## TIME AND PLACE

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I want to talk with you now about **TIME AND PLACE**. And I want to take my time with this because a lot of Christians, Believers, Born-Again, Filled with the Spirit: they are always dealing with Time and Place – always. You know: someday, somewhere, somehow. It's always about a Time and it's about a Place. Though usually "when Jesus is going to come again" is the Time, and the Place that people usually think about is "Heaven". Time and Place – that's usually what they are talking about. When you start talking with Christians, that's usually what the conversation will gather around: Time and Place. And when they talk about "The Time" – that is "when He comes"; and "The Place" is where He is taking them. And most people's minds are captivated in that Time and in that Place.

And the Lord spoke this in me: and it is nothing that we haven't heard, but let's just take our time with this. Go to John 14. I can remember when my Mother died, dealing with John 14, and I had a whole other view of this scripture. "In My Father's House are many mansions..." I had a whole other understanding. John 14:1: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." He was showing Himself to be One with The Father. 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. 3: And if I go and prepare a place for you..." I go to prepare a PLACE for you. "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." You are going to be where He is.

Jesus said I'm going to prepare a Place: and if I go and prepare it, I will bring you into the Place I prepare. And then we have a lot of songs that have come out of this: "Build My Mansion Next Door to Jesus." That comes out of this Scripture because it gets into the logic of the mind. It gets into man's logic: we have to deal with man's logic. There's no way around it.

But God has to bring us from OUR logic to HIS logic. I have said this many times. Brother Holmes wrote about many things: but he talked about "God's Dictionary". And what he was talking about was God's Dictionary was defining things by The Spirit of The Lord: moving from our dictionaries, our definitions, our mind... into The Mind of The Lord. And for whatever reason, a lot of times we don't want to go there. We still want to, just like Abraham present Ishmael to the Lord and say Lord, accept this. And the Lord is always going to tell us no: I am NOT going to accept your understanding! Because He told us by the prophet "My ways are not your ways. My thoughts are not your thoughts. My ways are higher: as the heavens are above the earth. My thoughts are above yours!" It is above your head! But what is higher is HIM! He's higher! And Jesus said, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me." But HIS ways are in Christ: learn of ME. Learn His Ways. How can we learn His Mind but in Christ? You can't!

But back to **John 14:3:** "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." Now turn to **Ephesians 2**. We are dealing with TIME and PLACE. A brother said this to me recently: 'Everybody's talking about 'the time and the place'. Here's the Time and the Place. **Ephesians 2:13:** "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." Where is the Place? Where's the Time? He said "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." The Apostle Paul fully understands this and says BUT NOW IN **CHRIST JESUS** you who were far off are made nigh – how? By The Blood, by The Cross of Jesus Christ: because where Jesus was going in John 14 was to The Cross. He was going to die to prepare the Place: to make a Way. Because before He died there was NO way to the Place! You couldn't get there! You couldn't find it. You couldn't work your way there. You couldn't see it: you couldn't know it. HE had to go prepare it. But NOW IN CHRIST JESUS - in HIM - **NOW IN CHRIST JESUS.** People say well, "But". No - the whole thing is you were without God in the world. **Ephesians 2:12:** "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:" We were without hope, not a part of it: outside – looking in: couldn't get there, had no way to cross over, so to speak.

And Jesus told them, "I am the way, the truth, the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." (John 14:6) But again, we've got to get out of our own minds to see how we get to the Father. We don't "get to Him" through our natural self: we get to Him through Christ dying, being buried and being raised from the dead. That's how we get there: through death, burial and resurrection. That's the way you come. You can't come BUT by HIM. It's specific. Death - burial and resurrection. That's it. You were far off, but NOW are made nigh IN CHRIST. **Ephesians 2:14:** "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; 15: Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;" He's making the twain one: but He's doing this where? He's doing this in a particular PLACE. IN HIMSELF! **Ephesians 2:16:** "And that he might

reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: **17**: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh." What "Peace" did He preach? He preached the Peace of The Cross. To them that were far off. Who were far off? The Gentiles. Who was nigh? The Jews. He preached it to the Gentiles and the Jews. **Verse 18**: "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. **19**: Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;" Jesus said "In My Father's House there are many mansions." Now we are the household of God. When are you of the Household of God? NOW!

What makes it "NOW" is CHRIST! It's not NOW without Him: it's not Now. It's NOW because CHRIST IS NOW! So it is NOW IN CHRIST. The Household of God is NOW IN CHRIST JESUS. God's House is not anywhere else: nowhere else but IN CHRIST. Somewhere we are really going to have to cross over and believe that. I think about 'worshipping the Father in Spirit and Truth" and that really strikes a chord in my heart because true worshippers worship in understanding of the Revelation of Christ. It is not just a whole bunch of people singing songs and raising their hands – and I love to do that! But it is singing in an understanding that is TRUTH. It is praying in an understanding that is TRUTH. It is walking in an understanding that is TRUTH. And how we come there is through HIM being revealed: accepting it and walking it. Do we believe God's House is in Christ? Do we really believe that? Or do we have a House somewhere else? Do we really believe that? I have been sitting here in repentance. We get caught up in so many things, and not declare the Truth. The Truth is this House is in Christ. The Truth is we are in Christ. The Truth is we are His Body that is in Christ. And if I don't walk that in the earth, there's no use even walking in the earth!

Walking around talking about "going to church" is silly! It really is. What is not silly is walking around and talking about The Church that HE built: the House that HE built. It really is. What's going to change things? The only thing that is really going to change things is The Truth. Everything else we talk about changing things is not going to work. It is just The Truth, and then a heart willing to accept The Truth. And if a heart is not willing to accept The Truth, that heart is not going to change no matter what we do. Really it's not, because when we are confronted with Truth either we receive it or we reject it. God will confront us all with The Truth - He really will. He'll confront each one of us with it. I can remember back many years ago when I was a Pastor, and some people were upset with me. And all the Lord said to me was "JESUS". That's all He said. And He was saying are you going to walk in this Truth, son? Are you going to receive it, or are you going to walk elsewhere? Because you can go to church: you may be saved. But The Lord asks are you going to go on and receive what I am going to show you?

And that night I said 'Yes I am, Lord.' It was kind of like the Apostle said to Jesus, 'Where else can I go? You have the Words of Eternal Life.' What am I going to do? Am I going to listen to man and all these people say and deny that YOU are revealing Your Word to me? Am I going to deny that so that I fit in with everybody? Or am I going to say 'No, YOU showed me this. So I have to receive what YOU have showed me, and walk in what You have showed me.' And what I mean by "walk in" is what we believe, what we confess, what we share with one another should be TRUTH. We should share out of this understanding: what we share with others, with believers, with sinners. Because we should be guiding them because Light guides you to greater Light. If you have a little bit of light in darkness –

let's say in a cave. And you are trying to get out of there and you have a little bit of light: you will follow that little bit of light to the greater light. Sometimes it is just a little bit.

But you start walking in that little bit of Light until you come into the Perfect Light. And God brings you right into the Perfect Light. So He shines a little bit of Light which is a nugget of The Word, The Truth of The Word. We talk about "nuggets". It is The Truth of The Word in our hearts to bring us into a greater Light: The Perfect Light, The Perfect Understanding. But we are dealing with this Time and Place. Back to **Ephesians 2:19:** "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20: And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21: In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Notice where this building is - IN WHOM. I don't know why we can't see this out of John 14: what Place He was going to prepare. John 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." And the writer here says you are of the Household of God. And this Household is IN CHRIST - "in whom" it is built, IN WHOM you are brought. You are brought into it: it is built in Him, so I really don't understand why people can't grasp this. This is what John 14 and every occurrence of "The House of God" is dealing with. It is dealing with being brought into Christ and being built in Christ, that Christ would dwell in us: that we would be a habitation of God by The Spirit.

Jesus tells you the same thing in **John 14:18:** "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. **19:** Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall

live also. 20: At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21: He 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. 22: Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23: Jesus 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." We will come and make Our Home with him. Judas asked how are you going to do that? How are you going to make Yourself known to us and not to the world? Jesus said We will come and make Our abode with him. And if you go back and read Ephesians 2 that is exactly what it says: that ye are the Temple of The Living God, (that's the book of 2 Corinthians) as God has said. Ephesians tells us that He has made His Dwelling Place IN CHRIST: He's brought you INTO CHRIST that God may inhabit you by His Spirit. That's exactly what is said here in John 14.

John 14:20: "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." In what day? The day that The Spirit comes because The Spirit is going to show you. The Spirit is going to make it known; the Spirit is going to reveal it. So what is The Spirit going to reveal? He is going to reveal The Work that Christ has done. He's going to take Mine, Jesus says, and show it. He's going to take My Work: He's going to take all that I've done – My Death, Burial and Resurrection and He's going to show it to you. He's going to show you My Death. He's going to show you My Resurrection. That's what His Spirit is going to do – REVEAL; He's going to make known to us what God has done! And what God has done is brought us to Himself. He's brought us from the Gentile, from the Jew, from the Black, from the White, from the Red, from the Yellow – from all of these "places" to Himself.

"Get out of thy country, Abram, to the land that I will show you." Genesis 12. So He shows, He's the One that puts us there, and He's the One that builds us there. He shows: Genesis 12:1: "Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:" And God first showed him the natural land. Genesis 12:6: "And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. 7: And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him." Have you ever noticed where he built the altar? It is in Canaan.

Naturally, Abram was in the land that God had promised the Jews. He naturally shows him the land. He says this is the land Abram that I have promised you. But for Abram to see the land: who had to show it? He's passing through it, but he can't see it. " And the Lord appeared and told him this is the land, Abram." Just like us – until THE LORD appears, we don't see it. We don't see it. Abram is a type of the believer: he is called out of God. He is following God. He's called out: out of his country and his kindred. What happens to a sinner? He's called out to God. But he doesn't see the land he's called to: he doesn't see the place until The Lord appears. Abram couldn't see The Place, so The Lord appeared. He couldn't see The Seed until The Lord appeared. Do you realize that? Just like the Church: can't see The Seed, can't see The Place until The Lord appears. Did Abram understand The Seed? No. God began to tell him, 'Abram I'm going to give you a Seed.'. Now Abraham is a man of God: he's a Believer. He has believed on The Lord. But he doesn't understand what God is saying UNTIL He appears. He doesn't understand: doesn't understand Seed that is going to inherit this Land, he doesn't get it! In so much that he says, 'Let's go do it!'

And his whole life is like that. And so is the Church. 'Let's go build a House for The Lord.' I'm seeing this as I speak. I'm speaking and all of a sudden I start seeing. And I just want to jump up and down! Abraham did not know The Land until The Lord appeared. Abraham didn't see until He appeared, and when He appeared he saw The Land. But first off he was already out of his country and out of his kindred. He's already a follower of The Lord: he was a Believer. In type he believed God. He moved from his kindred, from his home – think about it. "Abram, get out of your home." How many of us would pick up our stuff if God spoke to us today and said, "Anita, get out of your home and go to the place I show you"? So Abram believed God: he got up and left. He didn't know where he was going! But it came to me: he's going right through the land of Canaan. He's in The Land. We read this. **Genesis 12:6:** "And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land." He's going right through and he doesn't see them! What causes him to see The Place... Genesis 12:7: "And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him."

And there he builded an altar: a Place of Worship – at The Place The Lord appeared he saw The Land. I can't get over this: but he was walking right through it and NOT seeing it. He was in the land of Canaan: the Canaanite was in the Land. When did he see it? THE LORD APPEARED! He's a Believer, he left his land; he's not a sinner: he believed God in type, he was following The Lord to the Land that God would show him. And finally The Lord appeared and said, 'Abram here's the Land.' And if you see what the bigger picture is – The Lord appeared! There's THE LAND! You can't see The Time and The Place until The Lord appears! We're talking about "The Time and Place" in

Christ. What makes that REAL? **John 14:20:** "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." What makes that Place real is when He appears. That Place is real IN HIM: but it is not real to us until He appears there. And when He appears there, then all at once it is as if... my Gosh, what other Place is there? Where else are we going to go, but to YOU Lord? **John 14:22:** "Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? **23:** Jesus 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." Jesus is saying 'We're going to dwell in you, son.' The world is not going to see this because the world can't see that We are dwelling in you.

The world doesn't understand who We dwell in. The world doesn't understand My Home: the world doesn't understand My House. The world doesn't understand My Abode. "Eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and it has never entered into the heart of man the things that God hath prepared for him." Do you understand that? Man doesn't get that God prepared that he would dwell in Christ! Still yet he doesn't get it! You talk about "people not getting it". On the job you say about something natural: "They don't get it". They just don't understand: they don't get it. Because what man starts thinking about - going back to man: when you start talking about God and Heaven and Places – it all relates to MAN. He relates it to himself: he relates it to his mind: to his wants. He relates it to his desires so he begins to see it as he wants it. But The Lord says in 1 **Corinthians 2:9,** "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Jesus said "I go to prepare a place for you." The things that God hath prepared. But how is it known? "But God hath revealed them..." Here we go again. God hath shown them: God hath made them known by His Spirit.

He makes it known – reveals it. He reveals The Place He prepared. What does He reveal? **NOW IN CHRIST JESUS!** 

NOW IN CHRIST JESUS - where you are! Seated in heavenly places IN Christ Jesus. Ephesians doesn't just say 'seated in heavenly places - in Heaven.' "Seated in heavenly places IN CHRIST JESUS." (Ephesians 2:6) So He reveals us in Him, and we see we are in Him by His Work. We begin to understand we are in Him NOT by what WE have done, but by what HE has done. But that is The Place where we are "in". Then we understand "now in Christ Jesus" you are made nigh. And we can understand that because He shows that's where we are: because He shows us The Place. "I'll come again and receive you to MYSELF; that where I am, there you may be also." Because before you were NOT where He was! Do you realize that? When He walked on the earth, even though He walked with them, they were NOT where He was. He told them in one place, " The Son of Man is in heaven." He was standing in the earth. He said, "The Father IN Me doeth the works." They weren't "there" even though they were beside Him: they weren't in The Place where God was doing the Work. They didn't understand what He was talking about. So He says I'm going to bring you to where I am: there you may be also.

And He goes on and says when The Comforter comes, when The Holy Ghost comes: and when He comes, in that day you will know I am where I am! I am IN My Father. That's where I am! You are IN Me and I am IN you. And then you go through the writings of Paul and you see this because he says in Corinthians by One Spirit we are all baptized...where? Into One Body. Baptized by One Spirit into One Body. So how do we get into that Place? By Baptism! By Baptism of The Spirit: Baptized into One Body by One Spirit. And he writes that NOW ye are The Body of Christ and members in particular. NOW... now...

now in Christ Jesus now ye are... the Body of Christ and members of that Body: members of Him. His Members, His Body. You were the body of Adam; you were the body of flesh. We still want to get in our minds that we are still there. That's not what His Word says. **Romans 6:3:** "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" Know ye not? Don't you understand? Don't you get it? How are we Baptized into Jesus Christ? By One Spirit.

**Romans 6:4:** "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5: For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7: For he that is dead is freed from sin. 8: Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him." See this whole Work is done in Him. The Place you have come to is IN HIM. This is made known by His Spirit. It's not made known any other way. I read these Scriptures I don't know how many times before I had an inkling of understanding of what they said. I read it... read it... never understood it. I read it over and over again, not knowing that I died with Christ: not knowing that I live with Christ - not knowing that: thinking I live somewhere else. And still at times, getting so caught up in my mind... honestly, you read it but you don't KNOW IT.

And He reveals it – and you see it. And you go, oh my goodness! This is what you mean, this is what you are saying. And until He does that you sit there and you read it, and read it, and read it. And you are like – Well, huh? But The Spirit wants to reveal His Word. God freely wants to give. He does. He doesn't want to have all this understanding in Himself and not share it with His

House, because He wants His House to manifest the He His House to declare understanding. wants understanding. He wants His House to be a New Word in the earth: the unsearchable riches of Christ. What "unsearchable" mean? I can't figure it out! I can't search it out. Well how can you know it: because Paul said he was declaring the unsearchable riches of Christ. He's declaring something that is unsearchable. How did he know it? Because it's revealed to him: it's made known. The Spirit makes it known so he can declare it. And once it's made known he can speak it. I couldn't speak this. I hadn't even an inkling that it existed in the Bible. I really didn't! My whole Gospel for years was "one day I'm going to die and go to Heaven." For years I believed that – someday, someday I'm going somewhere because I understanding of what the Scriptures were saying.

And I will never forget when I set myself before The Lord and said 'whatever is Truth - show it to me! I don't care what people think. I want to know The Truth!' And He will, He will show it, and when He shows it you will KNOW IT. Not because you are anything special because He has shown it to you. Just like Abraham knew the Land, he knew the Seed. He only knew it because GOD showed it to him. Go into the Seed: Abraham didn't know the Seed that God was talking about because Abraham went out to produce it: he went out to make a Seed. And again, he was a Believer – think of this! Abraham wasn't a sinner: he believed God. He acted on The Word, but he did not understand what God was saying! And he went and said God told me I'm going to have a Seed, so he and Sarah both believed God. They both believed God so they said we believe God so let's go make the Seed! And as I've said it's like the Church that says 'Let's go build all these buildings for God.' And they still do not understand what the building is, and never declare the Building of God.

It's not because they are wicked or mean, or anything like that because they believed God, but they don't understand. And therefore they began to produce something that is not The Seed. These are not wicked people: these people believed God. So they received The Spirit: you don't receive The Spirit of God if you don't believe God. They believed Him, but not seeing what He said. So how do you see what He said? He's got to REVEAL what He's said, and then you see The Seed. When He revealed The Seed to Abraham, Abraham no longer looked to Ishmael as The Seed. He began to believe Isaac is my Seed, Isaac is the One. He's the right One, the real Son, he's the Heir. And he began to have a different Voice. Abraham began to declare a different Voice. He began to declare something new! Why did he declare something New? Because God had revealed it! So he could declare Isaac because God showed him The Seed: God revealed The Seed to him.

So Abraham saw from The Lord. God has to reveal The Seed to you and you begin to see in the Old Testament that Isaac points to Christ, and Christ and His Work points to the Church: the whole thing getting caught up in Him. "In the dispensation of the fulness of times I will gather together in One all things – all things in heaven and on the earth. I will gather them up in Christ." (Ephesians 1:10) And what did He gather up? He gathered up Himself and put Himself – where? Where do you find God? You find God in Christ! You can't find Him anywhere else. He said 'I am in The Father and The Father is in Me.' Because He gathered Himself up in Christ. So He gathered Himself. And then He gathers a people – IN CHRIST to reveal Himself, to make Himself known. "In that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, you are in Me, and I am in you."

Do we understand that? Do we really get it, and declare it? So,

**TIME and PLACE.** Time and Place is IN CHRIST. He puts us there: He plants us there. He Baptized us there by One Spirit into One Body. This goes back to Exodus 15:17: "Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in..." So He puts us in The Place that He would dwell. By One Spirit we are put in One Body. He reveals it. Genesis **12:1:** "Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:" Exodus 25:9: "According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it." God told Moses to build the Tabernacle according to all that I showed thee: all that I revealed. We talked about **Corinthians 2:10**: God hath revealed them unto us. There is also **Ephesians 3:3**: how that by Revelation He makes known the Mystery: the Gentiles being joint-heirs in One Body. How does He make it known? He reveals it.

And lastly: it is built BY HIM. **Hebrews 11:10:** Abraham looked for a city with foundations whose builder and maker was God. **Ephesians 2** says we are His Workmanship. We are His Creation: what He has built. **Ephesians 2:10:** "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." **Hebrews 3:6:** "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." This is the House that He built. And **Isaiah 28** talks about a Foundation: built upon a Foundation: the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets. **Isaiah 28:16:** "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste." The Stone is CHRIST! He lays it: He lays the Rock and on that Rock it's all

built. And who builds it? He does! Where is He building it? In you! He builds it up in you! How does He build it up? In understanding in Faith, in understanding in Truth, in understanding in Life – that's how He builds it so that we understand: so that we know: so that we have in us Truth abiding. We can't have Truth abiding unless HE builds up Truth.

Well I am done, but I have really been captivated by Abraham – He believed God but he really didn't know until God SHOWED him. I also am thinking of **Ezekiel 43:10**: "Shew the house to the house..." May we ask The Lord to Reveal The Time and Place to us in the Person of His Son that we may KNOW!

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