



Park Community Church

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Behold, I Make All Things New
Revelation 21:1-22:5

Summary

In Revelation 21, we are shown John's final vision of the new heaven and new earth, which prompts us all to ask ourselves a simple but probing question: What are you looking forward to? What we are left with in this text is a conscious and eager anticipation of what God has promised, not just as a theological fact but as a living hope that shapes daily life. Pastor Mike, in his sermon, identifies five things God wants His people to look forward to: fulfillment of all biblical promises, freedom from sin and the curse, perfect community with one another, dwelling with God face to face, and the foreverness of it all. Pastor Mike closed his message on Sunday by reminding us that this glorious future is reserved for those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, made possible only through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Questions

1. Pastor Mike opened with the question: What are you looking forward to? How often does the hope of eternity actually make it onto your personal list of things to anticipate, and what does that reveal about where your heart is focused?
2. Pastor Mike used the image of a Claritin commercial to describe how sin distorts our experience of life without us even fully realizing it. What areas of your life do you think are most affected by the fog of sin, and what does it stir in you to imagine being completely free of that?
3. Revelation 21 describes the new Jerusalem as a great city filled with people from every tribe, tongue, and nation living together in joy and peace. How does that vision challenge or encourage the way you currently invest in community, both inside and outside the church?
4. Pastor Mike pointed out that the new creation is not just a garden for two people but a great city for a vast multitude. What does that shift from garden to city tell us about God's design for human relationship and community?
5. Pastor Mike said that seeing God face to face will bring indescribable joy and that we will know Him whom we have never seen before. How does your current

practice of prayer, Scripture, and worship shape your longing to know God more deeply now, as a preparation for that day?

6. The concept of foreverness is described as something God has placed in every human heart. How do you personally wrestle with the idea of eternity, and what questions or emotions does it bring up for you?
7. Pastor Mike closed by asking who all of this is for, and the answer was those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. How does the reality that this future is secured by Christ's work, not our own, change the way you relate to both your failures and your hopes?

Application

This week, set aside ten minutes each day to deliberately think about one of the five things the sermon highlighted: fulfillment, freedom, community, dwelling with God, or foreverness. Write down one sentence about what that aspect of eternity means to you personally and one way it should change how you live today. By the end of the week, you will have a short written reflection that captures what you are genuinely looking forward to in Christ. Share it with someone in your group or a trusted friend before you meet again.

Key Takeaways

1. God wants His people to actively and consciously look forward to the new heaven and new earth, not as a vague hope but as a living anticipation that shapes thoughts, desires, and daily orientation.
2. Every major promise of Scripture finds its fulfillment in Revelation 21 and 22, from a new creation to the removal of all weeping, death, and pain, because God is making all things new.
3. The freedom believers will experience in eternity goes far beyond anything we have known, including freedom from internal guilt and doubt as well as all outward effects of sin and the curse.
4. The new Jerusalem represents perfect community, a vast multitude of redeemed people from every nation living together in joy, peace, and deep relationship, all made possible by God dwelling among them.
5. This glorious future belongs to all whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, secured entirely by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and it will last forever.