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HOPE ACTIVATED

Revelation 21:1 – 7

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MESSAGE NOTES

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. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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. 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." 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." – Revelation 21:1 – 5 (ESV)

- **Hope that lifts our vision**

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– Revelation 21:3 (ESV)*

"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." – Revelation 21:4 (ESV)

- **Hope that strengthens our endurance**

HOPE ACTIVATED: Our future hope becomes our present strength

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. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son." – Revelation 21:6 – 7 (ESV)

MESSAGE SUMMARY

This week we looked at Revelation 21:1–7 and the hope of the resurrection. Jesus rising from the dead is the first installment of the new heaven and new earth, a future where all things are made new. Even now, His presence is with us, giving courage to endure, strength in our relationships, and purpose for how we live.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use as many or as few of these questions as are helpful for your group or family discussion.

- Discussion Starter: Think about a time you were waiting for something really important, a job, a move, or even a big trip. What was it, and how did that hope for the future affect the way you handled the present?
- Read Revelation 21:1–4. What images or phrases stand out to you the most, and why?
- Verse 3 says, God himself will be with them. How does this promise compare to other places in Scripture where God promises His presence? (Try Psalm 23:4, Matthew 28:20, or John 14:16–17)
- Verse 4 says God will wipe away every tear. How does knowing that God cares about your pain change the way you handle difficult circumstances today?
- Verse 5 says, I am making all things new. What does it mean for God to make all things new, both in the world and in our lives?
- What does it mean that Jesus is called the Alpha and the Omega in verse 6? How does this shape your understanding of God's power and faithfulness?
- How does thinking about the new heaven and new earth affect the way we set priorities, make decisions, or deal with stress in our daily lives?
- What are areas of your life where you feel hope is hard to hold onto? How might remembering the promises in Revelation 21 help you endure?
- Bring a burden, yours or someone else's, before God in prayer, asking Him to activate His hope in that situation.