

HOPE IS COMING

Day 25: New Heaven & New Earth

READ: Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27

THINK: Even though we are forgiven of our sin, we still live in a world broken by sin and surrounded by people who have not accepted God's gift of hope. It's exciting to think about heaven and Jesus returning, but, until then, we have a job to do. Jesus, after He was resurrected from the dead, and right before he went back to heaven, gave us the important last words in (Matthew 28:19-20 NIV) to "go and make disciples." It's important his command was not wait until you feel less awkward, or wait until you know more about the Bible.

HOPE: Although it's hard to wait, there will be a day soon when we get to be a part of this restoration that the book of Revelation talks about. Jesus will return. There will be no more tears or pain or death. When Jesus came back to life on Easter Sunday, He was foreshadowing our future "resurrection." Pastor Timothy Keller puts it like this, "The resurrection of Christ means everything sad is going to come untrue and it will somehow be greater for having once been broken and lost." What are you most looking forward to about heaven? After reading how wonderful heaven will be in Revelation, how does that compel you to tell your friends and family about Jesus? Who are three people God is putting on your heart right now to tell?

PRAY: God, thank you that one day all of my pain will be gone, and I will get to see you face to face. Give me the power of your Holy Spirit to share the HOPE of Jesus with everyone I meet so they too can experience eternity with you. Amen!

APPLY: Think about how you can use the things you got for Christmas to bless others. Make a list.

