

He Makes All Things New

Revelation 21:1-8

Big Idea: "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more." - Rev. 21:4
Heaven is not clouds and harps. It is the full presence of God. No pain. No grief. No death. Just Him. Are you ready for that day?

Main Points

1. God will completely remake creation -- the old heaven and earth will pass away and all things will be made new.
2. The greatest reality of heaven is not the absence of pain or the reunion with loved ones, but the full, unhindered presence of God.
3. Our deepest problem as humans is that sin has banished us from God's presence. Heaven restores what was lost in Eden.
4. We conquer sin, death, and the accusations of the enemy not by our own righteousness but by the blood of the Lamb.
5. We are called to live now with eternity in view -- making disciples, investing in the kingdom, and trusting God's Word as trustworthy and true.

Scriptures:

- ☐ Matthew 24:35
- ☐ Revelation 12:10-11
- ☐ 2 Peter 3:12-13
- ☐ James 2:10
- ☐ Psalm 102:25-26
- ☐ Romans 8:31-39
- ☐ Isaiah 65:17
- ☐ Revelation 21:22
- ☐ Corinthians 13:12
- ☐ Revelation 22:3-4
- ☐ Hebrews 11:24-27
- ☐ John 20:24-29
- ☐ John 7:37-38

Opening Question:

When you were growing up, what did you picture heaven would be like?

Discussion Questions:

The sermon pointed out that God will not simply repair or renovate the current creation — He will make all things entirely new. What does that tell you about the seriousness of sin's effect on the world and God's commitment to restoration?

Peter writes in 2 Peter 3:11 that knowing these things should shape the kind of people we are becoming. In what practical ways should the reality of a coming new creation affect how you live today?

Pastor Tim described Revelation 21:3 as one of the most underrated verses in the Bible: "the dwelling place of God is with man." Why is God's presence the greatest blessing of heaven? Why do we sometimes focus more on the secondary blessings of heaven than on God Himself?

The tabernacle, the temple, and the incarnation of Jesus were described as previews of God dwelling with His people. How does seeing those as “previews” help you understand the storyline of Scripture?

Revelation 21:4 promises that God will wipe away every tear and that death, mourning, crying, and pain will be no more. Which part of that promise feels most meaningful to you right now, and why?

The sermon connected this promise to grief, loss, and the hope of being with Jesus. How does the promise of God’s presence bring comfort in suffering or loss?

God tells John to write these words down because they are “trustworthy and true.” How do you handle parts of Scripture that are difficult, confusing, or convicting? What helps you continue trusting God’s Word?

The sermon contrasted Moses, who endured by faith as though seeing the invisible God, with Thomas, who struggled to believe without seeing. Where do you relate to Moses or Thomas in your own faith? What has helped strengthen your trust in God?

Revelation 21:8 gives a serious warning about sin, but Pastor Tim emphasized that believers conquer through the blood of the Lamb. How do we hold together the seriousness of sin and the completeness of grace without minimizing either one?

Romans 8:31–39 reminds us that Jesus is the one who died, rose, intercedes, and keeps us. How does focusing on what Jesus has done — rather than what you must do — change the way you approach your faith day by day?

The sermon ended with a call to live now for the sake of others coming to know Jesus. How should the hope of the new heaven and new earth motivate us to pray, give, go, and make disciples today?

Practical Applications:

1. Set aside time this week to pray specifically for one or two people in your life who do not yet know Jesus. Ask God to open doors for you to plant a seed, share a word, or simply reflect His love to them.
2. Choose one verse from this passage or from Romans 8:31–39 to memorize this week. Write it somewhere visible. When discouragement or doubt comes, speak it out loud.
3. This week, when those accusing thoughts come, practice responding with the truth: “I am covered by the blood of the Lamb.” Share with the group next week how that practice went.
4. Consider one specific way you can give, go, or pray in support of gospel work -- locally, through your church, or through a missionary or ministry you know. Talk as a group about what kingdom investment looks like in your current season of life.
5. Spend time this week reading Revelation 21–22 in full. Ask yourself honestly: Is God Himself the center of what I am looking forward to, or are other things taking that place? Journal what you find.

Closing Thought/Prayer:

Pray that God would deepen our hope in the coming new heaven and new earth, help us live as conquerors through the blood of the Lamb, and use us to point others to Jesus until that day comes.