

Message: ***"Jesus is Coming ... So What?"***

Scripture: Revelation 22:1-5
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As we reach the final pages of Scripture, we see a return to Eden—but better. Revelation 22 opens with images of life, healing, and God's glory.

The imagery of the river of life echoes the Garden of Eden. This river flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb – true life only comes from God. The tree of life bears twelve kinds of fruit – abundant provision and eternal satisfaction. In the New Creation, there is no more division, disease, or death. The curse is gone. No more sin, no more separation. We will see His face – the ultimate longing of every heart. The name on their foreheads speaks of belonging and identity. "They will reign forever and ever" – restored dignity and purpose.

What a glorious vision! It is both a promise for the faithful and a warning to the indifferent. It reminds us that history is moving toward a real conclusion.

GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)

1. What difficulties of comprehension do the eternal city, the river of life, and the tree of life present for you? What bearing, if any, do these realities have in your present life? Why?
2. What has caused you mourning, crying, and pain in the past year? What does it mean to you to know that these will pass away?
3. What words of Christ are repeated several times in this closing chapter? How do these words sum up the theme of Revelation?
4. Have you prepared yourself for Christ's second coming? Do you feel more (or less) ready for it, after studying the Book of Revelation?