

Knowing Jesus- March 5, 2023
The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Growth

*Spiritual Growth
is the result of what God does in us
through the transforming commitment
of the Holy Spirit
as we learn from Jesus.*

The Teachings of Jesus- #1 (John 14:1-7)

1. **Jesus told His followers to be comforted knowing that His death was a necessity to establish them in God's home forever.** (John 14:1-2)

"Oikos"- "home, house, household, temple"... over a 100x in the NT

"mone"- "abode, mansion, house, home, dwelling" John 14:2, 23

The present world is not God's home!

John 18:35 *"Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."*

John 12:31 *Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.*

2. **Jesus promised there will be a day when His relationship will be restored with them into eternity.** (John 14:3)

Psalms 22:1-21 *Victory through the death of Jesus*

Psalms 22:22-26 *The reunion predicted in prophecy*

3. **Jesus told them that they should know what He needed to do to secure their home with God forever.** (John 14:4)

Isaiah 42:1-4 *Committed to establishing justice in the world.*

Isaiah 49:6-7 *Experiencing rejection and death to do it.*

4. **Jesus assured them that His death was the only way to establish people in God's home forever.** (John 14:5-7)

"⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going; how do 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.

***The death of Jesus is the only way
to secure our life in the home of God forever!***

Remembering Jesus in Communion

- ***A time to remember what Jesus is doing for us to provide a home with God for eternity.***
- ***A time to say thank you and restore our focus on what will be.***
- ***A time to evaluate our recent management of Christ's work.***

The New Commandment (John 13:34-35)

"Love one another as I have loved you."