

Revelation | Heaven

Revelation 21-22

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I. We cannot begin to fathom what God has planned for us.

II. The Truth about Heaven (Revelation 21.1-22:5)

1. We can trust that heaven is real place. (21:5-8)

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

- Revelation 21:5-6

The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

- Revelation 21:7

2. Everything will be made new. (21:1-2)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...

- Revelation 21:1

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

- Romans 8:20-22

3. God will forever live among His people. (21:2-3)

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God.

- Revelation 21:2-3

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

- Revelation 21:22

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

- Revelation 21:4

4. All the effects of sin will be gone. (21:4)

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

- Romans 8:18

5. Every desire of our heart will be satisfied. (22:1-5)

They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

- Revelation 22:4

And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

- Revelation 22:5

III. Final Challenge (Revelation 22:6-15)

1. Cling to hope. (22:6)

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show His servants what must soon take place."

- Revelation 22:6

2. Live with urgency and expectancy. (22:7)

"And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

- Revelation 22:7

Behold, I am coming soon...

- Revelation 22:12

And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. 11 Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

- Revelation 22:10-11

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. 15 Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

- Revelation 22:14-15

3. Embrace the Gospel. (22:10-15)

Study Questions

1. What comes to mind when you think of heaven? If applicable, how have your views of heaven changed over the years?
2. Read Revelation 21:1-8. What most encourages you about what God has planned for His people in the future? Also, how might you use these words to encourage another believer who has had to endure suffering in this world? (See also Romans 8:18-25).
3. Spend a few minutes reflecting on Revelation 22:6-15. How do these verses encourage you to live with expectancy and urgency? Also, what challenge do these verses provide for those who have yet to trust Jesus for their salvation? Explain.
4. Hopefully our study through Revelation has sharpened you. Name 2-3 personal takeaways from our series. How might you apply these takeaways to your life as you wait for Jesus to come again? Share these learnings with your group and talk about how you can continue to encourage one another with these things.