

Jesus Makes All Things New

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Main Passage: Revelation 21:1-27

Theological Theme

In eternity, God will redeem everything, making all things new.

Introduction

- ❓ Have you ever had to rebuild after some type of destruction—whether literal or metaphorical?
- ❓ What happened, and how did God work through that situation?

1. All Things New (Revelation 21:1-8)

In Revelation 21, John saw “a new heaven and a new earth” (v. 1), which we deeply need. Think of all the ways sin has polluted our world. We can and should slow down the decline and fight for what is right, but our power here is limited. God has no such limitations. The broken world that exists now will pass away, and God will redeem it. He will make all things new in the way only He can.

- ❓ How is the new creation described in this passage?
- ❓ What is the relationship between God and humanity in these verses? Why is this significant?
- ❓ What is the thing you most long for God to make new in your life or the world?

2. The New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9-21)

John described what he saw as shining with God’s glory (v. 11), brilliant like precious jewels. There were gates of pearls and streets of gold. Scholars aren’t agreed on whether this description is literal or symbolic. Either way, the reality of this city will surpass our greatest imaginations.

- ❓ How did John describe the new Jerusalem?

- ❓ What might be significant about the materials described and the numbers used in this description?
- ❓ Who is God calling you to share Christ with, that they might gain access to the New Jerusalem?

3. No Need for a Temple (Revelation 21:22-27)

Our passage concludes with a further awesome description of this eternal reality. There is no physical temple in this city because God will be with us. The whole world will be His dwelling, so there will no longer be a need for an earthly temple.

- ❓ What was John's point in making clear that there is no longer a need for an earthly temple in this new city?
- ❓ Consider the description of light in these verses. How have we seen light used by God throughout Scripture, and why is it significant here?
- ❓ Where do you need God's light in your life now? How does the coming hope of God's eternal light encourage you in living today?

Conclusion

We live in a broken world, full of tears, sin, gut-wrenching death, and unimaginable pain (emotional and physical). This is our current reality. Believers have been made new in a spiritual sense, but there will come a day when God will make all things new.

- ❓ How does this description of our eternal home differ from your past understanding or expectations? Does anything here surprise you?
- ❓ How does this give us hope for the future? How can we encourage one another in this hope?
- ❓ How should what we have learned in Revelation impact how we live our lives today?