

# Message Notes

## *"Three things only Jesus can restore"*

**Introduction** - "Jesus Christ makes all the difference in the world!"

*"I go to prepare a place for you..."*

John 14:1-4

*Three things we had in the Garden*

**Genesis 1:26-28**

Most importantly about being human ~ We were made in the image of God (imago dei), in human community, to reflect and enjoy the glory of God

**Genesis 2:4-9, 15-18**

Place (Genesis 2:8-9)

Meaning (Genesis 1:28, 2:8, 2:15, 18)

Life (Genesis 1:26-28, 2:7, 2:15-16)

*How they were lost in Genesis 3*

Genesis 3:1, 6-24

They bought a lie. As a result, they lost their

1. Place (Genesis 3:23-24)
2. Meaning (Genesis 3:15-19a)
3. Life (Genesis 3:19b-22)

But most importantly, they lost their opportunity to perfectly reflect the imago dei (Genesis 3:8-10)

*How they will ultimately be fully redeemed?*

Revelation 21:1-8

Revelation 22:1-5

*How they are being redeemed right now in our lifetime?*

Place - John 20:21, Matthew 16:18

Meaning - John 1:17, 6:26-29

Life - John 5:24, 10:10, 17:3

**"We don't have a clue where the way is to this place!"**

John 14:5

**"Oh, yes you do!"**

John 14:6-7

Romans 10:1-4

The goal of everything is God!

**"Okay, then, show us the Father!"**

John 14:8

**"Let's all take a breath here and start all over again..."**

John 14:9-14

**Application** - "Is Jesus your means AND your end? Or is he a means to another end you have?"

# Scripture Passages

*(taken from the New Revised Standard Version)*

**John 14:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going."

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.

<sup>8</sup>Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

<sup>9</sup>Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup>Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. <sup>12</sup>I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. <sup>14</sup>You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

**Genesis 1:26-28**

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." <sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

**Genesis 2:4-9, 15-18**

<sup>4</sup>This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens - <sup>5</sup>and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground, <sup>6</sup>but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground - <sup>7</sup>the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup>Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup>And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground - trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. <sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup>but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." <sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

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**Genesis 3:1, 6-24**

**John 1:17**

**Revelation 21:1-8**

**John 6:26-29**

**Revelation 22:1-5**

**John 5:24**

**John 20:21**

**John 10:10**

**Matthew 16:18**

**John 17:3**

**Romans 10:1-4**