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Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - April 17, 2022

1. Anticipate \_\_\_\_\_

(vv. 1-5)

*Revelation 21:1–8 (ESV)*

*21 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."*

2. Anticipate \_\_\_\_\_

(vv. 1-5)

*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."*

3. Overcome \_\_\_\_\_

(vv. 6-8)

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## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Psalm 27:4, 8.** How does your life reflect an anticipation of God's unfiltered presence right now? How does thinking more about perfect fellowship with God in heaven motivate you to pursue him this week?
- 2. Read Revelation 22:1-5.** As you consider this passage and other passages that teach about heaven, what are some of the things you are most looking forward to? Think both about the kinds of things that will be there, as well as the things that will not.
- 3. Read Colossians 3:1-4.** The gravity of daily life seems to pull our focus down to the things of earth. As you go through the hustle and bustle of another week, how can you increasingly set your mind on the things above?
- 4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.** None of us deserve to inherit the kingdom of God. What are some of the specific ways reflecting on this passage and the undeserved glories of heaven make you more thankful for what you will experience there?
- 5. Read Revelations 21:6-8.** How do these verses inspire you to choose Christ and stand for him over and against the world? How will that resolve be put to the test this month?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Alcorn, Randy. *Heaven*. Tyndale House Publishers, 2004.

MacArthur, John. *The Gospel According to Jesus*. Zondervan, 2008.

Tada, Joni Eareckson. *Heaven*. Zondervan, 1997.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that many in our community would truly put their faith in Christ this Easter!

Pray that our minds will be filled more with the things above.

Pray that we would pursue Christ over the things of the world.

Pray that our church would faithfully make disciples in the Treasure Valley and beyond.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

### REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
4/18	Judges 11-13	Matthew 21:33-46, Mark 12:1-12, Luke 20:9-19
4/19	Judges 14-16	Matthew 22:1-14
4/20	Judges 17-19	Matthew 22:15-22, Mark 12:13-17, Luke 20:20-26
4/21	Judges 20-21	Matthew 22:23-33, Mark 12:18-27, Luke 20:27-40
4/22	Ruth 1-4	Matthew 22:34-46, Mark 12:28-37, Luke 20:41-44
4/23	1 Samuel 1-3	Matthew 23:1-15, Mark 12:38-40, Luke 20:45-47