved the way and prepared the place so that we might be brought into God 2 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. 3 The standing in God, being enlarged, becomes the standing in the Body of Christ **b** 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.

How can sinners get into God? All the separating elements, the obstacles of sin, sins, the world, the devil, death, the flesh, the self, and the old man, must be abolished....The Lord had to do a work of preparation. He had to go not to the heavens but to the cross to remove all the obstacles. The Lord removed all the mountains, filled all the gaps, paved the highway, and paid all the tolls. There is no charge for us to pay. We may come directly into God. 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. 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.

## Application to business persons

Testimony We have a place in God and in the Body of Christ. That place is in the regenerated spirit and in the transformed soul, not in our natural being. I testify that I honor this place the Lord has prepared for me and live in it.

First, I will fellowship about seeing the vision about this place and honoring it. The Lord became flesh and accomplished His all-inclusive death on the cross as a God-man. On the cross, the Lord abolished all the hindrances of sin, sings, the world, the devil, death, flesh, self, and the old man. Then He was resurrected and opened a new way for us to enter into God. Heb.10:19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus, 20 Which entrance He initiated for us as a new and living way through the veil, that is, His flesh, In this place I can fellowship with God, be mingled with Him, and be built up with other members. It was to prepare such a place for me that Triune God went through various processes. The more I considered this before the Lord, the more I conversed with Him about this vision, the more I wanted to stay in my regenerated spirit. Since I saw this vision and recognized the value of this place, I felt that all of the Lord's preparations would be in vain if I did not stay here. I began to experience talking with the Lord using His Word when I was 19 years old, a sophomore in college, and experienced much of it from the age of 24 when I began serving full time. This experience allowed me to renew my vision.

By the prayers for the vision, I could enter into the next stage, the stage of practically exercising the spirit, setting my mind on the spirit, living in God and functioning as a member of Christ. Starting in 2021, the second year of the Corona period, it was decided that the Lord's day Gospel meetings would be held every week by being coordinated with the brothers. Since it was weekly, I was stressed because the weekend came by so guickly if I wasn't careful. I called on the name of the Lord, fellowshipped with Him, and calmed my stress in Him. Later, the Lord showed me that in addition to pursuing the holy word for morning revival, etc., I can fellowship the application of the Word, as Brother Ed did, following the flow of the Spirit of the meeting. I then began to pray and prepare by considering the application to the situation of the brothers and sisters in each district. If we pray in the regenerated spirit and remain in the fellowship of the Body, we can function properly for the building.

PrayerOh Lord Jesus, the Lord has prepared the place where I can fellowship with Him, be mingled with Him, and be built up with other members, at the price of His own life. To see this vision clearly, I will talk with the Lord often. Then, exercising the spirit and function practically as one member for the building. CP2God's work of building depends on our love for Him and our experience of His abiding with us IIG 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. 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 14:20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 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.

We can abide in Him, and He can abide in us. In such a situation there is no place for sin, the world, Satan, the old man, or the flesh. All such things have been chased away. Have you not had this experience in the past? Deep within you there was a sweet appreciation toward the Lord Jesus, and you said, "Lord, I love You." Then the Lord said, "Since you love Me, My commandment is that you do not do this and that." You said, "Amen, Lord Jesus." Perhaps you said Amen with tears in your eyes. Immediately, you had the sense of His manifestation within you. You were so much in His presence. At that time you had the sense that He was filling you up with Himself and that you were being drawn into Him. You were abiding in Him, and He was abiding in you. You were His abode, and He was yours...We need to have this experience all day long....The building of God's habitation among men on earth today is altogether dependent upon this experience. Perhaps two brothers have a problem with each other. What can solve it? It is not easy to do. One day they both begin to love the Lord, and they have a deep and sweet appreciation of Him. The Lord gives them a commandment, and they take it. Immediately, they are both in the Lord's presence, and the problem is over. This is the way in which the Lord does the divine work of building among us. It is not a matter of organization, regulation, or outward teaching. It is absolutely a matter of our loving the Lord and experiencing His manifestation and His abiding with us.

Application for young people, students, new ones Testimony 1 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. I was so enlightened when I read the words, "He who loves the Lord will keep His word." In my daily life, I often feel that I am becoming more stubborn as I get older, that I can only understand roughly what I hear in Japanese, and that I get trapped by my own concept when I listen to others. And I felt like there was some "barrier" or "obstacle" in listening to what people had said and practicing it. Oh, Lord Jesus! I need Your grace and mercy. I would open to the Lord even more, know Him more, and love Him more. I want to hear the Lord's words in His light, receive revelation, and follow His words to do His will.

Testimony 2 During one of the blending events, there was a sister who started talking about her policies, and as I listened, I felt that she didn't sound very much like a sister in recovery, but she wasn't new or backslidden, so I wasn't sure how I should react. Sister Kaika, who was there with me, seemed to feel the strangeness, but instead of reacting to the talk itself, she asked her who she was coordinating with in the church life. From her answer, it seemed that she was not coordinating with the brothers and sisters close to her, so Sister Kaika gave her specific advice that she should coordinate with someone in the same district. The one who was advised was happy and replied that she would do so from now on. Listening to Sister Kaika, I thought that words useful for building would be this kind of encouragement and specific guidance for people. If I had pointed out what I felt about the talk, the person would have fallen into introspection, and it would not have had a good result.

Also, when I heard that someone had tried to do something useful for shepherding but was weakened by opposition, brother Yoriki told me that it was okay to face opposition, to which I replied, "But people will shrink back when they are repeatedly opposed." In response, brother Yoriki did not say anything, but I had the feeling that the Lord told me, "Satan, get behind." I had a feeling that I was standing on someone's side and defending something, that I was caring about people's weaknesses, but not speaking words that would not encourage anyone or be useful in building. I want to learn to speak according to the Lord's desire from brothers and sisters who live in the Lord and are in good fellowship with Him.

Prayer Oh Lord Jesus, I abide in You and You abide in

me. You and I are a mutual abode. If I abide in You, there is no room for sin, the world, Satan, the old man, or the flesh, and all these will be cast out. May the Lord have a way to do the divine work of building among us.

	神戸に在る教会交わりと報告事項
1.	福音集会の順番:11/17:神戸、11/24:YP(本
	山)、12/1:三宮、12/8:本山南、12/15:六甲、
	12/22:YP(王子公園)、12/29:合同@魚崎
2.	11/20-25 ニュージーランドのBS神戸BLD:
	<u>11/20</u> (水)同行者:佳穂S、末廣S
	14:55 関西国際空港到着
	六甲に到着後、六甲の近く夜景
	18:30 六甲で愛宴とブレンディング集会
	11/21(木)同行者:新城BS
	9:45-11:30 Daytimeトレーニング参加@魚崎
	その後、京都へ
	11/22(金)同行者:余力S、夏美S
	8:30 六甲から本山経由で、奈良と大阪観光
	夜 本山接待の10名は夙川の陳家でBLD
	六甲接待の12名は本山の子供小組、本山
	南の小組、六甲の子供小組に参加
	三宮・王子公園接待の10名は三宮小地
	区と神戸小地区でBLD
	11/23(土)同行者:余力BS 9:55-11:15 関西·四国·東海BLD集会参加@魚崎
	9.55-11.15 国内・四国・東海BD東云参加巡黒祠 昼食は魚崎で愛さん
	12:30 魚崎を出発して姫路に観光
	12:30 ハーバーランドで食事
	11/24(主日)同行者:各地区
	午前 各地区の主日集会に参加
	13:30 布引ハーブ園でブレンディング
	17:00 三宮商店街で買い物と食事
	(接待のある地区は引率のため、
	少なくとも1名奉仕者を出してくだ
	さい)
	11/25(月)同行者:余力S
	本山5:00出発、六甲、王子公園、三宮の順に
	バスが巡回して、関西国際空港に向かう
	※一緒に1日同行出来る人を募集しています。