



A New Beginning

WEEK 7 DISCUSSION GUIDE

OVERVIEW

In this final message of *Is This the End?*, we'll look at Revelation 21 and 22 to learn about the Great White Throne Judgment and the New Heavens and New Earth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

The Great White Throne Judgment takes place immediately after the 1,000-year Millennial Kingdom. **Revelation 20:11-15** says: ***Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.*** Unbelievers are taken out of Hell and are rejoined soul and body at the Great White Throne Judgment. Here, those who never trusted Christ are to be judged according to their works. (Do not confuse this judgment with the Judgment Seat of Christ, where believers will have their works judged and rewarded. At the Great White Throne Judgment, there will only be unbelievers, and there will be no rewards.)

- What must occur for an individual to have their name written in the Book of Life?
- What are the differences between the works of believers judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ and the works of unbelievers judged at the Great White Throne Judgment?

THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH

After the Great White Throne Judgment, God creates a new Heaven and a new Earth. God will then crown the Earth with a new city. Descending down from Heaven to Earth is the New Jerusalem—our Father’s House, where we will dwell forever and ever!

The New Jerusalem is the new Eden. It is paradise restored—no devil, no possibility of sin, no pain, no disease, no sorrow. We are whole, clean, restored. But in this New Jerusalem, there is something missing that was central to the Old Jerusalem—a temple. **Revelation 21:22** says: ***But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.*** In the New Testament, Jesus made us (His Church) into the Temple of the Holy Spirit by cleansing us of every sin and impurity. All things are consecrated, and everything has been made clean, so there is no need of a temple. There, seated on His Throne, we encounter God face-to-face and hour-by-hour as we dwell with Him for eternity. **Revelation 21:5** says: ***Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”***

- Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. How do we receive a new beginning and a fresh start here and now?
- Get with a partner and practice sharing the Good News of Christ. Share the story of how Jesus changed your life and continues to give you hope today.

LIFE CHALLENGE

In this series, we’ve focused on our theme verse of **Revelation 12:11**: ***“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”*** This verse is a pattern for overcoming in life. It begins with the blood of Jesus. Through His own blood, Jesus broke the power of the devil in our lives. Sin, fear, temptation, and death have no authority any longer in the life of a believer. When we confess our need and place our faith in His blood (the word of our testimony), we are filled with His love and power to overcome every lie and deception of Satan. When we come to Jesus and put our lives in His hands, He cleanses our past and secures our future. We are overcomers in this life and the next.

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