



All Things New

By Bryan Trotter on November 21, 2022

READING: Revelation 21

Christmas is just a few weeks away and the rush to buy presents is already upon us. The drive to get presents early is especially felt this year with production and shipping delays. My wife, Kimberly, has done an amazing job of organizing gift lists for our boys and looking for their presents. I always struggle with how to respond when asked, "What do you want for Christmas this year?" This year, I did have one gift request--a rice cooker. This gift says a lot about where I am in my life. A rice cooker probably is not the hot ticket item at the top of everyone's list, but I am really excited about it.

The Christmas season brings an onset of new items around the house. Honestly, who doesn't like new stuff? I know I certainly do. The new car smell, new shoes or a new phone is great. (Although you do have to spend lots of time setting up your new phone which I do not enjoy.) We like new stuff! When reading Revelation 21, my mind begins to wonder what will this world look like when it is made new?

There is no question the world is broken. I am not referring to the sinful nature and brokenness of mankind. I am saying the literal earth is broken. Earthquakes, volcano eruptions, sink holes, drought, tsunamis, famine, disease, tornados and hurricanes are just a few physical examples of how the earth is broken. Sin had an impact not only on mankind, but also the earth. The Fall of Man resulted in a broken and flawed earth.

God delights in making things new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." In Christ, we are a new creation! Just as God has made us new, so too will He make His creation new. There will be no more crying, death, mourning or pain! Truthfully, this is hard to comprehend, but I believe it because God's Word says it. We have all experienced pain and suffering as a part of life, but there will be an end. All things will be made new. We can celebrate and be encouraged by this truth!

Today, spend some time in prayer thanking God that He will make all things new and that we have the hope of eternal life in Heaven.

TOMORROW'S READING: Revelation 22

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