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SERIES: Rev'd Up

SERMON: Making All Things New

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21:1-27 (NASB)

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE / FURTHER READING: John 1:14; Colossians 3:16-17; Philippians 4:8; Mark 13:35-36

MESSAGE TAKEAWAY: At the end of time as we know it, God is going to invite His family into His new creation...a new heaven, a new earth. Meanwhile, He has work for us to do here.



SUPPORTING THOUGHTS – (Represent a Pre-Millennial view of Revelation)

- God is doing a new thing – God is creating a new earth. We have no idea where this new earth will be and how this will all come about beyond Revelation. All God’s followers will be there, with Him, for eternity.
- The sea represents chaos, danger, disorder, and destruction.
- New Jerusalem: the final place where God lives among His people. He reigns and there’s love, peace and security. No death. No tears. No mourning.
- God’s making not some things, not a lot of things, but *ALL* things new.

Bookends of the Bible: Genesis and Revelation (Life App Study Bible)

Genesis	Revelation
The sun is created.	The sun is not needed.
Satan is victorious.	Satan is defeated.
Sin enters the human race.	Sin is banished.
People run and hide from God.	People are invited to live with Him forever.
People are cursed.	The curse of sin is removed.
Tears are shed with sorrow for sin.	All sin, tears, and sorrow are gone.
The garden and earth are cursed.	God’s city, Jerusalem, is glorified, new earth.
Paradise is lost.	Paradise is regained.
People are doomed to death.	Death is defeated; believers live forever with God.

- Jasper is a clear jewel that radiates light in infinite ways. In chapter four and here, it’s used to describe the appearance of God.
- The new Jerusalem’s measurements show completeness.
- New City: It will hold all of God’s people.
- All of the jewels show us that the new Jerusalem will be a place of purity and durability; pure as gold, clear as glass.
- These jewels represent the great worth and diversity of the people who live in the city; the diversity and worth of His bride.

(SUPPORTING THOUGHTS CONTINUED)

- The pearl represents the beauty that comes out of suffering.
- New Jerusalem, no temple is seen because God and the Lamb, His Son, are the center of worship.
- There's no need of the sun or the moon since God and Jesus's glory lights it all up.

Therefore, be on the alert --- for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning --- in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep. (Mark 13:35-36)

- **CHALLENGE: Disciple: A committed learner of, student of, follower of Jesus in all areas of your life.**
 - **Be a disciple:** How are you working on your relationship with Jesus?
 - **Make disciples:** Who in your life are you pointing to Jesus with intentionality?

Revelation 22	Summary of a New Jerusalem
Verse 3	God will be present
Verse 4	Death, pain and sorrow absent
Verse 5, 7	All things will be new, and believers will be present
Verse 8, 27	Unbelievers will be absent
Verse 11, 23	No sun, no moon, no problem – God's glory will light the place
Verse 12, 17, 21	The wall will be high and wide; 12 gates of pearl
Verse 14	Deep foundation with 12 layers
Verse 16	City will be large
Verse 18-21	City will be beautiful and adorned with precious stones; glorious
Verse 22	No temple due to no sin and need for atonement; no sacrifices
Verses 23-27	Nothing unclean will be present, God and Lamb the center of worship

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What areas of Kip's teaching challenged you? Why?
- How does this chapter give you hope? How does it give you concern for those in your life who don't know Jesus?
- Kip talked about life as a deployed Soldier and the desire to get home. Compare the qualities of "home" here with how John describes our final "home" in heaven.
- How can you lose focus of the mission God has for you now with the desire to be in a better place?
- Discuss at length Kip's challenge. How will you meet the challenge? Be specific.

Sources: Tom Constable (Constable Notes, Revelation); Jason Dexter (Study and Obey on-line Bible Study, Revelation, with excellent discussion questions and commentary); Gary Hamrick (Cornerstone Chapel, Leesburg VA, Revelation series); Life Application Study Bible (Revelation); Michael Heiser (Naked Bible Podcast; *Unseen Realm* and multiple books); Moody Handbook of Theology; J. Dwight Pentecost (Things to Come); Charles Swindoll (Revelation Commentary); Through the Word Bible App (Kris Langham).

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