

The Divine Sequence: How the Speaking God Makes Us His Dwelling Place

The Word Becomes Flesh

John 1

1 In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 All things were made through Him, and apart from Him nothing was made that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it.

6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that through him everyone might believe. 8 He was not the light, but he came to bear witness concerning the light. 9 The true light, coming into the world, gives light to every man.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him; but the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, but His own did not receive Him. 12 But whoever did receive Him, those trusting in His name, to these He gave the right to become children of God. 13 They were born not of a bloodline, nor of human desire, nor of man's will, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We looked upon His glory, the glory of the one and only from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Phase I — In The Beginning – Ties To Genesis

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth

- **Side Note: In The Beginning – Ties To Wisdom**
 - **Prov. 8:22-23** - 22 “ADONAI brought me forth, the first of His way, before His works of old. 23 From eternity I (wisdom) was appointed from the beginning, before the world began.
 - **James 1:5** - “But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”
 - Which ties to the thought continuously seek, ask, and knock. He will be found if we seek Him with all our heart.

The Word Ties To Genesis 1 – “And God Spoke”

God's Speaking Ties to – Hebrews 1:2

2 In these last days He has spoken to us through a Son,[1] whom He appointed heir of all things and through whom He created the universe. 3 This Son is the radiance of His glory and the imprint of His being, upholding all things by His powerful word.

The Son Ties to The Word Becomes Flesh

John 1:14

14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We looked upon His glory, the glory of the one and **only begotten** from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Which Ties To The Only Begotten (Or Unique One)

- **John 1:18** - "No one has ever seen God; **the only begotten God**, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known."
- **John 3:16** - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his **only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."
- **John 3:18** - "Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the **only begotten Son** of God."

Which Ties To “You Must Be Born Again” (of the Spirit)

John 3:5-6

5 Yeshua answered, “Amen, amen I tell you, unless one is born of water and spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Which Ties To God is Spirit

John 4:24

"**God is spirit**, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Which Ties To the Holy Spirit is the Father

Luke 1:35

"And the angel answered her, "**The Holy Spirit** will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God."

Which Ties To God is The Father

Yeshua calls God “Father”

- **Matthew 6:9** (The Model Prayer)
- **Matthew 11:27** (The Revelation of the Father)
- **Luke 15:11-32** (The Parable of the Prodigal Father)
- **John 5:17-23** (The Son's Authority from the Father)
- **John 14:17** (The Heart of Jesus' Teaching on His Father)
- **Mark 14:36** (The Intimate Cry of "Abba")

Which Ties To – We Call Him Father

Galatians 4:4-7

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you

are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."

Romans 8:15

"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'"

The Sequence

1. God creates by speaking
2. That speaking is called the Word, & the Word is Yeshua
3. The Word (Yeshua) brings life and light
4. The Word (Yeshua) enters creation as flesh
5. The Word (Yeshua) reveals the unseen God
6. God is Spirit
7. New birth comes by God's Spirit
8. God is revealed as Father through Yeshua
9. Through the Son(Yeshua), we are adopted as sons
 - We call God our Father's
 - We become the "Sons of God"

Phase II — The Word Tabernacled

John 1:14

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Scripture States We Are "in" the Messiah

- **John 15:4–5** - "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me... I am the vine, you are the branches."
- **John 17:20–23** - "I ask... that they may all be one; just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us... I in them and You in Me."
- **Romans 8:1** - "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Messiah Yeshua."
- **Romans 6:3** - "All of us who were immersed into Messiah Yeshua were immersed into His death."
- **1 Corinthians 1:30** - "By His doing you are in Messiah Yeshua."
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** "If anyone is in Messiah, there is a new creation."
- **Galatians 2:20** - "I have been crucified with Messiah; and it is no longer I who live, but Messiah lives in me."
 - The relationship is stated in **both directions**:
 - we are in Messiah
 - Messiah is in us
- **Colossians 1:27** - "Messiah in you, the hope of glory."

Scripture Connects This to New Birth

- **John 3:6** - "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit."
- **1 Corinthians 12:13** - "By one Spirit we were all immersed into one body." (new birth connected to immersion connected to God's Spirit acting)

If We Are In Messiah Then We Are The Tabernacle

Believers are in Messiah.

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- **2 Corinthians 5:17** - “If anyone is in Messiah, there is a new creation.”

Messiah is the true dwelling of God.

- **John 1:14** - “The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us.”
- **Colossians 2:9** - “In Him all the fullness of God dwells bodily.”

Scripture Calls Believers God’s Dwelling

- **1 Corinthians 3:16** - “Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?”
- **1 Corinthians 6:19** - “Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God.”
- **2 Corinthians 6:16** - “For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them.’”

Ephesians calls the Corporate Body the Tabernacle

- **Ephesians 2:19–22** - “You are... members of God’s household... Messiah Yeshua Himself being the cornerstone...in whom the whole structure... grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God by the Spirit.”
 - Messiah is the foundation
 - Believers are built **in Him**
 - The result is **a dwelling place of God**

Peter Uses Temple Language Without Interpretation

- **1 Peter 2:5** - “You yourselves, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house.” (stones – building - dwelling)

John’s Gospel Letters Completes the Loop

- **John 14:23** - “We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him.”
- **1 John 4:15** - “Whoever confesses that Yeshua is the Son of God, God abides (dwells) in him.”

Therefore

- God tabernacled in Messiah
- Believers are in Messiah
- God dwells in believers
- Believers are called God’s temple
- The dwelling is by God’s Spirit

- Messiah remains the cornerstone and head

Conclusion

- Because God dwells in Messiah, and believers are in Messiah, and God dwells in believers, the believers are **the temple / dwelling place of God**.

Messiah is the true Tabernacle. We are the dwelling only because we are in Him.

Phase III — “House Rules”

- **Ezekiel 43:10–12** - “Son of man, describe the house to the house of Israel...so that they may be ashamed of their iniquities...This is the law of the house: on the top of the mountain the whole limit of it round about shall be most holy.”

God’s House Is Defined by Holiness

- **Leviticus 19:30** - “You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary. I am ADONAI.”
- **Psalms 93:5** - “Holiness befits Your house, O ADONAI, forevermore.”
- **‘You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.’**
 - Leviticus 11:44 - 45
 - Leviticus 19:2
 - Leviticus 20:7
 - Leviticus 20:26
 - 1 Peter 1:15–16

God Determines Who May Approach

- **Ezekiel 44:6–9** - “No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and flesh, shall enter My sanctuary...”
- **Ezekiel 44:15** - “The sons of Zadok... who kept charge of My sanctuary when the people of Israel went astray... they shall come near to Me.”

The Dwelling Is No Longer Stone

- **John 1:14** - “The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us.”
- **Matthew 12:6** - “Something greater than the temple is here.”

The House Rules Restated by Yeshua the Messiah

- **Matthew 21:13** - “My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you make it a den of robbers.”

Cleanness Is Internal, Not Cosmetic

- **John 14:23** - “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will make Our dwelling with him.”
 - John 14:15 - “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”
 - John 14:21 - “He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me...”
 - John 15:10 - “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”

The House Operates by Hearing (Shema)

- **John 10:27** - “My sheep hear My voice.”

- **John 8:47** - “Whoever is of God hears the words of God.”

The House Is Now the People

- **1 Corinthians 3:16–17** - “You are God’s temple... If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him.”
- **2 Corinthians 6:16** - “We are the temple of the living God.”

Rules Inside the House

- Holiness of Life
 - **1 Peter 1:15–17** - “Be holy in all your conduct...conduct yourselves with fear during the time of your exile.”
- Order, Not Chaos
 - **1 Corinthians 14:33** - “God is not a God of confusion, but of peace.”
- Love Governs All Behavior
 - **John 13:34–35** - “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
- The House Is Under Discipline
 - **1 Peter 4:17** - “It is time for judgment to begin at the house of God.”
 - **Hebrews 12:6** - “The Lord disciplines the one He loves.”

The Biblical “House Rules”

1. God defines His house
2. Holiness is mandatory
3. Access is God-granted
4. Hearing and obedience are required
5. Exploitation is forbidden
6. Love is the identifying mark
7. Judgment begins inside the house

Thus

- Messiah is the true tabernacle
- believers are in Messiah
- believers are God’s dwelling

“This is the law of the house”

3 Words

- Shema – Listen intently to what God is saying, and respond appropriately
- Shammar – Guard, Cherish, Embrace wholeheartedly what God Says
- Asah – Yield to God and allow Him to create, make, do in your life