

ALL THINGS NEW

SERIES THEME: To better understand and be inspired by a Biblical view of Heaven

TODAY'S THEME: Christ is making all things new

TODAY'S TEXT: Revelation 21:1-8

Biblically, Mankind and the Earth can be divided into three eras:
Past (Genesis 1-2), Present (Genesis 3 – Revelation 20), Future (Revelation 21-22)

The Believer's future is in glorious symmetry with God's original purpose and plan as seen in the past, and in the culmination of history, God will again make all things new!

I. SPIRITUALLY AND _____ NEW

- A. The Great Frustration Of The _____ Age
 - > We still sin
 - Romans 7
 - Christians long for _____ from our inclination to sin

- B. A Beautiful _____
 - > We will be fully and completely made into who we were created to be
 - Philippians 1:6
 - The Church – the people of God - will be perfected by God's glory

II. _____ AND BODILY NEW

- A. Not Disembodied Spirits
 - > We will not be _____
 - Plato/Gnostics taught that the spirit was good but the body was bad

- B. We Will Have A _____ Like Jesus Christ
 - > He appeared many times to many people after his resurrection
 - Luke 24:36-43
 - > We have been promised a body like his
 - Philippians 3:20-21; Romans 6:5

III. NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

- A. A _____ Creation
 - > The entire universe will be _____ – the old will pass away
 - A dramatic change in quality from what preceded it
 - Like the old things passing in our lives
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - > After God's renovation a new Earth will be our eternal home
 - We will return to God's original plan

- B. No Longer Any _____
> An interesting phrase
- No more painful barrier, no separation between God and mankind
- God will _____ with His people forever
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IV. NEW _____ WITH GOD

- A. We Shall See Him Face To Face
• Revelation 22:4 -- "They will see his face..."
> God will physically be present with us
- This is the most glorious aspect of eternity!
- > God's children are in great _____ to those who are lost
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CONCLUSION: Colossians 3:1-2

"Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

Those who know that their destiny is glorious and certain, are free to live a life of radical love and sacrifice here and now!