

GREG'S NOTES

A NEW BEGINNING TEACHING OUTLINES

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WHEN HEAVEN COMES TO EARTH

Revelation 21

Sometimes we, as Christians, will say we are going to die and go to heaven, or be raptured into heaven, and then we will be there with the Lord forever. Actually that is not theologically correct. One day we *are* going to heaven. But God is going to restore this planet, and eventually heaven will come to earth.

PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **The New Earth will not be a sequel; it will be a remake.** God says, “Behold I make all things new.”
2. **God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.** There will be no more terminal diseases, hospitals, wheelchairs, funerals, suffering, separations, accidents, courts, prisons, divorces, breakdowns, breakups, suicide, rape, missing children, drug problems, heart attacks, strokes, Alzheimer’s, cancer, famine, or disasters!
3. **We will be together with the saints.** Just imagine it. Isaiah. Jeremiah. Elijah. Sarah. Ruth. Mary. David. Noah. Jonah. Peter, James, and John. They are all there. William Wilberforce, Abraham Lincoln, C. H. Spurgeon, D. L. Moody, and C. S. Lewis. They will all be there too. Best of all your loved ones that have gone before you will be there, and we will all be together for eternity.
4. **We will be with the Lord.** We all have questions we want to ask God. We often say, “One day, when I get to heaven, I’m going to ask God...” That day will come. You want to ask the Lord something? Go ask Him. There He is. And He has time for you.

RELEVANT REMINDERS

- God is into restoration. He is going to restore this planet. He is going to restore relationships. And He is going to restore our bodies.
- When God brings heaven to earth, it will be a fulfillment of that part of the Lord’s Prayer where we say to the Father, “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

APPLICABLE ACTIONS

We are used to referring to heaven as “the afterlife.” We would be thinking more accurately and more biblically if we instead thought of this life here as the “before life.” Why? Because the afterlife is the main event. Ask the Lord to help you keep that perspective, to keep you “heavenly minded.” A right perspective will help you in times of trial, help you to live a godly life, and help motivate you to share the hope of heaven with others.