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WE WILL BE WITH HIM AND SEE HIS FACE

Rev. 21:1-22:5

How often do you think about Heaven?

What difference is Heaven making in our daily lives now? (Col. 3:1; 2 Cor. 4:18; Phil. 3:20-21; Heb. 9:28)

What I hope Rev. 21-22 moves us to today:

- To be thankful God has given us the “rest of the story.”
- To understand the greatest part of Heaven is found in 21:3 and 22:4.
- To be in awe of what Heaven will really be like.
- To be certain our name is written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

Rev. 21:1-22:5 in a sentence: For all eternity, God’s people will be in God’s place under God’s rule and blessing.

I. GOD’S PEOPLE (who will dwell with Him)

- a. Who’s going to be in Heaven? (2 answers but the same group)
 - i. The thirsty (21:6)
 - ii. The one who conquers (21:7)
 - iii. The one whose name is written in the Lamb’s book of life (21:27)
 - iv. Christians from every nation (22:3)
- b. Who’s not going to be in Heaven? (21:8, 27)

II. GOD'S PLACE (where they will dwell)

- a. The Holy of Holies (a cube)
 - i. It is a city (21:2)
 - ii. God has prepared it (21:2)
 - iii. It unites God's people from every age (21:12-14)
 - iv. It's massive (21:15-17)
 - v. It's beautiful (21:11,18-21)
 - 1. The wall (18)
 - 2. The gates (21)
 - 3. The street (21)
 - vi. No temple, no sun/moon, no closed gates, nothing unclean (21:22-27)
- b. The Final Eden
 - i. What was lost in Gen. 3 is restored in Rev. 22
 - ii. It will be better than Eden:
 - 1. No potential for evil/sin (no sea; no night)
 - 2. God's dwelling permanently with us

III. GOD'S RULE AND BLESSING (what it will be like to dwell with God)

- a. God's Rule
 - i. "And he who was seated on the throne" (21:5)
 - ii. "throne of God" (22:1)
 - iii. "the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it" (22:3)
- b. God's Blessings
 - i. The dwelling place of God is with man (21:3)
 - 1. What will it be like to live in His presence? (MacArthur):
 - a. Believers will enjoy fellowship with Him.
 - b. Believers will see God as He is.
 - c. Believers will worship God.
 - d. Believers will serve God.
 - ii. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads (22:4)
 - iii. The river of life and tree of life (22:1-2)
 - iv. Adoption (21:7) – "I will be his God and he will be my son"
 - v. No more curse (22:3)
 - vi. No more tears, no more death, no more mourning or crying, no more pain (21:4)
 - vii. No more night (21:25; 22:5)
 - viii. Peace and protection (21:25)
 - ix. Purity (21:27)

What should we do now?

- Living in light of eternity (the reality of Heaven and dwelling with God) – 2 Pet. 3:10-13
 - Akin: *Will we all be equal in heaven?* No. The Bible teaches that there are both degrees of punishment in hell and degrees of reward in heaven. However, there will be no jealousy in heaven. Every vessel will be completely filled concerning its capacity. No one will have more than they are capable of holding and no one will have less than they are capable of holding. Everyone will be satisfied perfectly with who they are and what they have. “Though every vessel of mercy shall be full completely in heaven, yet one may hold more than another.” Thomas Watson.

- Never forget – Akin: *Will Jesus still have the scars in His hands, feet and side in heaven?* Yes. We will see that these are the only man-made things in heaven!