

- Order of Service -

Call to Worship

Welcoming Prayer

- 522, *I love to tell the story*
- 255, *Nothing but the blood*
- *I'd rather have Jesus*
- *My worth is not in what I own*

Q & A

Announcements and Prayer requests

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Message in the Word -

Life in Messiah's coming kingdom, and beyond!

What will it be like for us? Part 3

Revelation 20:1-10, Revelation 21:1-4

Doxology

Sending prayer

You may notice we don't pass an offering plate

We invite you to participate in the ministry, and the offering box in the foyer is for your gifts and offerings for the Lord's work.

- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -

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Teaching -

Eric Peterman

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- May 22nd, 2022 -

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The millennial kingdom on this earth, as glorious as it and the reign of Christ with his glorified saints will be, will still be tainted by the sins of mortals. For a complete and total reconciliation between heaven and earth to occur, for absolute perfection to come all capacity for sin must be ended, immortality must reign, and the earth and the heavens remade by God. A new heavens, a new earth, and the New Jerusalem touching, connecting and unifying the two, the city of God, the city of light, and of His immortal people, together forever.

Eph 2:5-10: God's grace is not limited to the forgiveness of sins in this age, but the best and richest treasures of His grace and love towards us is yet to come, unveiled in the exciting and joyous rolling ages to come!

Having looked at life for the church and Old Testament resurrected saints in the millennial kingdom of God, let's get a *quick flyover* of the whole period and then see what happens at the end of that age.

Revelation 20: 1-3, John's camera turns to: The place of Satan (and presumably his fallen host) during Christ's reign in that kingdom, and what happens at the end.

20:4-6, John's camera turns to: What blessings happens at the 2nd coming of Christ to the resurrected saints of various ages and how that blessing rolls into the millennium. (Remember, "the first resurrection" is a *kind of people* – saved ones, not necessarily *when* they will resurrect.)

20:7-10, John's camera turns to: The very end of the millennial kingdom, and the short release of Satan/fallen angels, resulting in the tragic unveiling of the hearts and true feelings of some of the descendants of the saved, mortal *gentiles* that entered the kingdom 1,000 years before.

(20:11-end are the last, Great white throne judgment of sinners from all ages. We're not focused on that awesome event in today's sermon.)

**We should now turn our attention in the sequence of events to
2 Peter 3:8-15**

Question: *How does Peter expect the final end of this earth and its systems to greatly impact and act as a rudder for our present attitudes and behavior as believers in this life?*

With 2 Peter 3, this present earth and the heavens come to an end. We can now return our focus to what John sees next: *a total regeneration of earth and heaven!*

Revelation 21:1-4, Four precious truths:

- 1.** Earth and heaven are new, the sea, which historically in ancient days represented separation/division and chaos and fright, no longer exist.
- 2.** The New Jerusalem, the city of God, descends to contact and connect the earth to heaven in community and unity.
- 3.** The promise and accomplishment of Christ's death in rending the temple veil is perfectly completed.
- 4.** Death and the rending of hearts and dreams and hopes by it are finally, totally behind the human experience. Like a bad dream they will fade in our thinking, and hurtful memories will be healed by the Lord Himself. See Rev 7:17, Isaiah 25:6-8

***If you are in Christ, all these beautiful things are yours!
If you are not in Christ, Revelation 20:11-end are yours!***

Next week – An inspection tour of our brand new home to come, the one Jesus has been preparing for us all this time, the New Jerusalem!

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