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HE IS RISEN!

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John 14

<u>1</u>Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Israel had lived its life with knowledge of God and at times total faith in God. At other times they rebelled and worshipped other gods. They had learned from God that there would one day be a Messiah, but to Israel they had not had a relationship with the Son as we do.

When Israel would repent and walk with God then they were blessed by Him. When they would turn from God and follow other god's the Creator God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, would then withdraw His protection from Israel.

The Prophet Isaiah was given many prophesies about the coming days in which Israel would be at peace "Shalom" that God would provide "Salvation" instead of walls and bulwarks. Jerusalem would open its gates to the nations, that they would enter into

Jerusalem in perfect peace. This was all about the millennial reign of Jesus the Messiah.

Isaiah 23: 1 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

- **2**Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.
- <u>3</u>Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.
- 4Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

<u>1</u>Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Jesus is making the point in vs 1, that firstly don't let your fear overcome you, you belong to Jesus. This is the Messiah speaking now to Jews that had lived as Co-Creator, with the Father God, Jehovah.

The Messiah is now stepping into the role of provider and protector of those that Love Him. Israel believed in God Yahweh and now the Messiah Yahweh is telling them, you trusted in Him now Trust in Me.

<u>2</u>In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it* were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Jesus uses the term "house" and "many mansions".

First house in the Greek is "Oikia".

Strong's Concordance:

Usage: The Greek word "oikia" primarily refers to a physical structure or building used as a dwelling place, commonly translated as "house" or "home." It can also extend to mean "household," encompassing the family or those living within the house. In the New Testament, "oikia" is used both literally and metaphorically, often symbolizing a place of safety, community, and familial relationships.

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Strong's Concordance

Usage: The term "moné" is used in the New Testament to denote a place of dwelling or an abode. It conveys the idea of a permanent residence or a place where one remains. In the context of the New Testament, it often refers to the spiritual dwelling places prepared by God for believers.

Jesus is speaking to Jewish people, and they would understand the idea of a home, a place for family. The Jewish people would understand this statement by Jesus that He is describing a physical structure that they as close families would understand. In fact, we do not have a description of any physical structures in heaven. The closest we have is the design of the Temple which was denoted as God's dwelling place on earth. The question is, is the pattern given by God to Moses a duplicate of something in Heaven?

Hebrews 8:7 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Acts 7:44

Our fathers had the tabernacle of the Testimony with them in the wilderness. It was constructed exactly as God had directed Moses, according to the pattern he had seen.

Hebrews 9:23

So it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

There is strong scriptural evidence that the things God described to be built on earth followed a precise pattern of things in Heaven.

We live in a three-dimensional reality. That does not exclude other realities that have more dimensions such as a Heavenly Dimension that likely has many more dimensions and is still a reality.

We know from scripture that Jesus in His Resurrected body, operated in several dimensions simultaneously. We know that after His resurrection He could be seen in our 3-dimensional world. We understand that after His resurrection He went to another dimension called Abrahams Bosom and "led the captives free". He could also pass through walls or doors in our dimension, yet in His physical presence, the Apostle Thomas could touch Jesus's scars on his hands and side.

A question that I have wrestled with for some time is what actually happens at death. I think the Bible gives us some pretty clear indications. Man was made from the dust of the earth according to God.

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

When we die our physical body returns to that first state of dust, it does that through decay.

Genesis 3:19In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

There is an amazing thing that God did when He breathed life into Adam. He created a Soul and loaned that soul a Spirit. Two things that are eternal, the Spirit and the Soul. It is likely that God originally made Adam and Eve to be eternal and that body would duplicate into other eternal humans. At the fall, that eternal nature of Adam and Eve was removed by God either through the dying of their Spirit, or He simply changed the DNA from eternal to temporal.

When God created man in

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At one point during Creation, there was a lifeless body lying there that God created and it had no life to it. God then "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul". The body came to life in three dimensions: body, soul and Spirit.

But where does the Spirit come in?

The Spirit is a gift from God that is introduced into the Soul at the instant of life. The Spirit is the only means of communicating with God. It belongs to Him and will return to Him at death.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. (emphasis mine)

Adam and Eve were given a Body, Soul and Spirit. The Soul and the Spirit are eternal but the body after the fall became temporal and is constantly decaying and will ultimately either return to dust or be transformed to a "Glorified Body" in an instant at the Rapture.

For the Believer God has a special "God plan" that involves becoming like Jesus in body, soul and spirit. Not this earthly body but a resurrected "Glorified" body.

1 John 3:2

Beloved, we are now children of God, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when Christ appears, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is. (emphasis mine)

Philippians 3:21

who, by the power that enables Him to subject all things to Himself, will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body. (emphasis mine)

1 Corinthians 13:12

Now we see but a dim reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. (emphasis mine)

This verse seems to reveal that even though in glorified bodies like Christ we will be known "even as I am fully known" by those we love. Recognition could come in perhaps two ways due to our Soul being our intellect, essence that is still existing even after death and resurrection. People we love and love us would recognize what made us who we were, perhaps even by our voice.

I do not know if our glorified bodies look anything like our earthly bodies but based on Jesus's Transformation to His Glorified body it is likely that we will look similar to our earthly body but a vastly upgraded body. That is based on Jesus being recognized as Jesus even in His Glorified body.

The big difference is that once shed of our earthly bodies, sin is no longer present. That is likely due to the DNA of humanity is exchanged for a different type of Glorified Body DNA make up for lack of a Biblical term.

1 Corinthians 15: 42So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 46Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. 48As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

The only time the Believer and his Spirit are separated is either at death or at the Rapture. For the Believer who died before the Rapture, God gives them a Glorified body like Christ at the Rapture in an extraordinary burst of energy I would think much like conception or like Christ's resurrection from the dead.

For those Believers who are alive at the Rapture

Ephesians 2: 1And you hath he guickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5Even when we were dead in sins, hath guickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

There are two interesting videos available. One shows an amazing burst of energy at conception of life of all babies, the second is massive burst of energy at Jesus Resurrection. The first has been photographed at Northwest University.

https://www.sciencealert.com/scientists-just-captured-the-actual-flash-of-light-that-sparks-when-sperm-meets-an-egg

Glen Beck interviews a leading researcher/pastor who with others found that an enormous blast of energy left an impression of Jesus on His burial clothes at the time of His resurrection.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XfbQH7kK2Y

God created all that exists. "All" includes various forms of energy, some that we know about others that we do not.

Back to our study:

<u>3</u>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Jesus promised return is a reference to the Rapture even though not called that here. He is simply saying He will return and receive Believers unto Himself.

4And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

According to some scholars the correct translation of vs 4 from the Textus Receptus is:

Ye know the way whither I am going

Jesus tries to make this as plain as He can so they will understand before His Crucifixion but as we see in the next verse Thomas just was not picking up on what the Savior was saying.

5Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Again, we have hindsight to show us multiple ways in which Jesus tried to tell His disciples not only that He was the Way, The Truth and The Life, but that He must suffer and die at the hands of the Jews.

6Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
7If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Jesus draws several conclusions here. First, He is the only way to the Father in otherwards to Heaven. If they had known the Father through all that was written by the Prophets and from the Law, then they would know Him as well. If you know and have seen Jesus, you have known and seen the Father.

The questions just seem to get stranger. Now Philip wants to see the Father and that would be sufficient for their belief.

<u>8</u>Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. <u>9</u>Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father? <u>10</u>Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the

works. 11Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. 12Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Jesus can't be any more clear, He is God and is in God and God is in Him, they are inseparable in their thoughts, ideals, Love, Mercy and Grace.

13And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

These last two verses have been misunderstood and misused, by people in churches that think if they simply ask for anything in Jesus' name, like the name is a magical weapon that their desires will be fulfilled. The main cavate that is missed or not spoken of is in vs 13 is that the "Father may be glorified in the Son".

13And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (emphasis mine)

How many people in the name it and claim it factions of religions have been taught that; anything you want just to ask and I'll give it to you? That is definitely not what it is saying. The ask, the request, the prayer, MUST BE in God's Will. Personal requests

are not included unless it is clearly in God's Will and God will receive the Glory. Asking for money, or things is not in that category. We may think that asking for God to save someone is in His Will. That is an unknown, all we can do is ask. We will find out if it is God's Will. If the person dies, then it was not God's Will that they continue on in this life. That could be for many reasons to which we are not privy. It may be that God sees something coming that is so hard that He chooses to spare them from that event. We just don't have any way of knowing. Ask and leave it in God's hands.

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

It is a worthwhile thing to study God's Word and seek the Commandants that Jesus gave. It is not the Law it is what He tells us to do. Study to find out what those Commandments are.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Jesus says He will pray and gives a specific thing He will pray for. He will pray what He already knows is God's Will. That is to send a comforter, the Holy Spirit to each Believer. That action requires an action on the part of Jesus and that is to surrender to Crucifixion.

<u>17</u>*Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him:

but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I see this slightly different that many commentators. When Jesus says, "for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." I think is a reference to Himself. Remember the three are One. When Jesus is present so is God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. So, who was it that "dwelleth" with the Apostles that He is speaking to these past 3 years. It was Jesus and by acclimation also the Holy Spirit. When Jesus left, the Holy Spirit went from being in and with Christ to being in the disciples and all Believers after that. If you have the Holy Spirit in you then by fiat you also have Jesus in you.

In these next verses Jesus makes Himself and the Holy Spirit interchangeable. If you have one you have the other.

18I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. 19Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. 20At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode

with him. <u>24</u>He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Jesus repeatedly shows complete obedience to the Father by declaring time and time again that what He Jesus speaks are not His Words but the Words of the Father that sent Him. He is encouraging obedience for all of us.

<u>25</u>These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you. <u>26</u>But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I Leave with You

Jesus repeats to His Apostles that He is preparing to go away. They had a difficult time accepting that. They had so much to learn. Jesus told them that when He went away the Father would send His Holy Spirit to them to continue teaching them God's heart. Jesus told them that the Holy Spirit would "bring all things to your rememberance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

This statement from the Messiah answers the question as to how these simple men like John could remember precisely what was said by Christ at any given moment years ago. The Holy Spirit is that source of extraordinary memory.

(Romans 5:1-5)

<u>27</u>Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

They typical Hebrew word for "peace" is "Shalom", here Jesus uses the term "Eirene"

From Strong's Concordance

"Transliteration: eiréné

Pronunciation: ay-RAY-nay **Phonetic Spelling:** (i-ray'-nay)

Definition: Peace

Meaning: peace, peace of mind; invocation of peace a common Jewish farewell, in the Hebraistic sense of the health (welfare) of an individual.

Word Origin: Derived from the primary verb εἴρω (eirō), meaning "to join" or "to tie together into a whole."

The difference seems to be between a mental peace, or peace of mind that Jesus left them with as opposed to the more common Shalom, which was in this time relative to physical peace, without war.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

The Peace that Christ will ultimately bring is a complete physical as well as mental peace that is contained in the meaning of Shalom.

"Corresponding Greek / Hebrew Entries: - 7965. שָׁלוֹם (shalom): Often translated as peace, completeness, welfare, or safety."

Jesus knew that there were going to be continued conflict and war with Israel overcome by many aggressor kingdoms. However, having Christ in your heart filled with the Holy Spirit gives Believers the ability to mentally rest in peace in Christ.

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid.

God tells us not to worry about the one that can kill the body but concern ourselves with the one that can destroy the body and soul.

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

<u>28</u>Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. <u>29</u>And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

Jesus again warns his Apostles of His impending removal from their presence. They cannot fathom the extent of the torture and pain Jesus will suffer at the hands of the Romans, and Jesus does not go into great detail about it. He is trying to prepare them for what they are about to see and feel.

<u>30</u>Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

The "prince" and the "god" of this world is of course Satan who was given authority over this world at the fall of Adam and Eve.

Ephesians 2: 2Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

2 Corinthians 2:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Jesus declaration that Satan "prince".... "hath nothing in me", implies that Jesus is sinless and so Satan has not hold or authority over Him. It is the fulfillment of the fall when God declares the outcome as a prophecy for mankind and Satan.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." Berean Study Bibe 31But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

Jesus's effort or mission was to save mankind and in doing so always to honor the Father in Heaven and carry out His assigned mission at all costs including His Blood. It would be to the world, meaning mankind an unmistakable sign of the love of the Father to the Son and the love of the Son to the Father. The same kind of love the God Head has to all Believers and to those yet unsaved.

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