



That you may
have *life*

Main Idea of the Sermon

The promise of the new heaven and new earth should give us hope and encouragement, both as we carry out God's mission here and now and as we look forward to what is to come.



Focus Question

Those who make the most impact for the kingdom now do so with their minds set on what is promised ahead. Are you living today looking forward to what is to come?



1. A New Heaven and Earth Implies an Old Heaven and Earth

- Verse 1
- A bit of common sense
- Judgement according to the Book of Life
- Created good but distorted by sin
- Romans 8:18-25
- “And the sea was no more”





In the Beginning ... In the End

Genesis

Heaven and earth created (1:1)

Sun created (1:16)

The night established (1:5)

The seas created (1:10)

The curse announced (3:14-17)

Death enters history (3:19)

Man driven from paradise (3:24)

Sorrow and pain begin (3:17)

The Devil appears (3:1)



Revelation

New heavens and earth recreated (21:1)

No need of the sun (21:23)

No night there (22:5)

No more seas (21:1)

No more curse (22:3)

Death exits history (21:4)

Man restored to paradise (22:14)

Sorrow, tears, and pain end (21:4)

The Devil disappears (20:10)

2. The Coming New Jerusalem

- Verses 2-3
- Our final home: here, but made new
- "Qualitatively" new
- Intentionally prepared (John 14:2-3)
- An illustration of marriage
- God's plan
- Dwelling with our creator









3. The Previous Things Will Have Passed Away

- Verse 4
- A bygone consequence already paid for
- Death will be no more
- Grief, crying, and pain pass with it
- God Himself wipes away every tear



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