

I. I am the Way: John 14:1-14

A. Joh 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. Joh 14:2 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. Joh 14:3 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.

1. Jesus makes a powerful promise that we will have the opportunity to enter into eternal dwellings with Him. I believe this promise refers to dual realities of literal mansions in the heavenly city, as well as our glorified bodies being our eternal physical dwellings.

a) **Luk 16:8** So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. **Luk 16:9** "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, **they may receive you into an everlasting home.**

b) NIV I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. **Luk 16:10** He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much.

c) **1Co 15:35** But someone may ask, "How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?" **1Co 15:36** What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first. **1Co 15:37** And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. **1Co 15:38** Then God gives it the new body he wants it to have. A different plant grows from each kind of seed. **1Co 15:39** Similarly there are different kinds of flesh—one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. **1Co 15:40** There are also bodies in the heavens and bodies on the earth. The glory of the heavenly bodies is different from the glory of the earthly bodies. **1Co 15:41** The sun has one kind of glory, while the moon and stars each have another kind. And even the stars differ from each other in their glory. **1Co 15:42** It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. **1Co 15:43** Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. **1Co 15:44** They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual

bodies. **1Co 15:45** The Scriptures tell us, "The first man, Adam, became a living person." But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit. **1Co 15:46** What comes first is the natural body, then the spiritual body comes later. **1Co 15:47** Adam, the first man, was made from the dust of the earth, while Christ, the second man, came from heaven. **1Co 15:48** Earthly people are like the earthly man, and heavenly people are like the heavenly man. **1Co 15:49** Just as we are now like the earthly man, we will someday be like the heavenly man.

- d) **Joh 2:18** So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" **Joh 2:19** Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." **Joh 2:20** Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" **Joh 2:21** **But He was speaking of the temple of His body.** **Joh 2:22** Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.
2. So what are the properties of Jesus physical glorified body?
- a) **Rev 1:12** Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, **Rev 1:13** and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. **Rev 1:14** His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; **Rev 1:15** His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; **Rev 1:16** He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength. **Rev 1:17** And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

B. Joh 14:4 **And where I go you know, and the way you know.** Joh 14:5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Joh 14:6 Jesus said to him, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

1. Jesus had modeled the life of faith, service, and suffering that would result in a good reward at the judgement seat of Christ. They did not realize how literal his example would be for them, in the manner of life that would lead to eternal life. We pass into eternal life through partaking of Him, and passing through the way of his flesh into His holy presence. Through His flesh and blood we commune with him.
- a) **Mat 16:24** Then Jesus said to His disciples, **"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.** **Mat 16:25** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. **Mat 16:26** For what profit is it to a man if he gains the

whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? **Mat 16:27** For the **Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.**

- b) **1Co 15:50** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. **1Co 15:51** **Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 1Co 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1Co 15:53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. **1Co 15:54** So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY." **1Co 15:55** "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING? O HADES, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?" **1Co 15:56** The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. **1Co 15:57** But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **1Co 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
- c) **Joh 6:53** Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.**Joh 6:54** Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.**Joh 6:55** For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. **Joh 6:56** **He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. Joh 6:57** As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. **Joh 6:58** This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. **He who eats this bread will live forever.**"
- d) **Heb 10:19** Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, **Heb 10:20** by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, **Heb 10:21** and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, **Heb 10:22** let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

## II. Jesus Co-Equality with the Father

A. Joh 14:7 "**If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.**" Joh 14:8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Joh 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?**

1. Jesus is identifying his coming resurrection and glorification as allowing for a fundamental change in how the disciples would now relate to the Father. He was

always co-equal with the Father, but how that co-equality expressed itself in their lives was about to change, because Christ was about to take residence in their hearts joining them to the God head.

- a) John 5:17-19 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.
- b) Philippians 2:5-6 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
- c) John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.
- d) John 5:23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.
- e) John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
- f) Colossians 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;
- g) John 10:30-33 I and My Father are one.' Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."
- h) **Isa 6:1** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. **Isa 6:2** Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **Isa 6:3** And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!" **Isa 6:4** And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. **Isa 6:5** So I said: "Woe *is* me, for I am undone! Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." **Isa 6:6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar.
- i) **Joh 12:40** "HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HARDENED THEIR HEARTS, LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, LEST THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS AND TURN, SO THAT I SHOULD HEAL THEM." **Joh 12:41** ***These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.***

B. Joh 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Joh 14:11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. **Joh 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.** Joh 14:13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **Joh 14:14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.**

1. The promise of greater works, are that those same things that confirmed Jesus as being sent of the Father, would similarly commend us to those to whom we witness.
  - a) **Act 2:22** "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—
  - b) **Joh 10:37** If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; **Joh 10:38** but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father *is* in Me, and I in Him."
  - c) **1Co 2:4** And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **1Co 2:5** that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.
  - d) **1Th 1:5** For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. **1Th 1:6** And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, **1Th 1:7** so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.
  - e) **Rom 15:18** For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient — **Rom 15:19** in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.
  - f) **Act 5:12** And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. **Act 5:13** Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. **Act 5:14** And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, **Act 5:15** so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. **Act 5:16** Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.