

# What's NEW?

Discovering the GOOD NEWS found in the New Testament

**"In Christ all things are made new . . . "**

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## **STUDY SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS SERIES**

As you begin each lesson, take some to PREPARE yourself. You will find that it is enormously helpful to calm your spirit and get in touch with The One who is waiting to express His love and His purposes to you through His written Word.

Then **READ** the suggested Scripture passages. If possible read them in 2 or 3 different translations. Jot down some of your thoughts and observations as you discover what is NEW since the coming of Jesus. What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus and to belong to His kingdom?

The heart of the lesson is found in the next section - **REFLECT**. There will be several questions for you to consider. These questions have no right or wrong answers. They are meant to help you to understand the passages and to discover the truths that the Holy Spirit wants to teach to you. Feel free to focus on the questions which are of most interest you.

Finally, you will want to **RESPOND** - to listen quietly for the still, small voice of the Lord. What is it that the Spirit of God has brought to your mind and how will you follow through with this prompting in the days ahead? Will you let Him enable you to become the person that God Himself created you to be?

# WHAT'S NEW?

## It's All About "The Good News of the Kingdom"

Lesson 1

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**"Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and disease among the people."**

Matthew 4: 23

Was Jesus really the Messiah, the one who they thought would come and release them from the tyranny of the Romans? Was He really the one whom the prophets had described so many centuries before? His miracles of healing were certainly amazing. His wisdom and preaching were powerful. But what did He mean when He talked about "the Good News" and "The Kingdom of Heaven"? Everywhere He went the crowds followed Him. While they listened intently and brought their sick and demon possessed to Him to be healed, the Pharisees and leaders became more and more antagonistic. What did this all mean? It sounded like a radically new approach and yet everything He said seemed to have a deeply rooted relationship to all of their Jewish heritage and the Scriptures. Could He really be their Savior and Redeemer?

### READ -

1. What did Jesus focus on in His public ministry? How did His words and His actions help the people understand His identity as the promised Messiah?

Matthew 4: 17, 23 – 25

Luke 7: 18 - 28

Matthew 9: 35 – 38

Luke 8: 1 - 3

Mark 1: 14 – 15

Luke 16: 14 – 17

Luke 4: 14 - 21

Luke 24: 44 - 49

2. The "kingdom of heaven" and "the kingdom of God" are usually synonymous terms. These terms refer to God's heavenly kingdom coming to earth in the person of Jesus Christ, but they can also refer to the characteristics of the life of the believer (both for Israel and the church) and to the day when God's promises (prophecies) will be completely fulfilled. As you read these verses, ask God to teach you about His kingdom.

Matthew 5: 1 – 10

Matthew 13: 1 - 52

Matthew 5: 17 – 20

Matthew 25: 31 - 46

Matthew 6: 8 – 13

Matthew 26: 26 - 29

Matthew 6: 31 – 34

Mark 10: 13 - 16

Matthew 7: 21 – 23

Mark 12: 28 - 34

### REFLECT –

1. After reading these particular passages in the Gospels about the Good News and the Kingdom of Heaven, what would you say Jesus most wanted the people to learn, to understand, and to believe? Write a short paragraph or outline which summarizes your insights.
2. What was the difference between those who recognized Jesus as the "Anointed One" and those who did not recognize Him? Do you see any parallels today?
3. Are there some truths about who Jesus is and what He came to proclaim that He is asking you to consider in a new way today? How do you feel about "the Good News"?
4. Jesus came to show us what the kingdom of heaven is like and to ask His followers to represent that kingdom by the way we think and live, so that His presence will be felt on earth. Does this concept affect your attitudes and behavior each day? Why or why not?

**RESPOND** – As you quietly consider why Jesus came to this earth and who He really is, what is your response to Him? Are you a believer, a follower? Are you uncertain or undecided? Are you doubtful and critical? Does it matter to you? He already knows your heart, so why not ask Him your questions and listen to His gentle voice?

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## It's All About the "New Birth"

Lesson 2

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**"Jesus said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he can not see the kingdom of God.'"** John 3: 4

It was a revolutionary idea! When Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a ruler of the Jews, came to Jesus that night to acknowledge his belief that Jesus had come from God, he heard some amazing things from Jesus. Born again. Born of water and the spirit. Eternal life. What did it all mean? Every teacher knows that when you are teaching a new subject you have to start with the simplest facts and then very gradually that information will take on meaning as you illustrate and develop the ideas. Jesus was doing just that. He reminded Nicodemus of the Old Testament prophecies and then He started to teach the basic information about why He came to this earth as the Son of Man. Aren't you thankful this conversation is recorded for us in Scripture?

### READ -

Old Testament Prophecy – Isaiah 44: 1 – 5 and Ezekiel 36: 26 – 27

Gospels – John 1: 6 – 13  
John 3: 1 – 21 (O.T. reference – Numbers 21: 4 – 9)

Epistles – II Corinthians 5: 16 – 21  
Romans 8: 1 - 11  
Galatians 6: 14 – 15 (Old covenant & circumcision – Gen. 17: 9 – 14)  
Ephesians 1: 3 - 14  
Titus 3: 4 – 7

### REFLECT -

1. "Born of the Spirit" - after reading these Bible passages, what do think this means?
2. "The gift of eternal life" - What does this include? Does this gift impact your life now?  
John 10: 25 – 29  
John 17: 1 – 5
3. In Ephesians 1: 3 – 14, there are many blessings that are given "in Christ". Find them and explain what they mean to you.
4. As you ponder what it means to experience the "new birth", what is your story? When and where do you become a child of God or are you still on your way to making that decision? What would your "new birth certificate" say on it?

**RESPOND** – As you reflect on your spiritual journey, take some time to document the major decisions that you have made that have brought you to the place that you are today. What are your heart's desires? What are your concerns? What do you hear the Spirit of God whispering into your mind and heart?

# WHAT'S NEW?

## It's All About "The New Message"

Lesson 3

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**"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**

Acts 1: 8

At the very end of the Gospels Jesus tells His disciples that they must now go and preach in His name the Good News of repentance and remission of sins through His death and resurrection. Before they scattered, however, they needed to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon them. From that moment, which we call Pentecost, this new message began to spread around the world. In less than 35 years the good news had reached cities from Jerusalem to Rome. Luke recorded for us in the Book of Acts some of the amazing events which happened during that time. The only reasonable explanation for the incredible and rapid spread of the gospel in that first century was the command of Jesus and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Has anything changed?

**READ** – Jesus' final command to His disciples – Matthew 28: 18 - 20

What is the central theme that these disciples of Jesus began to preach and teach?

1. Peter's sermons – Acts 2:14 – 47 and 3: 11 – 26
2. Peter and John speak out with boldness – Acts 4: 1 – 31
3. Stephens message – Acts 7: 1 -55
4. Philip preaches – Acts 8: 9 – 13
5. Peter's Response – Acts 10: 34 - 48
6. Paul travels to the Gentiles – Acts. 17: 1 – 32
7. Apollos helps spread the new message – Acts 18: 24 - 28

**REFLECT** – Use the Book of Acts to guide your thinking.

1. What qualifications did these men have to enable them to follow Jesus' instructions?
2. Do you think that they successfully connected their Jewish history with their new message about Jesus? How did they do this? What were the results?
3. What similarities and differences did you notice as you read the various sermons?
4. As they faced increasing opposition and severe persecution, what made them strong?

**RESPOND** –

1. There are places in our world today that are experiencing "first-century" evangelism. What would it take for that to happen where you live?
2. What is your response to the challenge that Jesus gave to His disciples in Matthew 28: 19 – 20?

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## It's All About the "New Covenant"

Lesson 4

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### Jesus said, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.'

Luke 22: 20

Throughout the history of the nation of Israel, God had made certain covenants with His people and those covenants remain as trustworthy promises which one day will be fulfilled in their totality. Meanwhile Jesus came and established a "new covenant", with not only His chosen people, but with all those who would believe in His name. Coming to faith in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, means that we are in a "**covenantal relationship**" with Him. It means that He offers to us redemption and forgiveness. The Law of Moses was never designed to be a means of obtaining salvation; it has always been God's gracious gift to those who humble themselves in faith before Him.

#### READ -

1. FOUR OLD TESTAMENT COVENANTS – binding agreements made by God.  
To whom and what were the promises given in each of them? Were there any requirements for the people?  
Noah – Genesis 9: 8 – 17  
Abraham – Genesis 12: 1 -3, 13: 14 – 18, 15: 1 -21, 17: 1 – 27, 22: 1 - 19  
Moses – Exodus 19: 1 – 9, 24: 1 – 8, 34: 10 - 11  
David - II Samuel 7: 1 -29 or I Chronicles 17: 1 – 27
2. THE PROPHECY of a NEW COVENANT - Jeremiah 31: 31 – 39.  
What does He predict both about the coming of the Holy Spirit and the New Jerusalem?
3. THE NEW COVENANT is explained both in the Gospels and in the epistles. What is it?  

Matthew 26: 26 – 29	I Corinthians 11: 23 – 25
Mark 14: 22 – 25	II Corinthians 3: 7 – 18
Luke 22: 17 - 20	Hebrews 8: 6 – 13 and 9: 11 - 22

#### REFLECT

1. Just as the Mosaic Covenant required the sprinkling of blood, so the New Covenant could only be confirmed with the shedding of blood, the blood of Jesus. His death was the only way that the justice and righteousness of God could intersect with His mercy and love – a plan that was in place before the world began. How do these verses help you understand this?  

Romans 3: 21-26	I Peter 1: 17 -21
Ephesians 1: 7 – 10	I John 1: 7 – 9
Ephesians 2: 4 – 13	Revelation 1: 4 – 6
Colossians 1: 19 – 23	
2. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul carefully explains that the new covenant is for both Jew and Gentile. As you read the second chapter of his letter, try to summarize his thoughts and ideas in a short paragraph.

**RESPOND** – What does it mean to you to be in a "covenantal relationship" with God?  
What does this mean for you now and for eternity?

# WHAT'S NEW?

## It's All About "the New Commandment"

Lesson 5

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**"A new commandment I give you: Love one another.  
As I have loved you, so you must love one another."**

John 13:34

The importance of loving God and loving your neighbor was not a new concept to the Israelites. Moses carefully reviewed God's covenant, His law, and their responsibilities in the Book of Deuteronomy and all loyal people repeated the Shema both morning and evening. They knew what God expected of them. So it is no wonder that the religious leaders questioned Him about the old law and wondered why there needed to be a new commandment. They're the same and yet they are very different! From this side of the cross, we can understand the meaning of love in a totally new dimension. How would you describe this kind of love?

### READ -

Old Testament commands – Deuteronomy 6: 4 – 9

Deuteronomy 11: 13 – 23

Leviticus 19: 18

New Testament commands from Jesus - Matthew 5: 43 -48 (Luke 6: 27- 36)

Matthew 22: 34 – 40 (Mark 12: 28 – 34)

John 13: 31 – 35

New Testament commands in the Epistles - I Corinthians 13: 1 – 13

I John 2: 7 – 11

I John 4: 7 - 21

### REFLECT -

1. The disciples heard what Jesus had to say to them just before his death about love – His love, the Father's love and His desires for them. At that point their understanding was limited. How do you think this changed during the next few days and weeks as they recalled his final words to them?  
John 13: 31 – 35  
  
John 14: 15 – 24  
  
John 15: 9 – 17  
  
John 16: 5 - 15
2. Jesus helped Peter and the disciples to understand more about His concept of love after the resurrection. Read John 21: 15 – 19. How does this expand their ideas of love?
3. Jesus says that the world will know that we are His disciples by our love – John 13: 34 – 35. Explain this idea.

**RESPOND – We Love Because He First Loved Us! - I John 4: 9 – 19**

What does this mean to you? The Lord Jesus longs to hear your response to His unending love for YOU!

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## It's All About "The New Life in Christ"

Lesson 6

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

You can experience it for yourself, but it is difficult to explain. We are united together with Christ – in His death and His resurrection. Sin no longer has power over us. Jesus taught the disciples about the branches and the vine and the indwelling Spirit (John 14 – 17), but until His death and resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit, these truths remained somewhat of a mystery. Isn't it amazing that these realities are as true for you and me today as they have been throughout the centuries. I want to grasp them not only in my mind, but in my heart and will. How about you?

**READ** – What can you learn about this **new life in Christ** in each of these passages?

Romans 6: 1 – 11

Romans 8: 1 – 8, 37 – 39

Galatians 2: 20 – 22

Galatians 3: 26 – 4: 7

Galatians 6: 14 – 15

Ephesians 2: 4 – 13

Colossians 2: 6 – 15

II Timothy 1: 1

I John 5: 19 – 21

### REFLECT

1. Read Romans 6: 11 – 14 and explain in your own words what Paul is teaching in these verses.
2. As you review these verses, make a note of all of the characteristics of the one who is experiencing the new life in Christ, the spiritual life, the life according to the Spirit of God.
3. Now read Romans 8: 9 – 17. How does it help you understand what the new life in Christ means?
4. What are your questions, your doubts about these truths? It's good to put them into words!

### RESPOND

There is no doubt that it is God's desire that every believer "walk in newness of life" and that He has given His Holy Spirit to enable us to do just that. Do you really believe this? Can you think of times/days in the past week when this has been a reality for you? Can you think of experiences where it was not your choice? What made the difference for you? What do you think God is trying to help you understand through this study? He's listening to your heart's cry.

# WHAT'S NEW?

## It's All About a "New Mind"

Lesson 7

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**"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,  
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."**

Romans 12: 2

What part of the human being is the most important? The mind, the emotions, or the will? We could ask the same question about our emotional, physical, spiritual, or intellectual capabilities? God instructed Moses to tell the people of Israel that they were to love the Lord with every part of their being – heart, soul, mind and strength. When we come to Christ in faith, we have the opportunity to think in a new way, that is, to have the mind of Christ! By the power of the indwelling Spirit of God, we can have the attitudes that Christ would have and the thoughts that please the Lord God. It's a life-transforming idea, isn't it?

**READ** – Summarize each passage in a sentence or two.

Romans 7: 21 – 8: 17

Romans 12: 1 – 2

I Corinthians 2: 10 – 16

Ephesians 4: 17 – 24

Philippians 2: 1 – 11 (attitude = mind)

Philippians 4: 6 – 8

Colossians 3: 1 – 3

I Peter 1: 13 - 15

### REFLECT

1. From your reading of these verses what do you think it means to have "a new mind"?
2. In I Corinthians 2: 16 Paul tells us that the Spirit of God has come to teach us spiritual truths and that we have "the mind of Christ". How do you explain this truth?
3. In Philippians 2 the attitude or mind that Jesus had is held up to us as our example. What are your observations as you study these verses?

### RESPOND -

"May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day.  
By His love and power controlling all I do and say."

What is your personal response and prayer at this point in your journey?



# WHAT'S NEW?

## It's All About "The New Self"

Lesson 8

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**"... and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**

Ephesians 4: 24

As you watch the new leaves come on the trees and the shrubs in the springtime, it is a great picture of the new life in Christ. Those new buds and blossoms come from the life that is in the interior of that tree and that is always where their sustenance for growth and beauty are found. Gluing leaves on the branches of a tree from the outside never works, does it? Jesus explained very carefully to His disciples that He was the vine and they were the branches; branches designed specifically to bear fruit. The letters which were written to the believers in the first century give us a clear idea of the kind of "fruit" that He wants to produce in us. How healthy is the tree of your life?

**READ** - What are the characteristics of the "flesh", the old self, and how is the life which is lived in the Spirit different?

John 15: 1 – 8

Ephesians 4: 20 – 5: 2

Galatians 5: 16 – 26

Colossians 3: 1 – 17

II Peter 1: 3 – 10

### REFLECT

1. What do you think that Jesus is teaching His disciples when He pictures for them the vine and the branches?
2. what exactly is the "fruit of the Spirit" and how is it produced?
3. How do you put together the two ideas of personal responsibility and the work of the Holy Spirit? What verses help you understand each of these concepts and realities?
4. Which of these verses is an encouragement to you? a challenge to you?
5. Based on your experience, what are your questions? How do these ideas work out for you?

### RESPOND -

Every day we make dozens, maybe hundreds of choices. It seems that most of these particular Bible passages make it clear that to "walk in the Spirit" or to "walk according to our old nature" is a matter of choice. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? What would you like the Holy Spirit to do for you today and in the next weeks and months? Take some quiet moments to listen to His voice and to feel His presence with you and in you right now.

# WHAT'S NEW?

## It's All About "Being Renewed"

Lesson 9

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**"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away,  
yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."** II Corinthians 4: 16

The word "renew" has several meanings in Webster's Dictionary, but two of them seem pertinent to this study. The first is "To make new or as if new again; restore." The second one is "To regain spiritual or physical vigor; revive." As the reality of the aging process takes its toll, it is a wonderful thing to know that we can experience inner renewal and strength. When exhaustion and difficulties overwhelm us at any age, it is a very consoling truth that God will revive our spirits. This has been a gift to believers throughout the centuries. Which one of us is not in need of renewal from time to time?

**READ** – How do these Scriptures picture renewal for the believer?

Old Testament –

Psalm 51: 7 – 12

Psalm 103: 1 – 5

Isaiah 40: 27 – 31

New Testament –

II Corinthians 4

Ephesians 4: 21 - 23

**REFLECT -**

1. What do you think it means to have your strength renewed like the eagles?  
Exodus 19: 3 – 8

Psalm 103: 5

Isaiah 40: 31

2. How would the promises in the following verses give inner renewal and strength?  
I Corinthians 1: 3 – 7

Philippians 4: 12 – 13

3. The Psalmist prays for renewal in Psalm 51: 7 – 12 and Psalm 119: 40.  
What can you learn about the process of renewal from his requests?

**RESPOND**

Moses blessed the tribe of Asher and said to him, "Your strength will equal your days" - Deut. 33: 25  
As you consider your own need for **renewal**, the words of this old hymn may guide your thoughts.

"Day by day, and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here.

Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear.

He whose heart is kind beyond all measure gives unto each day what He deems best

Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me with a special mercy for each hour.

All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me; He whose name is Counselor and Power.

The protection of His child and treasure is a charge that on Himself He laid.

"As thy days, they strength shall be in measure", this the pledge to me He made."

What is your prayer? What promise do you need to believe?

# WHAT'S NEW?

## About the "New Armor of God"

Lesson 10

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**"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.**

Ephesians 6: 10 – 19

What is armor? Remember the days of swords and spear, of knights and ladies, of shining armor and moats and castles and strong white horses? When men were ready for battle, their protective covering, their armor, was absolutely critical to their safety and protection. We have the military equivalent today, but the weapons and design are vastly different. In the spiritual arena, the enemy is the same and the armor is as powerful as it has ever been. It's the realization that one needs it and then the willingness to use it, that's always been the choice.

### READ -

Ephesians 6: 10 – 20

I Thessalonians 5: 4 - 11

### REFLECT -

1. The first line of defense is understanding who the enemy is and something about his power and strategy. Here are some verses to help you think about this.

Job 1 and 2

Matthew 4: 1 – 11

Ephesians 6: 11 – 13

I Peter 5: 8 – 11

I John 2: 15 – 17

Revelation 20: 1 - 10

2. What does it mean to "take your stand", to "stand firm"?

Ephesians 6: 10, 13 – 14

I Corinthians 16: 13 – 14

Galatians 5: 1

Philippians 1: 27 – 30

Philippians 3: 20 – 4: 1

II Thessalonians 2: 13 -17

3. There is a big warning for all of us in I Corinthians 10: 12 and some wonderful reassurance in the following verse. What does your "enemy" look like? Sometimes he's a roaring lion; many times he's a quiet deceiver; and quite often he wears a very clever disguise. Is there any strategy that God wants you to understand today from His Word?

**RESPOND** – God always offers total forgiveness to the repentant heart, but wouldn't it be wonderful to experience victory in the time of temptation more often? Our Heavenly Father longs to make that possible for you and for me.

"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!." I Corinthians 15: 58

# WHAT'S NEW?

## It's All About "New Concerns"

Lesson 11

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**Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you.  
for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many."**

John 24: 4

Deception is an evil thing, isn't it? Have you ever been purposefully deceived by someone? They either misrepresented the truth, tricked or mislead you. There are many facets to deceit: to betray, beguile, delude, dupe, hoodwink, bamboozle, outwit, double-cross. When you discover what has happened to you, it is a very disappointing and upsetting experience. Why does it happen? The Gospels and Epistles have many warnings about the possibility of being deceived – false doctrine, false teachers, and false prophets. Some of those who are deceivers are very sincere in their convictions; others think there is fame or fortune in their future. It seems that if there were this many warnings for the early church that we would be wise to take these warnings seriously as well. What do you think?

**READ** – What is the specific warning in each passage?

GOSPELS - Matthew 7: 15 – 23

Matthew 24: 4 – 14

John 17: 11 – 19

EPISTLES – Romans 16: 17 – 19

II Corinthians 11: 1 – 15

Galatians 4: 8 – 20 and 6: 12 - 16

Philippians 1: 12 – 18

Colossians 2: 8 – 23

I Timothy 1: 3 – 7 and I Timothy 6: 3 - 5

II Peter 2: 1 – 22

I John 4: 1 – 3

Jude 1: 14 – 21

**REFLECT-**

1. Why do you think there are so many warnings about false doctrine for the early church? Do you think we need it more, less or about the same today?
2. The story of Simon, the Sorcerer, is in Acts 8: 9 – 25. How did they handle this situation?
3. If you found out that there was someone teaching false doctrine in your church, how seriously would you take it? What would you do?
4. In many Christian circles today there is a much higher value placed on personal experience and feelings than on doctrine – the tenets or principles of the Christian faith that are clearly presented in Scripture. While this may be simply a "temporary swing of the pendulum", do you think there are dangers in this or would you defend it?

**RESPOND** - What would your prayer be today? For yourself? For your church? For believers everywhere?

# WHAT'S NEW?

## It's All About the "New Heaven and New Earth"

Lesson 12

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**"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them.  
They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.'"**

Revelation 21: 3

The prophets of old talked about that day. Hymn writers through the centuries have created music to proclaim it. Artists have tried to portray it and poets have done their best to describe it. Writers have used their imagination to help us grasp it, but the very best description we have is found in the Bible. Jesus is coming again and He will take His own (all believers past and present) to live with Him forever. There will be a new heaven and a new earth without sickness and tears, without pain and darkness. The devil and death will be no more! We will see our Savior face to face and bow down with people from every nation in adoration and worship for time without end. Hallelujah! Even so, come Lord Jesus.!

**READ** – Grasp all you can of the picture of the "new heaven and the new earth".

Old Testament – Isaiah 65: 17 - 25 and Isaiah 66

Jeremiah 31: 1 – 14

New Testament – Revelation 21 and 22

### REFLECT -

1. There will be a new song for us to sing together when we get there – Revelation 5
2. There will be a new throne where Christ will reign – Revelation 11: 15 – 19
3. Write out your own description of what life with will be like when we are with the Lord as you find it in these Bible verses.

Revelation 21 and 22

John 14: 1 – 3

Philippians 3: 20 – 21

II Peter 3: 8 – 13

I John 3: 1 - 3

### RESPOND -

Are you ready? As the song writer says: "It may be in the morning, in the evening, or at noon, but Jesus is coming again." It may be soon. It could even be today. Have these Scriptures impacted your thoughts and life? Do you have questions and concerns? Bring them to the Lord Jesus in honesty and He will meet you just where you are.

You might as well start practicing for the heavenly choir right now!

*"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. Who was, and is, and is to come."*

*"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,*

*For You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being."*

*"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"*

from The Book of Revelation