All Things Made New I Can Only Imagine!

Revelation 21: 1-8

What will eternity be like?

Revelation 21-22 will give us a peak into the future – our future!

Verse 1 A new heaven and a new earth

Why a new heaven and a new earth?

The original creation was contaminated by Satan and sin

God is great at start overs – just look at your life!

I am thankful for that!!

John saw a "new heaven and a new earth"

New = "kainos" = qualitatively new; not redone, not restored; different and superior - NEW!! "... there was no more sea" - Why mention this?

1) In ancient times, the sea was characterized by chaos and disorder

All chaos and disorder will be gone, no need for the sea

"... there was no more sea" - Why mention this?

2) The new environment is not water based

No more flesh and blood; humans are composed of 60% water

Our new glorified bodies will not be flesh and blood, but a spiritual body - 1 Corinthians 15: 42, 44, 50

Verse 2 - 3 God will dwell with His people

Your future home - the New Jerusalem

It is a "prepared place", in existence in heaven prior to this event

The city is "like a bride adorned for her husband"

Like a bride on her wedding day, sparing nothing for her husband, *God will spare nothing in adorning the New Jerusalem for His people!*





God will dwell with His people because they have been reconciled to God Romans 5: 10-11

Reconciled = "katallasso" = God takes our sin on Himself and establishes a relationship of peace with mankind - God has removed His wrath!!

Heaven is all about God dwelling with His people - "God Himself will be with them and be their God"

Verse 4 - 5

What God's presence will mean to you

Heaven is a place of "NO MORE!"

No more tears, death, mourning and pain - "NO MORE!"

<u>Isaiah 65: 17</u> – we will no longer remember this existence – "NO MORE!"

What God's presence means to you?

- 1) "NO MORE" of the old earth ways
- 2) "ALL" things will be made new

Verse 6 - 7

For Believers: The old is done, the new is spectacular!

What is done?

All rebellion - DONE!

The eternal abode – *DONE!* and ready for you

The task of creating the new order – **DONE!**

ALL DONE by the Alpha and the Omega - "the Beginning and the End"

Jesus is the God of the beginning of creation

Jesus is the God of the new, eternal order

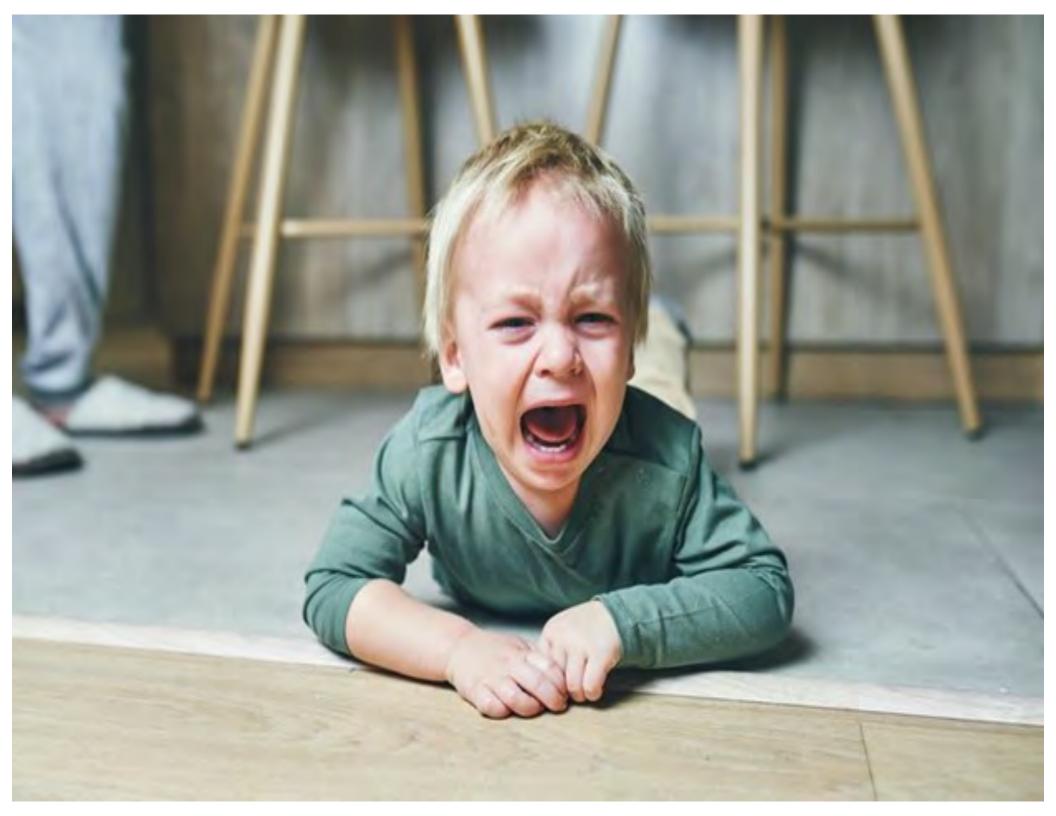
What does Jesus offer all people?

"... the fountain of the water of life freely"

Life is available to those who want it, for those who thirst for it!!

"I will be his God and he shall be My son"

Son = "huios" = mature sons; those who take on the characteristics of Father



Verse 8

For Unbelievers: Awfulness forever!

<u>ALL</u> unbelievers end up in the Lake of Fire

Think about this:

Our destiny is heaven, not the Lake of Fire, for one reason – <u>JESUS!</u>

Jesus has overcome, and His overcoming is credited to me!

The overcomers chant for eternity will be: *THANK YOU, JESUS!*

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Our amazing God, Who is immense, and His love is incomprehensible, wants to share His love with me – FOREVER!!

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE!!

I can only imagine what awaits:

- 1) The New Jerusalem, our base of operation
- 2) What our assignments will be
- 3) The adventures we will have
- 4) The fulfillment we will enjoy
- 5) God, Himself, in our midst
- 6) Close fellowship with *One* so loving, so wonderful, so giving, so kind and gentle *FOREVER!*

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE!!

God's love is amazing and off the charts, and it is directed at you – *His child, right now!*

"The love of God is one of the great realities of the universe, a pillar upon which the hope of the world rests. But it is a personal, intimate thing, too. God does not love populations, He loves people. He loves not masses, but men. He loves us all with a mighty love that has no beginning and can have no end." (A. W. Tozer)

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE experiencing this depth of love – *FOREVER!*

All I can say is:

THANK YOU, JESUS!!

Thank you, Jesus, for making all things new – including me!!

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT AWAITS!!

