

Our Youth: the Heroes of Cheon Il Guk

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At the inauguration of the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP), held February 23 at the Cheongshim International Youth Center to an audience of over a thousand Japanese and five hundred Korean student leaders, True Mother began by asking them, "Who are you?" She then bestowed on the young leaders the title "the Special Task Force, the warriors, of True Parents." Later True Mother called them the "Heroes of Cheon Il Guk." After that, I was appointed international president.

In her address, True Mother began by describing the fall of our first human ancestors as an extremely sad event and then outlined God's providence of restoration to raise the nation of Israel, which gave birth to Jesus as the only son of God. However, the only son should have married the only daughter and conceived a heavenly lineage and culture.

If this heavenly marriage had been consummated two thousand years ago, Jesus would have fulfilled his mission on earth and there would be no need for a second coming. However, Jesus was crucified. He did not marry and must return. Establishing a heavenly blessed marriage and God-centered lineage, the very purpose of creation, was again delayed and Christians await the second coming.

True Mother explained that the root and expansion of Christianity was primarily the work of the Holy Spirit on earth. If the feminine spirit of God had not descended to earth after Jesus' ascension to the spiritual world, Christianity would not have even been born. The Holy Spirit (equal to God the Father and the Son in the Christian trinity) is the spirit of rebirth and giving birth to children is what makes a wife, a mother. Over the last two thousand years, the Holy Spirit has been working to prepare for the Second Advent of Christ and she has been giving birth to Christians spiritually. Most essentially, her mission is to prepare for the marriage supper of the Lamb mentioned in Revelations. However, for the marriage of the Lamb to take place, God's only daughter must be born physically.

In this way, the manifestation of the Holy Spirit and her working throughout Christian history has been to prepare the foundation for the birth of God's only daughter. The most fundamental mission of the Holy Spirit is to prepare for True Mother's birth. Naturally, the marriage of True Parents is the culmination of the history of restoration because this was God's original ideal. The work of the Holy Spirit was multifaceted: it gave birth to Christianity, it revived the faith of Jesus' disciples, it led the expansion of Christianity worldwide and it laid the foundation for True Mother to be born.

True Mother herself is the substantiation of God's Holy Spirit. This title -- God's only daughter -- defines her being, her history and her mission. Just like the Holy Spirit, True Mother will give birth to Cheon Il Guk, is reviving our members and will establish God's long-awaited kingdom of heaven on earth during her lifetime. This is the goal of Vision 2020. This heavy responsibility is included in the title, only daughter of God.

To accomplish this global mission, True Mother wants three organizations to work together, the Universal Peace Federation, Women's Federation for World Peace and International Association of Youth and Students for Peace. The Universal Peace Federation, representing the father, will work with lawmakers and governments to institutionalize laws and advocate government policies that protect the family. The Women's Federation for World Peace, representing the mother, will nurture a motherly heart that teaches and shares the logic of love in our homes, societies, nations and world. Finally the IAYSP representing children and lineage will inculcate the values of living for the sake of others and pure love in the hearts and minds of our youth. As I understand it, IAYSP is to be an umbrella association bringing together all the youth-based organizations of our global family.

In conclusion, I think it is highly appropriate that True Mother launch the new youth and student organization, the IAYSP, and in her inaugural address emphasize her role and mission as God's only daughter. After all, the heart of any mother desperately wants to care for and raise her children to be sons and daughters of God, too. When lawmakers, mothers and youth work together, we can create a culture that honors the family and ushers in the age of Cheon Il Guk.