

Celebrating True Parents' Birthday and the Fifth Anniversary of Foundation Day - Let us take the path of hyo jeong through the spirit and the truth!

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True Parents' birthday was a day longed for by Heaven and wished for by humankind. It is a historic day when we look at the past, a great day in this age when we look at the present and a day our descendants must celebrate long into the future.

In the Book of Mathew, Chapter 16, Jesus asks, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?..." Simon Peter answers, "You are the Messiah, the son of the living God." To this, Jesus replied to Simon Peter "Blessed are you! For this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven." When we are asked this same question about True Parents, at that moment in what way will we proclaim our faith?

True Father, the only son of God, the returning Lord, and True Mother, the only daughter of God and the substantial Holy Spirit, became the True Parents of humankind through their Holy Wedding in 1960. True Parents, as the substantial embodiment of Heavenly Parent's true love, true life and true lineage, are the hope of humankind and of those to come in the future. They are the ones who have completed the mission of the Returning Lord, the Savior and the Messiah, the true emperor of Cheon Il Guk with holiness and virtue, and the emperor of absolute victory over the whole. True Parents have restored through indemnity, both spiritually and physically, humankind's eternal history, have elicited Satan's substantial submission and have led the heart-based cultural revolution, with the heart being a heart of filial love, which is the original nature of creation. True Parents victoriously concluded the twelve-year providential course, beginning with the Coronation for the Kingship of God, to build Cheon Il Guk. On this basis, True Parents proclaimed the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk on 1.13 by the heavenly calendar (February 22, 2013).

Foundation Day is the beginning and the founding day of the substantial Cheon Il Guk. When we look at this providentially, it is a cosmic day of celebration, which we have welcomed after six thousand years! A new heaven and new earth have emerged, and a new day has arrived! Heaven has blessed us with this great day of blessing and grace and has embraced us once again, though we are lacking, within an even wider embrace. On the foundation of True Parents' having victoriously completed their portion of responsibility, Foundation Day was declared, yet the settlement of Cheon Il Guk when blessed families and all humankind achieved rebirth as citizens of Cheon Il Guk was not realized. Therefore, True Father, dwelling in the spirit world and True Mother, dwelling on earth have made the new declaration of Vision 2020 and declared we should carry out a seven-year course during the time after the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk until 2020.

After True Father's Seonghwa, True Mother offered three years of devoted mourning and attended Heavenly Parent and True Father. Through this, she established hyo jeong as the path humankind must take and the standard of a perfected heart. Meanwhile, centered on HJ Cheonwon, True Parents are creating a model kingdom of heaven on earth and Africa Summit 2018 in Senegal has become the model for national restoration. In 2020, we will celebrate a hundred years since True Father's birth, True Mother's seventy-seventh birthday and the sixtieth anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding. Until then, we must substantially inherit True Parents' victorious life courses and realize the settlement of Heavenly Parent's nation and their righteousness. Until the last day of our lives, we pledge and make the firm determination again to fully advance toward our holy mission, the substantial settlement of Cheon Il Guk and national restoration. Let us walk up the path of hyo jeong through the spirit and the truth!