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All Things New!
Revelation 21-22

Series: The Return of the King – The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Central Passage

Revelation 21:1–5 (ESV) — **1** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2** 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. **4** 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." **5** And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

Central Thought: Far beyond my own personal salvation as an escape to some ethereal heaven, John the Revelator, by way of the angel of Jesus Christ, leaves us with a breathtaking vision of a totally renewed earth and heaven saturated in the light filled presence of God, completely devoid of the darkness of evil and populated by his fully redeemed and renewed people.

- ❖ Our Hope – The renewal of all things, and the eradication of evil. (vs. 21:1-8)

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) — **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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Romans 8:22–23 (ESV) — **22** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. **23** And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

- ❖ Our Destiny – Our vocation as priests and kings restored. (vs. 21:9-22:6)

Genesis 1:28 (NLT) — **28** Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

1 Peter 2:9–10 (ESV) — **9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

- ❖ Our Cry – Come Lord Jesus - Maranatha! (vs. 22:7-21)

1 Corinthians 16:21–24 (ESV) — **21** I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. **22** If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. **Our Lord, come!** **23** The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. **24** My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

- ❖ The Invitation – Come to Jesus! (vs. 22:17)

John 7:37–39 (ESV) — **37** On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' " **39** Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.