

CONFIDENT

Walk Boldly in Your Faith
Part 7

Statement 4: **God is returning to restore His original intent**
Revelation 21-22

God restores His original intent

A new Perfect **WORLD**

Heaven and Earth	21:1
Cosmos	21:1, 23
Earth	21:1
CITY	21:2, 10-21
GOD Focused	21:3-6, 22-23

Glorified **PEOPLE**

NATIONS	21:24
Constant REJUVENATION	22:2-4
IMMORTALITY	22:3, 14
Assigned TASKS	
EXPLORE and collect	21:24-26
PRESENT to God	21:26

Perfect **RELATIONSHIP** with God

Daily FACE TO FACE	22:3-4
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Perfection **UN-SPOILABLE!**

Eternal state of PERFECTION	22:5
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Life Group Discussion Questions – October 29, 2023

Revelation 21:1-2 “*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.*”

DISCOVER (read Revelation 21 and 22)

1. After reading the above passage, what do you think the major differences are between the old and new heavens? Discuss the possibilities of why there won't be any seas in the new earth.
2. Pastor Phil explains that humanity has spoiled the earth and that it will be restored one day. Has the first heaven been spoiled in some way, so that it, too, has to be restored? How so?
3. Why does New Jerusalem not have a temple?
4. Describe the life-giving properties of the light from our sun. Explain how life will be sustained in the new earth without the existence of the sun.

EXPLORE

1. Read Matthew 5:18 and Luke 21:33. What do these verses reveal about God's character and redemptive plan? Share how this might bolster your confidence and change your personal faith story.
2. Read Revelation 21:25. Why will the gates never be shut? Then why have them?
3. In Genesis 2:9, we are introduced to the Tree of Life. What distinguishes this tree from any other tree? (see also Gen. 3:22, 24) However, in Revelation 22:2, the tree brings healing to the nations in curse-free New Jerusalem. What kind of healing do you think is going on? (see also Proverbs 3:18, 11:30, 13:12 and 15:4)
4. Read John 17:4-5. What did Jesus mean asking the Father to glorify Him (Jesus)? Why did He want the Father to glorify Him? How is this part of God's plan to restore His original intent?
5. After reading chapters 21 and 22 in the Book of Revelation, who are the two main characters? What verse(s) can you cite to corroborate your answer?

EXPERIENCE

1. In the new heaven and new earth there will be a new normal where we will dwell with Jesus and there will be no more suffering. How does this perspective give you hope right now to faithfully follow Him? How does this perspective change your attitude toward life in the old normal? How have you misplaced your hope for the future?
2. What are you looking forward to the most in the “new earth”? In the “new heaven”? Are they mutually exclusive of each other? What do you think is the relationship between these two realms?
3. Revelation 21:27 makes it clear that anything that is unclean, or anyone who practices abomination, or lies will ever come in to God's kingdom (but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life). How does this promise shape your hope and expectations of heaven?

PRAY

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. You have given us immense responsibilities and authority to carry-out Your kingdom work on earth. We confess that at times we are elated when Your power manifests through us, as darkness retreats from Your light within us. But You have warned us to keep our hearts and minds trained on the eternal, not on the temporal...that we should rejoice that our names are recorded in heaven. Help us, Lord, to keep ever-vigilant in our focus on You, as we look to dwell in an eternal state of perfection with You. Amen.