

Eternal Home of the Righteous
Revelation 21:1-8
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Thesis: I want to show what Revelation 21 reveals about the eternal home of the Christian.

Intro: 1. Heaven, it's a more enjoyable place to discuss than hell.
2. However, if you want to see heaven, there are conditions.

I. The comparison (Rev 21:1-2)

1. The word “new” means a different kind.
2. Peter knew the present world was temporary (**2 Pt 3:9-12**)
3. John saw the earth & heaven “flee away” (**Jn 20:11**)
4. Something that is new physically is in perfect condition.
 - a. Heaven is such a place.

II. The Joy of the Heavenly Home (Rev 21:2-6)

- A. The heavenly home will be the new Jerusalem (**Rev 21:2**)
- B. The “new Jerusalem” will be “made ready”. (**Rev 21:2**)
 1. Jesus promised such a place (**Jn 14:1-3**)
 2. John using the illustration of preparation as a bride “adorned” (**Rev 21:2**).
- C. In this new home God will dwell with His people (**Rev 21:3**).
- D. God guarantees happiness in this new home (**Rev 21:4**).
- E. The water will be that of the fountain of life (**Rev 21:6**).

III. The Citizens (Rev 21:7-8)

- A. He that “overcomes” (**Rev 21:7**).
 1. The word here has the idea of “to carry off the victory”.
 2. We overcome in, by, and through Christ (**Rev 17:14**).
- B. Those who are God’s children (**Rev 21:7**).
 1. We become God’s children by following God instead of false prophets (**Rev 19:20; Rom 8:14-17**).
 2. We become His children when we are baptized into Christ (**Gal 3:26-27**).
 3. We remain God’s faithful children as we walk in the light of God’s truth (**Eph 5:1-14**).
- C. There are some who will not be citizens in this home. (**Rev 21:8**).
 1. John lists eight different classes who shall not be in the “new heaven and new earth”.

IV. Lessons for us today.

- A. Heaven is a place with citizens.
 1. Citizens of this place are granted entry only by meeting the conditions.
 2. These conditions are laid down by God and not man.
 3. Heaven should be the home of everyone professing to be a Christian.

B. Hell is also a place with citizens.

1. Hell's only condition of entrance is doing what is right in your own eyes.
2. Hell is the result of everyone "doing their own thing".
3. Doing your own thing results in lost hope and the loss of true rest.

Application & Conclusion:

1. God's people are to be heavenly-minded people.
2. We sing & preach about heaven.
3. We read in the Bible about heaven and we pray that God will bring us to Heaven.
4. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent –Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9