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Isaiah 56:5 — In Every Place, Part 2

Acts 26:18 — “. . . I’m sending you off to present My offer of sins forgiven, and a place in the family, inviting them into the company of those who begin real living by believing in Me” (contemporary version). Acts 20:32 — This is our inheritance. Eph 2:12,19 — A place to belong, our own possession, where eternal life is commanded (Ps 133:3) — a place among brothers and sisters (New International Version), among those who are worthy of Him.

1 Tim 2:8 — In every place (5117 in Greek), means in every location or locality, in a region or territory as Galatia, but 5117 is a township or city. These are the specific places He has caused His name to dwell as a lampstand (Rev 2:5) in its place. 1 Cor 1:2 and Mal 1:11 (Dt 12:5,11). The word *place* in Dt 12:2 is 4725 in the Hebrew; and so is Dt 12:5,11. It means *locality* in the Hebrew language; as a place where all true Israelites live together as a family group, as a light to the world, Isa 49:6. This is also seen in Jer 30:20 (NIV) and Jer 31:1 — all the families live together as a light or lamp to light the way for others. So Christianity is betrayed by 1 Tim 2:2-8, in more ways than one. Vs. 2 — a family group in that location as a light. “That we may lead a life” (979 — their present state of existence) as a Community living together as a light, Mt 5:14,16. *Locality* means local; it is relating to a place. A locality is a town which is under a government as a town council and mayor, and it has police protection. A location is a place where something is located or settled, in every settlement, in every place, Mal 1:11; 1 Tim 2:8; 1 Cor 1:2. A place is a definite location, a locality or a particular place where the Edah (the church) is located. It is a town as the epistles address, like Corinth, 1 Cor 1:2 and Rom 1:7. 1 Pet 2:9,10 — holy people, living as a priesthood; living stones in a spiritual house not scattered stones all separated, Eph 2:12,19,20. Apostles and prophets would not build any other way than the way the Spirit builds Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37; 1 Thes 2:14. Eph 5:21 speaks of a local community as Eph 4:1-4, living together, submitting to one another, looking after one another as in Phil 2:2-4. This is a life together, not going to a building on Sunday mornings for one or two hours, settling into a pew side by side, row by row, and then filing out of this building and never seeing one another until the next Sunday, Heb 3:13.

Gal 1:2 — This is addressed to the churches (plural) of Galatia; in towns located in the region of Galatia in different settled places. Eph 1:1 is addressed to the saints who are at Ephesus (Phil 1:1 — Philippi; Col 1:1 — Colossae; 1 and 2 Thes 1:1 — Thessalonica). Every where in the KJV (where — 5117) is therefore every place. Every — in 1 Tim 2:8 — means each Edah — without exception — in the place where He has caused His name to dwell.

(5117) “Where” is a place His name dwells in a temple of His body, which one is baptized into, 1 Cor 12:13 — in from, out of the world, John 17:16. Gal 1:4 and Acts 2:39-41 — The Edah is a place of escape from the world system — Eph 2:2,19-22. But we must be born again into this Body or kingdom John 3:3-7 in its place.