

Community Group Discussion Questions

“Church in Eternity” Revelation 21:1-5a

Sermon Series Title: “The Church of God”

Sermon Series Summary: The Church of God is the people of God throughout the ages, redeemed by Jesus Christ. We’re going to take a look at who we are and who we are called to be as the church of God. More specifically, we see that who we are is directly connected to whose we are in Christ.

Passage Setting: Revelation is a letter of prophecy regarding the last days, written by the apostle, John, near the end of his life, being exiled to the prison island of Patmos. We see the defeat of sin/Satan and the glorification of God’s people in the end times. The simple theme of Revelation is Jesus wins.

Summary: In our passage, we see a picture of the start of permanent eternity. God will make all things new, eradicating all things old and evil. He will make us His dwelling place, and He will right all wrongs and heal all brokenness. This future is secured by the One who took on the curse of the cross to bring us into the blessing of heaven.

Central Truth: *“God will make all things new.”*

Sermon Points:

1. Our Future Renewal
2. Our Future Residence
3. Our Future Reversal
4. Our Forever Redeemer

Opening Question:

1. What are you looking forward to the most in heaven?

(Answers may vary.)

We are finishing our “The Church of God” sermon series by looking at the Church in Eternity through Revelation 21.

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Read Revelation 21.

1. What are your thoughts regarding God being the judge and eradicating all evil in this world?

(Answers may vary.)

A God of Love must be a God of wrath. Wrath comes when something happens to the person/thing you love. God is a God of justice and order, and for Him to make all things right, there must be judgment for wickedness, evil, and sin.)

2. What does it mean for you that God will make all things new, including you?

(Answers may vary.)

This world will be made new. All of creation is in bondage because of sin, and it is longing for the new heavens and earth. We will be made new. We will be qualitatively different- perishable to imperishable, dishonor to glory, weakness to power. We won't need any substitutes, but everything about us will be beautiful, glorious, and new.)

3. How does God being our residence both now and forever move you?

(Answers may vary.)

He is our home. Unconditional love, affection, and approval is with us now. We don't need to replace God with idols, because God will be with us. We can walk with God, fully naked, unashamed, and embraced. Fully known and loved.)

4. How does the Great Reversal in v. 4 point you to the Great Redemption in the Great Redeemer?

(Answers may vary.)

Christ is the One who took on all sorrows, sin, shame, betrayal, abandonment, loss, grieving, pain, suffering, and death on the cross, so He can bring the Great Reversal on the Last Day.)

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Final Thoughts: *Our hope of future restoration and glory gives us strength for today. It gives us peace amidst brokenness and anxiety. Our future identity reminds us of our present reality. We know that this is not the end, but we know that everything will be perfect in the end. This has been guaranteed for us through what Christ bore on the cross on our behalf.*