



4. EVERYTHING NEW

Sermon Notes

Text: Revelation 21:1-21

Intro:

Colossians 1:1-14

Despair is the belief that the future won't get better. Hope is the belief that the best is yet to come.

Revelation 21:1-21

A New Heaven and a New Earth (v. 1)

The book of Revelation is not about the “end of the world.” The book of Revelation’s climax, and the ultimate vision of the whole Bible, is about the beginning of a new world - A new creation.

The Christian vision of heaven is not “other-worldly” it’s “new-worldly”

“Take anything you delight in here on earth: Your children. Your craftwork. Your hot tub. The dewed green of a fairway on a July morning. The sweet corn from your garden, butter-drenched. Enjoy them all. Find rest in them. But imagine how much more awaits you” ~Mark Buchanan

1 Corinthians 6:14

Revelation 21:5

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“Though all these things have been marred and distorted by sin, God will not completely destroy the physical world, but rather he will perfect the entire creation and bring it into harmony with the purposes for which he originally created it” ~Wayne Grudem

The City of the Lamb (v. 2)

The book of Revelation was written to believers in cities (Rev. 3-4)

The dimensions of the city are a cube.

1 Kings 6:20

Revelation 21:3 - God dwells *with us!*

What’s NOT in the city?

1. No Sea (v. 1)

The sea represents chaos & separation

2. No tears, death, mourning, crying pain (v. 4)

3. Sin & Godlessness

Cowardly & liars - those who give in to the pressure from the beast.

Conclusion:

The book of Revelation helps us to see a hopeful vision of the future

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. When the Covid-19 pandemic is over, what is something you're looking forward to doing again that you can't do now?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. Read Colossians 3:1-4. What does this passage mean? How do you set your hearts and minds on things above? What are the "things" above? What passages in Revelation relate to v. 4?
2. Someone once said, "don't become so "heavenly minded" that you become no "earthly good." What do you think they meant by that? How does that happen?
3. Read Revelation 21:1-5. What stands out to you? When you think about heaven, what normally comes to mind? Does it look like what these verses describe? What do you hope will be in heaven? What do you hope won't be in heaven?
4. The message of 2 Corinthians 5:17 & Revelation 21:5 (among other passages - can you think of any?) is that God is already working to bring about his new creation. How is this so, especially in light of the negativity today? Where do you see him bringing newness in the world even in dark times? Where do you see him bringing newness in your own life?

Application:

1. Prayerfully develop a hopeful vision for your future. Not just your future in heaven, but also your future on earth. What do you believe God will do for you and through you?

Prayer:

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