

Tuesday Night Bible Study

REVELATION

SESSION TEN

The New Creation

Revelation 21:1-22:21

A Canticle of Hope:

United Methodist Hymnal 734

We shall see a new heaven and earth,
for the old will pass away.

**We shall see a new Jerusalem,
the holy city descending from heaven.**

The city shall need no sun or moon,
for God's glory will be its light,
**for God's Lamb will be its lamp,
and by its light the nations shall walk.**

We shall hear a loud voice from the throne:
**"Behold, God's dwelling is with mortals.
Indeed, God will dwell with them
and they will be God's people."**

God shall wipe away all our tears,
and there shall be no more death.
**Mourning, crying, and pain shall cease,
for all former things will pass away.**

We shall hear One speak from the throne:
**"Behold, I make all things new.
I am Alpha and Omega,
the beginning and the end."**

Our Lord testifies to these things:
**"Behold, I am coming soon."
The grace of the Lord is with us.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.



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“For Christians, hope is ultimately hope in Christ. The hope that he really is what for centuries we have been claiming he is. The hope that despite the fact that sin and death still rule the world, he somehow conquered them. The hope that in him and through him all of us stand a chance of somehow conquering them too. The hope that at some unforeseeable time and in some unimaginable way he will return with healing in his wings.”

- Frederick Buechner

Discussion Questions

1. What feelings or hopes come to mind when you hear the promise that God will make all things new?
2. If God’s presence is meant to dwell among people, how might that shape the way we think about church and community today?
3. Revelation ends where Genesis began—with the tree of life. What do you think it means that the Bible’s story comes full circle?
4. Let’s think about what kind of church we want to be in the future. What would it look like for our church to live into God’s vision of new creation?
5. Revelation ends with the promise that God will make all things new. Where in your life—or in our world—do you most long to see God bring renewal?