



## The City of God Revelation 21-22:5

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### Heaven is a new earth.

*1 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.*

### Heaven is a beautiful city.

*2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

### Heaven is a place where man dwells with God.

*3 "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."*

### Heaven is a place of separation from ungodliness.

*27 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.*

### Heaven is a place of unimaginable splendor.

*10-11 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.*

### Heaven is a place where sorrows cease.

*4 "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."*

## APPLICATION

If you really believe in heaven and the need for salvation, it will come out, somehow, in your conversations and your actions.

## LifeGroup Study Guide

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**Share it.** Tell the group about the most recent home you purchased or moved into and the excitement it brought you.

**A new heaven and new earth.** What will happen to the original heaven, and earth? 2 Pet 3:8-13, Rev 21:1

**Our eternal dwelling with God.** Notice this progression:

John 1:1 Where was God in eternity past

John 1:14 What does John say about Jesus' dwelling?

Acts 1:10-13 Where is Jesus now?

Rev 19 Where will Jesus be during His 1,000 year reign?

John 14:1-6 What does God promise us?

Rev 21 2-3 What does John say about our eternal state?

**A new order.** What is the emotional state of God's people on earth today? How will this change forever and why?

Rev 21:4-5. What will be the emotional and physical state of all of heavenly city dwellers?

What will be the spiritual state of those in heaven?

Rev 21: 6-8 (compare 1 John 2:28-3:3) By what means is this received? Who will be there? (see also 21:24-27)

Who will not be there and what is the second death?

**Extravagant beauty.** Read Rev 21:9-23 What is your response to God's character as you read this description?

Creative Glory Eternal Perfection Glory

Beauty Knowledge Power Wisdom Self-existence

Presence Light Grace Life

**Eternal Provision.** What do you learn about God's eternal provision from Rev 22:1-5? (compare with the tree in the garden of Eden)

**So What?** How should we live in light of this great hope?

Be Pure: 1 John 3:3; 2 Peter 3:11-14 What does purity look like in our culture?

Be Light: 2 Pet 3:15 God's patience means salvation  
With great news like this, can we really be silent?