

**"ALIVE, IN A PERFECT PLACE, RIGHT HERE!"**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 14, 2017**  
**ACTS 7:55-8:1; 1 PETER 2:2-10; JOHN 14:1-14**

**Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

**Have you ever had someone want to put you in your place; only the place they wanted to put you, was a perfect place? They wanted you to know how important you were? They wanted you to feel something you had never felt before? In life there are no guarantees, nothing is perfect. Even as God's people, we long for God to make perfect, all that is imperfect, all that is not perfect, in us, and around us. As we celebrate The Resurrection Of Our Lord, as God's people at Lord of Life, let us give glory to God for God's perfect faithfulness. As we consider, pray about, trust, believe the Risen Christ is alive, right here, may we forever give thanks to God for putting us in our place, in our perfect place!**

1. How would you describe the perfect place? How does God reveal to us the perfect places prepared for us, alive, right here, in grace?
  - A. A perfect place in grace, right here, offers protection.  
Acts 7:55-8:1; John 14:1
    - i. Even while being stoned, Stephen trusted he was not alone, he was protected, he was safe, he was secure.
    - ii. Trust God is alive, right here, in the midst of all you face; you are not alone.
  - B. A perfect place in grace, right here, is determined by location.  
Acts 7:55; 1 Peter 2:9-10; John 14:2
    - i. Many people try to put us in our place to meet their needs.
    - ii. Trust Christ is alive, right here, to put you in your place, your perfect place.
    - iii. "In my Father's house..." There is no better location!
  - C. A perfect place in grace, right here, is blessed with atmosphere.  
Acts 7:56-8:1; John 14:6, 12
    - i. The spirit we share is one of faith, confidence, support, encouragement, trust, welcome, hope, and more.
    - ii. Trust the Risen Christ blesses us in the way, truth, and life!

- D. A perfect place in grace, right here, comes with a cost.  
1 Peter 2:6-8; John 14:2-3
- i. Every place has a cost - The perfect vacation, the perfect home, even the perfect trail or climb, costs to get there.
  - ii. 'The stone the builders rejected, is now the corner.'
  - iii. Trust the preparation is complete, the cost has been paid!
- E. A perfect place in grace, right here, endures.  
Acts 7:55; 1 Peter 2:10; John 14:1-2
- i. The best places endure through the times.
  - ii. Trust your perfect place is timeless, everlasting, eternal!
  - iii. Trust The Risen Christ is alive, right here, to endure forever!
2. Today we give special thanks to God for God's faithfulness, alive, right here, leading the imperfect us, to share an imperfect ministry, led to imperfectly make God first, trusting the One who blesses us with perfect grace, to see all God has made perfect even in this place!
3. As the Easter celebration continues, as we go anew, alive, right here, in perfect grace, let us trust God's faithfulness will reveal all that is good and perfect, and will only get better and better, thanks to the power and grace alive, right here, in the Risen Christ! John 14:14