

Revelation 21:1-4 <sup>1</sup> *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.* <sup>2</sup> *And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.* <sup>3</sup> *And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.* <sup>4</sup> *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

## 1. Introduction

### a. Place of heaven to motivate

#### i. House (body) created for Christian in the heavens

*2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

#### ii. Christian to seek those things above

*Colossians 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.*

#### iii. Christian shall appear in glory (heaven) with Christ

*Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

### b. Three amazing aspects of celestial wonder (heaven)

## 2. Preferred Destination

### a. Remarkable readiness

#### i. Church (Christians) clothed as a bride for her wedding

*Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.*

#### a) Jesus goes to heaven to prepare mansions for Christians

*John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

b) Kingdom of God prepared for Christian

*Matthew 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

ii. Marriage supper of the Lamb in heaven

*Revelation 19:7-8 <sup>7</sup> Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. <sup>8</sup> And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

b. Required reservation

i. Christian has inheritance in heaven waiting for them

*1 Peter 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,*

ii. Christian must be born again to enter Kingdom God

*John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

iii. Become child of God by believing on His name

*John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

c. Hell place of torment

i. No one wants to go to hell

ii. No reservations needed to go to hell

*John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

3. Partial Description

a. Eradicated burden

i. God will remove all tears from Christian's eyes

*Revelation 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*

ii. No more death for Christian

*Revelation 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

b. Enrapturing beauty

- i. Long description of heaven, the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-22:6)

Revelation 21:10-11 <sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

- ii. Buildings made of gold so pure it looks clear as glass

*Revelation 21:18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.*

- iii. City sparkles with rainbow of colors like giant prism

c. Endless bounty

- i. Heaven is forever, without end, never ending

- ii. No temple needed

*Revelation 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.*

- iii. No sun or moon needed for light

*Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*

- iv. No night (darkness) & city gates will never close

*Revelation 21:25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.*

4. Present Duty

a. Prepare unconditionally

- i. No one can earn their way to heaven by their own efforts

*Ephesians 2:8-9* <sup>8</sup> For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: <sup>9</sup> Not of works, lest any man should boast.

- ii. Heaven only comes by atonement (substitute sacrifice)

- a) Jesus Christ made atonement for our sins

*Romans 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*

b) Jesus Christ the one sacrifice once for all

*Heb 10:10, 12 <sup>10</sup> By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ... <sup>12</sup> But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God;*

c) Christian has received eternal life

*1 John 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.*

b. Proclaim unashamedly

i. God has given Christian never-ending supply of eternal life

ii. Giving the gospel does not stop supply of eternal life

iii. Christ paid the price for our sin on the wooden cross

*Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

iv. Proclaim the gospel boldly to everyone

*Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*