

**Apocalypse Now: The Challenge of Revelation**  
**Week 10—Revelation 21-22**  
**November 16, 2022**

I. Catching up—Works and Divine Judgement.

A. The dead are judged (Revelation 20:11-15)

1. What does it mean to be judged by works (deeds)?
2. What is the place of God's grace in Christ?

B. We are saved by faith, not by works

1. Romans 3:20, 28
2. Galatians 2:16
3. Ephesians 2:8-9

C. Christian deeds are lifted up in the 7 letters to the churches.

1. "I know your works (deeds)" Rev. 2:2, 2:19, 3:1, 3:8, 3:15
2. "judged according to their works" Rev. 20:12, 22:12)

D. Faith without works is dead (James 2:14-17)

1. Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 2:12
2. James 2:24-26
3. Acts 26:20

II. The Future World (Revelation 21:1-22:5)

A. The New Heaven and the new earth (21:1-8)

1. Isaiah 65:17-25
2. The sea (source of chaos, evil) was no more (21:1)
3. The Lamb's bride is the holy city.
4. Tears, death, mourning and pain are gone (21:4)
5. No more night (21:5)
6. Also missing: Cowardly, unbelieving, vile, murderers, etc. (21:8)

B. The New Jerusalem (21:9-27)

1. Descends from heaven (21:10)

2. The gates, material and dimensions of the city (21:12-21).
  - a. 12 gates, 12 angels, 12 tribes, 12 foundations 12 apostles (21:14)
  - b. 12,000 stadia (1,500 miles) cubed (21:15-17)
  - c. Jasper, pure gold, adorned w/ precious gems (21:18-21)
3. No temple, no sun, no moon, no stars; Glory of God and the Lamb are the light (21:22-24)
4. Gates always open (21:25-27)

C. Eden restored—yet better (22:1-5)

1. River of the water of life; the Tree of Life (22:1-2)
2. No more curse; See God's face and name (22:3-4)
3. No more night (22:5)

III. Epilogue (Revelation 22:6-21)

- A. "I am coming soon!" (22:7, 12, 20)
- B. Proper object of worship; don't worship angels (22:8-9).
- C. Final announcements and warning (22:12-19)
  1. The time is near, and now
  2. Evil is outside the gates (22:15)
  3. Come (22:17)

D. Benediction

IV. Theological Significance of the Final Vision.

- A. Transformation of human existence.
- B. Paradise a garden-**city**.
- C. No more boundary between heaven and earth
- D. All opposition to God is gone
- E. Universal reconciliation is God's future
- F. A certain hope, not a fantasy. Come, Lord Jesus (20:20)