

I Am Making All Things New – Part 5

Introduction and Review

- Heaven & earth were both cleansed from sin & made new (21:1)
- The holy city & new Jerusalem represent God's people (Rev. 21:2, 9-11)
- God & His people will dwell on the new earth forever (Rev. 21:3)
- God will judge unbelievers with varying degrees of punishment (Lk. 12:47-48; Rom. 1:18-20)
- God will judge believers with varying degrees of rewards (Lk. 19:11-18; 1Co. 3:11-15)

I. What John Saw (v. 1-2)

- A. A new heaven & earth (v. 1)

SEE REVIEW ABOVE!

- B. The holy city (v. 2)

SEE REVIEW ABOVE!

John saw a new heaven & earth filled with new people ready to live with Christ forever.

II. What John Heard (v. 3)

- A. God dwelling with His people

SEE REVIEW ABOVE!

- B. God & His people dwelling on earth

SEE REVIEW ABOVE!

John heard that God would come to dwell on the new earth with His people forever!

III. What God Will Do (v. 4-5a)

- A. In judgment/punishment

SEE REVIEW ABOVE!

- B. In reward

SEE REVIEW ABOVE!

- C. For His glory & our good

*There is much in this present age/earth to cause grief – sins against God & humanity. But God will bring eternal comfort & peace in the new earth – “He will wipe away every tear...” (2Co. 1:3). **Death** was promised (Gen. 2:17), experienced (Rom. 5:12), an enemy (1Co. 15:26) & conquered by Christ (1Co. 15:54-56; Rev. 1:17-18). God will eternally remove the source & consequences of sin: **no more** sea (21:1), death, mourning, crying & pain (21:4), sinners (21:8), curse (22:3) & night (22:5). **NO MORE** bills, pills, hospitals, dialysis, surgery, mortgages, taxes, insurance, arguments, divorce, immorality, wrecks, shootings, prisons, funerals, lies, stealing, ... Everything & everyone is holy, good, righteous, perfect, loving, joyful, peaceful, faithful, thankful, etc.; perfect peace, praise, worship, adoration, service, motivations, intentions, words, thoughts, “Behold, I am making all things new” – for His glory & our good!*

God is going to make all things new for His glory & our good!

CONCLUSION

Therefore my beloved brothers & sisters we must take these truths & embrace life with hope. Because this is our future we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed. We know that this light momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. Like Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob & all the saints we are looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. We all desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one which God has prepared for us. Jesus has secured this new heaven & earth for us with His life, death & resurrection. Therefore we must live for His who died for us; we must deny ourselves daily & be faithful ambassadors for Christ in our homes, communities, workplace, schools, shopping, recreation, etc. This life will be over soon; and we will know that our living & service is in vain when we finally hear Jesus say, “Well done good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little. I will set you over much. Enter the joy of your master.” Do not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up!

If you are not a Christian & have not experienced the miracle of the new birth, then you are not ready for the new heaven & earth. And if you die without experiencing the miracle of the new birth, you will never go to the new heaven & earth. But this can be your eternal future if only you believe in Jesus & come to Him for salvation. You can come into the family of God & His great kingdom. Ask Jesus to save you; to forgive your sins; to make you a child of God; to make you a citizen in the kingdom of God. Trust Him today!

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