

^aThe Eternal Family of God **in Christ** Part 2



Review

- The entire purpose and will of God is that He would have an eternal family who freely chooses to love Him, **1 Tim 2:4, 2Pet 3:9, Jn 3:16-17**. This is God's desire.
- To establish an eternally secure family, the Father had to prepare a place **in which** His eternal family could dwell.
- This place is **in Jesus**, eternally secure, and covered by the blood of Jesus
- It is **in Him and thru Him** that our new blood covenant is established
 - Last week we learned that this covenant is only between the Father and Jesus and we are partakers of this covenant by abiding **in Jesus thru His blood**.
- The Father is Holy and Righteous and there is no sin in Him and sin cannot exist in His presence, **1 Jn 1:5**.
- Therefore, the only Way the Father could have His eternal family of those who freely choose Him and love Him is to place those who choose Him **in His Beloved Son**.
 - We see a type of this with Moses:

Exodus 33:18-22-¹⁸ And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." ¹⁹ Then He said, "I will make **all My goodness pass before you**, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you... ²⁰ But He said, "You cannot see My face; **for no man shall see Me, and live.**" ²¹ And the LORD said, "Here is a **place** by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. ²² So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that **^bI will put you in the cleft of the Rock**, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.

...and that Rock was Christ, 1 Corinthians 10:4.

- Our focus today will be on this special "place" the Father has predestined for us.

John 14:2-3-² In My Father's house are many **dwelling places** (μοναί- plural, from the root word μένω "abide;")... I go to prepare **a place** for you. ³ And if I go and prepare **a place** for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

- ^cThis dwelling place is **in Jesus**.
- Jesus went to the cross to prepare Himself as our abode.
- Just as the Father hid Moses in the cleft of the Rock, and that Rock was Jesus. So is this the place where He has hidden us **in Christ**, Col 3:3, Eph 2:15.
- ^dIt is not the will of God to be on the outskirts of heaven away from God.
 - He wants us with Him and **abiding in Him**.
 - He paid the costly price of His Son to have us **in His family**. He wants us in the same house.

John 13:36- Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you **shall follow Me afterward.**"

How do we Abide in him?



- ^eWe have learned from last week that the Father placed the fullness of Him **in Jesus**, Col 1:19.
- Making His promise and the inheritance eternally secure **in Him**.
- Now we want to focus on abiding in these blessings, **in Him**.

- We learn this from the Apostle John and his writings.
- The whole purpose of John's first epistle is to encourage and assure believers of the eternal life we have been given **in Christ**.
- John, like Paul, uses this same "in Him" terminology to explain our eternal heritage **in Christ**.

Hold fast to His Word, Abide in Him and Allow His Word to Abide in you

1 John 2:5 But **whoever holds fast** (τηρέω-tereo) **to His word**, truly the love of God is perfected in him. **By this we know that we are in Him.**

1 John 2:24-25-24 Therefore **let** that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. **If** (ἐάν) what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will **abide in the Son and in the Father**. 25 And **this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life**.

1 John 2:27-28-27 But the anointing which **you have received** from Him abides in you, ... you will **abide in Him**. 28 And now, little children, **abide in Him**, that when He appears, **we may have confidence** and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

1 John 3:24- Now **he who holds fast** (τηρέω-tereo) to His commandments **abides in Him**, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, **by the Spirit whom He has given us**.

1 John 4:12-16-12 ... If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. 13 **By this we know that we abide in Him**, and He in us, because **He has given us of His Spirit**. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. 15 **Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God**, God abides in him, and **he in God**. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides **in love** abides **in God**, and God in him.

John 15:4-5-4 **Abide in Me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you **abide in Me**. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who **abides in Me**, and I in him, bears much fruit; **for without Me you can do nothing**.

§The household of God



- This eternal abode **in Jesus** was predestined before the foundation of the world. Predestination has been a debate among Christians for centuries. People argue that predestination is a predetermined fate of a single individual and thus eliminating free-will.
- But, as we discussed last week, it is not the individual person who has been predestined, but rather the redemptive plan of God has been predestined, namely **this eternal abode in Christ**.
- The Father predestined all His goodness **in Jesus** so that when we freely choose Him, we are placed **in the Rock** and we receive the inheritance of all that the Father predestined **in Christ**.
- The Father predestined Jesus to be our Savior, who is the head of the body of Christ.
 - The eternal Church, also referred to as His body, in which He is the head.
- This is the place Jesus was speaking of in John 14:2.
- It is **in His body** that we become One with Him, being built into the household of God, in which Jesus is the chief cornerstone on which this building is built, Eph 2:20, 1Pet 2:4-6, Isaiah 28:16.

- Below I have compiled some Scripture that explains the household of God. The Greek text gives us a deeper understanding of this concept.
 - Our English translation gives us four different words to describe this idea. Although these English words are good translations, they lose the “root” meaning and the synergy God is expressing.
- The Greek word for house is ἡ οἴκος, oikos. And as you can see below, the Greek is very consistent in maintaining the root meaning in every word. As we see in **John 14:2**, It is not God’s will that we have our own “house” separate from each other and Him. But rather there is only one “house” with many dwelling places in this house. I believe this spiritual house is in **Jesus**. He is our dwelling place, our abode.
- We need to be living and abiding in **Him**. He is our chief cornerstone **Eph 2:20**, upon which this spiritual house is built.
- The Father has chosen to build His house and His family **in and upon Jesus**.

John 14:2

2 In My Father’s **house** are many **mansions places to abide**; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (Jesus prepared Himself for us to abide in Him. He is our “mansion”, our place to abide)

Ephesians 2:19–22

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and **foreigners (outside the house)**, but fellow citizens with the saints and **members of the household** of God,

20 **having been built** on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone**,

21 **in whom** the whole **building**, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple **in the Lord**,

22 **in whom** you also are **being built together** for unto a **dwelling place** of God **in the Spirit**.

Revelation 8:13

...“Woe, woe, woe to the **inhabitants** of the earth... (earth-dwellers)

1 Peter 2:5

5 you also, as living stones, are **being built up** a spiritual **house**, a holy priesthood...

Psalms 91:1 (NKJV)

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalms 91:1 LXX (Septuagint)

1 He who **dwells in the support** of the Most High, **in the shelter** of the God of heaven, he will be **lodged** (future passive)

John 14:2

2 ἐν τῇ **οἰκίᾳ** τοῦ πατρὸς μου **μοναί** πολλαί εἰσιν· εἰ δὲ μή, εἶπον ἂν ὑμῖν; πορεύομαι ἐτοιμάσαι τόπον ὑμῖν.

Ephesians 2:19–22

19 ἄρα οὖν οὐκέτι ἐστὲ ξένοι καὶ **πάρροιχοι**, ἀλλὰ συμπολίται τῶν ἁγίων καὶ **οἰκεῖοι** τοῦ Θεοῦ,

20 **ἐποικοδομηθέντες** ἐπὶ τῷ θεμελίῳ τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ προφητῶν, ὄντος ἀκρογωνιαίου αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ,

21 ἐν ᾧ **πᾶσα ἡ οἰκοδομή** συναρμολογουμένη αὐξοῖ εἰς ναὸν ἅγιον ἐν Κυρίῳ,

22 ἐν ᾧ καὶ ὑμεῖς **συνοικοδομεῖσθε** εἰς **κατοικητήριον** τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν Πνεύματι.

Revelation 8:13

... Οὐαὶ, οὐαὶ, οὐαὶ τοῖς **κατοικοῦσιν** ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς...

1 Peter 2:5

5 καὶ αὐτοὶ ὡς λίθοι ζῶντες **οἰκοδομεῖσθε οἶκος** πνευματικὸς, ἱεράτευμα ἅγιον...

Psalms 91:1 LXX

1 Ὁ **κατοικῶν ἐν βοηθείᾳ** τοῦ ὑψίστου ἐν **σκέπῃ** τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ **αὐλισθήσεται**.

Our Glorification in Him



John 17:20-23-²⁰ “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe **in Me** through their word; ²¹ that they all may be **one**, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be **one in Us**, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be **one** just as We are **one**: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; **that they may be made perfect in one...**

- There is a Glorification to come for us when we will be one **in Him**
- This begins at the Bema Seat Judgement immediately following the rapture and is made complete at the Marriage of the Lamb

Philippians 3:10-14-¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of **His resurrection**, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may **attain to the resurrection from the dead**. ¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but **I press on**, that I may lay hold of that for which **Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me....** ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the **prize of the upward call** of God **in Christ Jesus**.

- To press forward is not works centered, but heart centered
- It is a matter of the heart
 - What is the condition of your heart?
 - What are you **τηρέω** tereo- Holding Fast to?
 - In Whom are you **κατοικέω** katoikeo- intensely dwelling?

Jesus is coming back for those who love Him,

John 14:21- He who has My commandments and **holds fast to them**, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and **I will love him and manifest Myself to him.**”

- This manifestation will occur at the rapture
 - At the rapture we will attain our glorified bodies, 1Jn 2:28, 3:2, 1 Thess 4:15-17, 1 Cor 15:51-54
 - Then pass through the Bema Seat Judgement to burn off all the fleshy and worthless works, 1Cor 3:11-15, 2 Cor 5:10, Dan 7:10
 - And finally, be made One in Him in His glory at the Marriage of the Lamb, Jn 17:20-23, Eph 5:31-32, 2 Cor 11:2, 1 Cor 2:7, Rev 19:7-8

Ephesians 5:31-32-³¹ “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two **shall become one** flesh.” ³² This is a great mystery, but I speak **concerning Christ and the church**.

2 Corinthians 11:2- ... For I have betrothed you to **one husband**, that I may present you as a chaste virgin **to Christ**.

1 Corinthians 2:7- But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which **God ordained** before the ages **for our glory**,

Our glory is complete when we are One in Him,

Revelation 19:7-8-⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”⁸ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

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Conclusion



- Our righteousness, salvation, redemption, His grace, the promise of eternal life, our blessings, our abundance, our inheritance, our eternal abode... it was all placed in Christ before the world began.
- When we choose to abide in Him and allow His Word to abide in us, we are unified in the Father and Jesus to abide unto the forever.
- Our eternal abode is in and through Jesus, in Whom we have been built together, to live together in Him forever.
- All those who abide in Him will be made perfect in Glory at the Marriage of the Lamb
- God's will is that He would have an eternal family, made One in Him, of those who would freely choose Him and love Him

And the world is passing away, and the lust of it;

but he who commits to the will of God

abides unto the forever

1 John 2:17



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- ^a Eternal Family of God
 - ^b Cleft of the Rock
 - ^c Dwelling place is in Christ
 - ^d Outskirts of Heaven
 - ^e Fullness of God in Christ
 - ^f Hold fast to his word
 - ^g Household of God
 - ^h Oikos = house
 - ⁱ One Body in Christ
 - ^j Glorified bodies
 - ^k Bema Seat
 - ^l Marriage of the Lamb
 - ^m Eternal Family of God