

ALL THINGS NEW  
REVELATION 21:1-5 v. 5

Introduction:

1. The first time since 1:8 that God has been represented as speaking directly, though voices have come out of the throne and the heavenly sanctuary.
2. This message is not addressed to John, but to the entire world of the saved.
3. This is the “restitution of all things” to which Peter refers in Acts 3, and the deliverance of creation from the bondage of corruption which Paul anticipates in Romans 8.

**Acts 3:19-21** *Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.* **Romans 8:20-21** *For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

4. No words can portray in positive description what that universe will be.
5. We do know what it won't be: no death, no sorrow, no crying, no pain and no sin.

I. THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH.

- A. The new heaven implies that the future state will be suited to the soul in the fullest possible sense.
- B. The “god of this world” will not have any power in “the new heaven,” nor will any evil men or false teachers be found there to blind or delude the minds of the inhabitants.

**Revelation 21:8** *But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”*

- C. The deep mysteries of the future will finally be revealed.
- D. Righteousness will be the governing power in all. Neither will there be any hatred as all will be sweet and harmonious. **2 Peter 3:13** *Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

II. THE REDEEMED ON THE NEW EARTH.

A. It will be suited to the immortal bodies of the saved. **1 Corinthians 15:51-54** *Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."*

- B. It will be a state of established health and strength. The “new earth” will abound in all the elements of true and pure strength.
- C. So perfect will the body, which we shall then possess, be in all its parts, that we shall never be conscious of any evil passions whatsoever.
- D. There will be no want in the “new earth.” God will supply all that will be needed.

**Revelation 21:7** *He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.*

III. THE FUTURE STATE WILL BE AN INTIMATE, SPIRITUAL ASSOCIATION BETWEEN GOD AND HIS PEOPLE.

A. There will be a full manifestation of God. **1 Corinthians 13:12** *For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.*

B. There will be perfect fellowship with God. **1 Corinthians 1:9** *God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

C. And in the mystical descriptions of heaven with which Scripture abound, we find frequent references to the other most remarkable components of earthly scenery.

D. There is the tree of life; there are the everlasting hills; and there is water for there is the river of the water of life.

Conclusion:

1. Can you, for a moment, imagine how great eternity is? **1 Corinthians 2:9** *But as it is written, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those who love Him."*
2. There is only one way to experience it, and that is to experience true salvation in the only One who can make it a reality for you - Jesus. **John 14:6** *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*
3. We have a new year now. 2019 has passed away. Why not start this new year with a new beginning? Do you need to be saved? Do you need to be baptized? Do you need to become a member of this church? Do you need God's forgiveness for your sins?
4. All of these things are here for you so that you can start anew.