

## *Mt. Lebanon Church.*

Gods Grace

Grace and the Revelation of Christ as seen through the Heart of John - Part 4

The Millennial Reign, The New Heaven and New Earth

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you have run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the bible study.

**John 1: 1 – 18.**

**Revelation Chapter 20 – 22**

As believers, we look forward to living in a world ruled by righteousness and Godliness. A world with no injustice, where everything is truthful and complete. A world where joy and peace abounds and Gods pristine beauty is restored to that, as of in the garden of Eden. Man will, once again live to an endless age and will be ruled by the glorious perfection that will firmly deal with sinfulness.

**Isaiah 11: 1 – 10,....**they shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord....his resting place shall be glorious....

Christ, who reigns in the hearts of the believers, which means that he is our king, a king that is not only loving and kind, but also firm and decisive. The Holy Spirit has rested upon him his entire life and will continue throughout eternity. He will judge with truth, not by what he sees, or what people tell him, and will call unto us to be a people of his divine righteousness. The greatest thing that hinders our pursuit of the truth, is our own reliance in ourself, and in the world for the truth. We put, too much faith in humanity for the truth.

**Galatians 2: 20,....** I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me....

With Christ as our king, we continually see the world as he sees it. We will not assume things, just to fit our own preconceived needs. We are people of truth, we want the truth, we want to pursue the truth, God's truth, not the kind of truth that fits our own wants.

This is what the millennial kingdom will be like, and should be a symbol of our life as believers today.

There will be peace, Christ's perfection will rule, and we will live and reign with him in his righteousness and Godliness.

What will this consist of.

One thing that we do know is that even though there will be sinfulness, God's grace will abound and we, as the bride of Christ, will be given our spiritual responsibilities, which will be based upon what our faithfulness to Christ is now.

Christ himself explains this to his disciples while here upon this earth.

**Matthew 25: 14 – 15,....** the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them....to each according to his own ability, and immediately he went on a journey....

God, in our lives today, gives unto us, responsibilities according to our abilities. We are evaluated on the performances of these abilities, and we are rewarded according to our accomplishments or works. These works, which will be judged accordingly, will be the basis of our responsibility during our millennial reign with Christ. We must remember that these responsibilities will not be earned by works, they will be according to our works.

**Matthew 25: 21,....**his Lord said to him, well done, good and faithful servant, you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things....

**Luke 19: 17 – 18,....**he said to him, well done, good servant, because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities....

**1 Corinthians 6: 2,....**do you not know that he saints will judge the world....

During the millennium, the unity of the church will be fully manifested, an object of beauty, wonderment, and admiration to all the world. It will then be fully seen, what great things the Lord hath done for his church, giving it a higher place, nearer to himself, than that which even the holy angels will occupy.

**2 Thessalonians 1: 10,....**when he comes, in that day, to be glorified in his saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed....

**Matthew 20: 26 – 28,....**just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many....

During the millennial reign, we will serve God. We will serve him, by helping others. Our focus will be upon the rule of God, and pursuing the wellbeing, and salvation of humanity. Our lives upon this earth, living, working, experiencing, and overcoming, by growing spiritually in the Lord, according to the will of God, is what we will use as we focus on the saving grace of those future generations of Gods family.

**Isaiah 65: 17 – 25,....**for behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind, but be glad and rejoice forever in what I create....It shall come to pass that before they call I will answer, and while they are still speaking I will hear....they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain....

When was the last time, or should we say the first time, that we experienced something new, not just different, but new.

**Romans 6: 4,....**that just as Christ was raised from the dead, by the glory of the Father, even so we should also walk in newness of life....

Through the Holy Spirit, a person comes to faith in Christ, we become so closely identified with him that God sees us as the righteousness of Christ and accepts his death as payment for our sin. Due to this spiritual transformation, we do not remain the same as we were before, we are made alive together with Christ.

**Ephesians 2: 1 – 10,....**we were dead in trespasses, made alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved, and raised up together....

In this same manner, the difference between this old earth and the new heavens and new earth will be beyond what we can comprehend. The one thing that we can comprehend, is that Gods peace, love, and faith always bring about his saving grace to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ. This love that cannot be corrupted is a true, genuine love, that will one day bring us into Gods eternal glory, and our life in Christ on the new earth and new heaven.

**Revelation 21: 1 – 5,....**now I saw a new heaven and new earth, for the first heaven and first earth had passed away....for the former things have passed away....then he who sat on the throne said, behold, I made all things new, and he said to me, write for these words are faithful and true....

When God created the heavens and the earth, which we now occupy, he saw everything that he made, and behold it was good.

**Genesis 1: 31,....**then God saw everything that he made, and indeed it was very good....

Due to sin entering the world through deception and transgression, God had to pronounce judgement upon all creation. So now, the word tells us, that creation groans to be delivered from the bondage of corruption.

**Romans 8: 18 – 28,....**for we know that the whole creation groans....even we ourselves groan within ourselves....for we were saved in this hope....we eagerly wait for it with perseverance....

One day, God will make everything new. A new heaven and a new earth, free from sinfulness. This is Gods victorious declaration of faith unto us, our hope of a perfected, sinless, life with him.

**Revelation 22: 6 - 7, 12,....**then he said to me, these words are faithful and true....behold I am coming quickly....and behold I am coming quickly, and my reward is with me, to give to everyone according to his works....

God discloses enough about the future unto us, not so that we may know the exact times that the events that he has promised are going to take place, but so that we may live each day of our lives, realizing, that this may be the day, that Christ returns. Anticipation and preparedness are two great characteristics that the believer must possess.

**Matthew 25: 13,...**watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming....

**1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 6,....**you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night....but you brethren, are not in darkness, so that this day should overtake you as a thief....

Concerning the return of the Lord, the word gives unto us the truth of Gods grace and the promise of our eternal life with him. Christ will return in his power and great glory, and mankind does not know the day or the hour of his return. For this reason, we should live in the light of his salvation daily, so that all, may know of his coming. Christ will judge all people personally, rewarding all believers according to their faithfulness and their works, and punishing the unbelievers according to the same, with varying degrees in hell. He has created new heavens and a new earth, so that we might experience the glory of eternity with him, and all who have believed. We must continue to read, study, and meditate in the word of God, which gives unto us encouragement, declaration, warnings, and responses for all that will take place in our lives. We must pray and read the word with care and attentiveness, listening to the words as it will show unto us our eternal life, what our purposes are, our goals, our priorities, and our commitment to God, so that we may understand the soon coming of our savior, and with the abilities given unto us by the Holy Spirit, we may show the saving grace of Jesus Christ to all who will hear and receive.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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