



JOY TO COME

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PREACHING POINT: Ensure that you are joyously preparing to dwell with God in His perfect eternal kingdom.

1. Live _____ (vv.1-4)

2. Joyously _____ (vv.5-6a)

3. Confidently _____ (vv.6b-8)

Revelation 21:1-8 (ESV)

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. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 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. 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." 5 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." 6 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. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 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."

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at info@compasshillcountry.org.

1. What is one observation or application you found helpful from this week's sermon?
How does this observation change the way you live this week?

2. Read Revelation 21:1-4, 22:1-5, & Isaiah 65:17-19. What do you look forward to in God's description of His magnificent eternity?

3. Read Matthew 6:33-34 & 2 Corinthians 5:16-17. Why is presently living with an eternal mindset vital for you to walk faithfully with Christ?
 - a. What practical habits can you start that will help you approach 2024 with an eternal mindset?

4. Read John 19:30, Revelation 21:5-6a, & 2 Corinthians 4:16-17. How do God's trustworthy statements help you face challenging circumstances and trials?
 - a. How do you need to adjust your attitude, thinking, and actions to show you trust God's words in challenging circumstances and trials?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 & Galatians 5:16-24. How confident are you that when you face God, He will let you into His eternal paradise? What are the reasons for the answer you wrote down?
 - a. Why is basing the assurance of our salvation in God's Word rather than our own correct and helpful?

6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20 & 2 Peter 3:9. Since God's eternal kingdom is not here yet, who can you talk to this week about the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

December 31st
Malachi 1-4 & Matthew 1

January 1st
Genesis 1-2 & Matthew 2

January 2nd
Genesis 3-5 & Matthew 3

January 3rd
Genesis 6-8 & Matthew 4

January 4th
Genesis 9-11 & Matt 5:1-26

January 5th
Genesis 12-14 & Matt 5:27-48

January 6th
Genesis 15-17 & Matthew 6

January 7th
Genesis 18-19 & Matthew 7

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