

# RENAISSANCE

## “New Heaven, New Earth”

“Behold, I am making all things new!” ~ God

God's Presence and God's People

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup>But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”  
– Revelation 21:1-8 (ESV)

“The restoration of the temple was a specific hope for restored Jerusalem, but in Revelation this hope is transferred to the entire city. This will be the most explicit “tabernacling” of God with humanity since the incarnation.” – Craig Keener

<sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.” – Revelation 21:22-23 (ESV)

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“The New Jerusalem is not so much a place as it is a people – the people of God. The New Jerusalem is the community in which the people of God will dwell, but even more, it represents the people themselves.”  
– Richard Bauckham

“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8 (ESV)

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” – Romans 10:9 (ESV)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the **new** has come.” – 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

“But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”  
– Revelation 21:27 (ESV)

“I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the father except through me.” – John 14:6 (ESV)

### Small Group Questions

1. When was the last time that you read the book of Revelation on your own?
2. Describe a time when you have experienced God’s presence.
3. Re-read Revelation 21:1-27 and discuss this quote. “Ultimately, Christian hope resides in God, not in a place.”
4. Have you given your life to Jesus? Explain the details to your group.