

32 Re-Think of Gospel

INTRODUCTION | The Way, The Truth, The Life

Our hope and firm foundation are based on the person and work of Jesus Christ. Today's scripture passage firstly focuses us on Christ's work, why we receive it and where this work is to take us. Jesus is preparing the Father's house for us. Secondly, we see in this passage that Jesus clearly proclaims that He is one with the Father and that He himself is the way, the truth and the life.

SCRIPTURE | John 14:1-11

1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

QUESTIONS |

1: (1-3) Does Jesus talk about where he intends to take us? What kind of place is this? As we face life, death and difficulty does this promise provide us comfort? How?

2: In the gospels, Jesus discusses the kingdom of heaven, the kingdom of God and eternal life. However, these are not things that are received after death. The Father's house that has been prepared is also not restricted to limited to life after death or heaven. How do we understand "the Father's house" that Jesus promised? (Ref: Rev 21:1-4)

3: (6-7) In response to the disciples fear and anxiety at Jesus' coming departure, Jesus talks about his own person and the kind of person He is. What does Jesus say? Furthermore, what does this mean?

4: Jesus proclaims that he is the one with the Father, the way, truth and life. Jesus in opposition to other religions is criticized as being intolerant and exclusivistic. How do you respond to that criticism?

5: (8-9) Phillips request is often a desire we also have. What can be said about the Father seen through Jesus? How does seeing God through Christ correct you understanding?

REFERENCES |

Revelation 21:1-4

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

PRAYER |

-Christ, as we consider your sacrifice and the glorious preparation of the Father's house we lift our praise. The reality of eternal life with the father comes in contrast to the present reality of death pain and distress. Lord Jesus we praise you in the midst of this and reflect on the hope and joy we have in you.

-As we look at the Father through Christ our own preconceived understanding of God is corrected such that we need to rethink entirely in light of Christ. Let us consider and repent of anyways we have misunderstood God.

UPCOMING EVENTS | This Week & Next Week

- 1-Community group leaders meeting (7th Mon)
- 2-Lunch time meeting (Jinbocho 8th Tue, Marunouchi 9th Wed, Otemachi 10th Thu)
- 3-Worship location change (Nihonbashi Hamacho F tower 13th Sun)
- 4- Lunchtime meeting (Kasumigaseki 16th Wed, Otemachi 17th Thu)
- 5-Family BBQ(19th Sat)
- 6- Obento Project (19th Sat)
- 7- Worship location change (Nihonbashi Hamacho F tower 20th Sun)