

BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW  
REVELATION 21:1-5

Introduction:

1. The 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of Revelation begins with the fact that God is going to make all things new.
2. That which we have been used to will be burned up to start this new process. **2 Peter 3:10** *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a rushing noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat. And the earth and the works in it will be burned up.*
3. After all of what we know as the earth and the heavens are burned up, there will be new things:
  - A. A new heaven. **v. 1a**
  - B. A new earth. **v. 1b**
  - C. A new Jerusalem. **v. 2**
  - D. Other new things. **v. 4**
4. While we await these new things and the return of Jesus, there are new things which a person can experience right now in this life.

I. THERE IS THE NEW BIRTH. **John 3:1-7**\*\*\*

- A. Nicodemus was a very religious man.
- B. Nicodemus came with a the perception that the miracles of Jesus might be evidences of the Messiah's presence. But Jesus showed him that Messiah's kingdom is inward and spiritual.
- C. The kingdom of God is that kingdom which the Messiah was expected to establish; and its nature is clearly set forth in the Scriptures **cf. Luke 17:20-21** *And being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered and said, The kingdom of God does not come with observation. Nor shall they say, Lo here! or, behold, there! For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst.*
- D. Nicodemus rested on his privileges (birth, etc.) as fitting him for entrance into the Messiah's kingdom, and is naturally confounded at the new ideas presented to him, especially when Jesus brought it down to a personal level: "You must be born again."

II. THERE IS A NEW HEART. **Ezekiel 36:26a** *And I will give you a new heart...*

- A. We know that these verses in Ezekiel apply to Israel, but the same can be applied to all those who have been born again.
- B. The old heart is taken away and a new one put in its place.
- C. The substitution of one heart for another implies an entire change in the character of our affections.
- D. This spiritual change, which we call being saved, born again, is not a mere reform. It is a revolution. It changes the heart, the habits, and the eternal destiny of an immortal being.

III. THERE IS A NEW SPIRIT. **Ezekiel 36:26b** *...and I will put a new spirit within you.*

- A. This new spirit will cause one to be obedient to the Word of God. **Ezekiel 36:27** *And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My judgments and do them.*

B. This Spirit is none other than the Holy Spirit of God. **Romans 8:9** *But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.*

C. A person who has been born again is indwelt by God's Spirit is sealed by God's Spirit, and is led by God's Spirit.

D. The old spirit that was godless and unbelieving is done away with by the amazing power of God. **Romans 6:6** *...knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be destroyed, that from now on we should not serve sin.*

IV. THERE IS A NEW MIND. **Romans 12:2** *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what is that good and pleasing and perfect will of God.*

A. As born again believers we must let the inward change produce the outward change.

B. The word translated "mind" denotes the intellect, as distinguished from the will and affections.

C. Here it seems to be used as applicable to the whole spirit as distinguished from the body, including the understanding, will, and affections.

D. When your mind is renewed you will prove what is that good and well pleasing and perfect will of God is for your life. **Ephesians 5:17** *Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

Conclusion:

1. The good news is that one does not have to wait for the new heaven and new earth to experience new things.
2. You can experience the new birth, a new heart, a new spirit, and a new mind in this life by asking Jesus to forgive you of your sins and save you eternally. It is yours for the asking.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*