

**THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

## Chapter 22

**“I Am Coming Quickly”**

- ☞ **Last Sunday**, we looked at the “**New Jerusalem**” as she descended out of heaven and settled over the earth.
- ☞ **The book of Revelation** was not originally written with chapters and verses.
- ☞ **Chapter 22** is a continuation of chapter 21, they were meant to be read together.
- ☞ **This morning** we continue our look at the new city of Jerusalem.
- ☞ **The first thing we see** is a “**river**” coming from the throne of God.

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1 And he showed me **a pure river of water of life**, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

This view of the “**River of Life**”, is seen from inside the City of the New Jerusalem, looking out one of the pearl gates.

- ☞ **There are streets made of Gold** that is so pure that it is transparent.
- ☞ **In the middle of the street**, is the pure River, flowing out from the City.
- ☞ **On either sides of the River** are trees lining the way.
- ☞ **There will not be any Oceans on the earth** now, but there will be a tremendous amount of Fresh Water lakes and Streams all over the earth.
- ☞ **The source of these lakes and streams** on the earth will be this River of Life flowing out from the City of the New Jerusalem.

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2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was **the tree of life**, which bore **twelve fruits**, each tree yielding its fruit **every month**. **The leaves** of the tree were for the **healing of the nations**.

**In the Book of Genesis, there were two trees that are specifically mentioned:**

**Genesis 2:17**

...the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...

**Genesis 3:24**

...the tree of life

The Amazing fact of our creation by the Lord, is that He made us “**Like Himself**”, in that as God, He is a “**Self Determinate Being**”, He determines by His own Will, His existence.

- ☞ **When Jesus made us**, He also created us as “**Self Determinate Beings**”, in that we can by our own free will, determine our existence.
- ☞ **In The Garden**, Adam had the right to choose to love and obey the Lord, and continue with Him as Lord over Him, by not eating from only one tree in the entire garden, “*The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*”.
- ☞ **Or, Adam could choose** to eat from the tree of Life and live forever.

- ☞ **It appears that Adam and Eve decided** of their own free will, that they wanted to run their own lives rather than have the Lord rule them, so by their own choice, they are from the tree that separated them from God.
- ☞ **They could have eaten from the Tree of Life** and lived forever in perfect beauty, but they chose not to.

**Today, Men and Women have that same choice, Eat From the Tree of Life and live forever, or eat from the Tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil and die forever.**

- ☞ **The choice sounds like a “No Brainer”**, “*Let’s see, live forever or die forever...*”, but most of the people who have ever been born on the earth, have chosen the Knowledge of Good and Evil, rather than the Tree of Life.
- ☞ **Access to the Tree of Life**, is through Jesus Death and Resurrection, which cleaned us from all of our sins and made us perfect in God’s sight.
- ☞ **Most people** who have lived, and even to the present day, even some here this morning, have rejected Jesus Death as payment for your sins, and have left the Lord with no other alternative than to exclude them from eternal life.
- ☞ **Because they would not believe in the ONLY ONE** that God has sent who can give us eternal life, Jesus Christ.

It says in Genesis 2:24, that after Adam and Eve fell from God by disobeying Him and eating from the “**Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil**”, that the Lord positioned an angel with a flaming sword at the entrance to Eden, so that Adam and Eve could come back into the garden and eat from the Tree of Life.

### **Genesis 3:24**

So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to guard the way to the tree of life**

**The fall meant that Adam and Ever would be subject to all of the problems that you and I have experienced because of sin.**

- ☞ **If Adam and Eve** were to now go and eat from the Tree of Life in their fallen condition, **they would be sentenced to eternity in a fallen condition.**
- ☞ **So, in love**, the Father positioned the angel to not let them eat from the Tree of Life.

Here in Revelation chapter 22, as we have finished the terrible 7 year Tribulation Period, the 1,000 year Reign of Jesus on the earth, the Great White Throne judgment, and the Creation of a Brand New Heaven and Earth, we are in our new glorified Bodies.

- ☞ **We see that same tree of life** that was in the Garden of Eden, here in the New Jerusalem.
- ☞ **We will now have access to the Tree of Life**, being able to eat from it and live forever.

### **Revelation 22**

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## Each one of these Trees along the River of Life, will bear fruits

- ☞ **Each one of the trees** will have twelve different types of fruit, a different type each month.
- ☞ Today, you can purchase fruit trees that bear multiple kinds of fruits on one single tree.

They are called “**Fruit Cocktail Trees**”

- ☞ **Nectarines, peaches**, plums, and apricots all from the same tree
- ☞ **Imagine 5 different varieties** of full-sized apples growing on one tree which grows only about 12' high

These Trees along the banks of the River of Life, will have 12 different kinds of fruits, each tree bearing a different fruit each month.

### **Revelation 22**

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**After the 7 year Tribulation, Jesus will separate the nations from each other in what is called “The separation of Sheep and the Goats”.**

### **Matthew 25:32**

All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

- ☞ **The Nations that treated Israel well** during the 7 year tribulation, will be allowed to go into the 1,000 year reign of Jesus on the earth.
- ☞ **At the end of the 1,000 years**, Jesus will release Satan from the Abyss, where he has been chained up for 1,000 years.

### **Revelation 20:2-3**

2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the **Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;**

3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should **deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.** But after these things (**The 1,000 years**) he must be released for a little while

- ☞ **Satan will bring together** all of those people and nations that hated Jesus rule over them for the 1,000 years, into a final battle against Jesus.
- ☞ **Jesus will destroy this rebel force** and place them into the Lake of Fire.

The Nations that survive the 7 year Tribulation and the 1,000 year Reign of Jesus, will be **allowed to populate the earth for eternity**, the way that the Lord intended for the earth from the beginning.

- ☞ **Revelation 22:2, says** that the leaves on these trees lining the River of Life, have “*Healing in them for these nations*” that live upon the earth.

- ☞ **Malachi, the last prophet in the Old Testament**, spoke of the time when Jesus would return to the earth to rule:

### **Malachi 4:2**

But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise **With healing in His wings**

- ☞ **The Nations that live on the New earth** will have constant healing for them provided by Jesus forever and ever, through the leaves of these Trees of Life.
- ☞ **These that come out of the 1,000 year Reign of Jesus**, will not be Immortal as we are who have Immortal bodies.
- ☞ **They will be mortals who will live forever** on the New Earth, by doing as Adam and Eve should have done in the Garden, eating the leaves of the Tree of Life.

**Flowing out from the Temple, is the pure river of water of life:**

- ☞ **Last week we examined ezekiel chapter 48**, where he vividly describes the gates of the new city of Jerusalem.
- ☞ **This week, in ezekiel 47**, he shows us the “**river of water flowing from under the temple**”.

### **Ezekiel 47:1-12**

1 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was **water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple** toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar.

2 He brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gateway that faces east; and there was water, running out on the right side.

3 And when the man went out to **the east** with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits (A CUBIT IS 1.5 FEET) **1500 FEET**, and he brought me through the waters; **the water came up to my ankles**.

4 Again he measured 1500 FEET and brought me through the waters; **the water came up to my knees**. Again he measured one 1,500 FEET and brought me through; **the water came up to my waist**.

5 Again he measured 1,500 FEET, and it was a river that I could not cross; for **the water was too deep**, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed.

**So every 1,500 feet or so, as you walk down the river from the throne, it gets deeper and deeper until it is too deep to walk in.**

- ☞ **This river represents** for us this morning, the fact that wherever you are with Jesus this morning, He wants to take you deeper in your relationship with Him.
- ☞ **The Lord wants to take you deeper** in your Walk, Your Love, Your commitment, Your dedication, but he will only take you as far as you want to go.

### **Up To your Ankles**

- ☞ **This is represented** by “Walking with Jesus”, that first day that you believed in Jesus and were born again, being saved.

## ***Up to your Knees***

- ☞ **Wanting to go deeper in Jesus**, you are now **up to your knees**, entering into that place of **being on your knees in prayer**, pouring out your heart to the Lord.
- ☞ **Lord Jesus, I want to be used by You**, I want to partake of everything you have planned for me, so we pray and seek the Lord and He takes us deeper.

## **Up to your waist**

- ☞ **The Waist is where life is reproduced from**...Now going deeper with the Lord, you want to tell other about Jesus
- ☞ **You begin to reproduce the new life** that Jesus has given to you, by helping someone else be Born again.
- ☞ **Standing on the Lords promises**, Deep in intercessory prayer for others, resulting in the producing of others who also believe in Jesus.

## **Over your head.**

- ☞ **This is when a person just totally let's go** of all of their own self will, **allows the Lord to have His own way in you life**, totally over your head, totally surrendered.
- ☞ **We don't know where you will take me Jesus**, but I don't care, **I want to be into you Jesus way over my head**, where I am completely out of my own control and helplessly in your power.

**Ezekiel is now taken back to the banks of the river that is flowing from the New Jerusalem:**

### **Ezekiel 47**

6 He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" **Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river.**

7 When I returned, there, **along the bank of the river, were very many trees on one side and the other.**

8 Then he said to me: "**This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed.**

9 "And it shall be that **every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live.** There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes. **THERE IS A HEALING PROPERTY OF THE RIVER**

10 "It shall be that fishermen will stand by it **from En Gedi to En Eglaim**; they will be places for spreading their nets. **THE FISH OF THE DEAD SEA WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN:** Their fish will be of **the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea**, exceedingly many.

## **The Dead Sea**

- ☞ **Ezekiel says** that there will be as many fish in the Dead Sea, as there are in the Mediterranean Sea.
- ☞ **This is an interesting statement** because **at the present, there is not a single fish in the Dead Sea.**

- ☞ **The Dead Sea today** has the Jordan river running into it, but it has no outlet, as a result it has so much salt in it that fish cannot live in it.
- ☞ **It has such a high salt content** that if you just lay still on your back in the water, you can float on the surface and read a newspaper.

The cities of **En gedi** and **En Eglaim** were on the dead sea.

- ☞ **Here in Ezekiel 47**, he says that The people of En Gedi and En Eglaim will be able to cast their nets into the dead sea and take many fish as they want, because the pure water that flows from the throne of God, and empties into the dead sea.

### **Ezekiel 47:9**

*“There will be many fish, because the waters will be healed wherever they go,*

### **Ezekiel 47:11-12**

11 "But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt.

12 "**Along the bank of the river, on this side and that**, THE TREES ARE ON BOTH SIDES. will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. NOTICE: **They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine.**"

This is in agreement with revelation 22:2-there will be most likely, 12 trees of life on each side of the river of life

- ☞ **Notice, this verse here in Ezekiel, is the same as Revelation 22:2**, *“The leaves will bring healing to the nations.”*

**Ezekiel saw many things that are in heaven, events in the future:**

1. **Chapter 1**, Ezekiel sees the throne of God in heaven with the 4 cherubim that we saw in revelation chapter 4, verse 6-9.
2. **Chapter 47**, Ezekiel sees the river of life flowing out from the new city of Jerusalem. Revelation 22:1-2.
3. **Chapter 48**, Ezekiel sees the gates of the city with the names of each of the 12 tribes of Israel. Revelation 21:12-21. **We saw these last week.**

The prophet Zechariah also spoke of a river flowing from the **“New Jerusalem”**

### **Zechariah 14:8**

8 And in that day (**Revelation 22**) it shall be that **living waters shall flow from Jerusalem**, half of them toward the **eastern sea** **THE DEAD SEA** (EZEKIEL 47:8, **IT IS NO LONGER DEAD**) and half of them toward the **western sea**; **THE MEDITERRANEAN** in both summer and winter it shall occur.

- ☞ **The presence of the “River of life”** means that death no longer exists.
- ☞ **The river flows from the throne of God** because God is the source of all life.

### **Revelation 22, Verse 3**

3 And there shall be **no more curse**, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

## The “Curse” Was Pronounced By God In Genesis 3

### **Genesis 3:17**

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "**Cursed is the ground for your sake;** in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.

Because Adam sinned, and therefore now has the capacity to sin, The Lord curses the ground.

- ☞ **The “Curse”** is that the earth now produces Thorns and Weeds.
- ☞ **Notice the Lord says:** It is “**For your sake**”.
- ☞ **This curse is for the benefit of fallen man.**
- ☞ **The “curse is that the ground will now require much more time and hard work** to get it to grow plants and vegetables.
- ☞ **Man will have less idle time** because of the curse, less idle time to get into trouble.

### **Romans 8:19-22**

19 For the earnest expectation of **the creation eagerly waits** for the revealing of the sons of God.

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

21 because **the creation itself also will be delivered** from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that **the whole creation groans** and labors with birth pangs together until now

**The plants, the Animals, the Earth itself is suffering because of the sin that we brought into this world.**

- ☞ **As a result,** all the creation Groans and eagerly awaits for the Day that we are reading here in Revelation 22, when all creation will have the “Curse Lifted”.

It is interesting when you read what they did to Jesus when they Crucified Him

### **Matthew 27:29**

When they had twisted **a crown of thorns**, they put it on His head

What did the thorns represent in the Garden of Eden?

- ☞ **“A Curse”**
- ☞ **Jesus taking the Crown of Thorns**, was saying that “He was taking this Curse that has made the entire Earth Groan and Suffer, Away.

### **Galatians 3:13**

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, **having become a curse for us** (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”),

**Deuteronomy 21:22-23**

22 "If a man **has committed a sin deserving of death**, and he is put to death, and **you hang him on a tree**,

23 **his body shall not remain overnight on the tree**, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance; for **he who is hanged is accursed of God**.

**Revelation 22:4**

**They shall see His face**, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

**Exodus 33:17-23**

17 So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."

18 And he said, "**Please, show me Your glory**."

**Exodus 33:20-23**

20 But The Lord said, "You cannot see My face; for **no man shall see Me, and live**."

21 And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock.

22 So it shall be, **while My glory passes** by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will **cover you with My hand** while I pass by.

23 Then I will take away My hand, and **you shall see My back**; but My face shall not be seen."

- ☞ **For all of human history**, The Lord has spoken through others to talk to us.
- ☞ Jesus appears many time throughout the Old Testament as "The Angel of the Lord".
- ☞ **In Exodus 33:20** Moses was asking The Lord if he could see Him face to face, but he said, "*You cannot see my face; for no man shall see me, and live.*"

**Lamentations 3:22**

Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not

**John 14:8-9**

8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father**; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

**Hebrews 1:1-2**

1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds

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5 There shall be **no night there**: (In the New Jerusalem) They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for **the Lord God gives them light**. And **they shall reign forever and ever**.

**This is a repeat of a promise mad in revelation chapter 21, there will be no need of a sun or moon the lord Jesus will light the new city.**

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6 Then he said to me, "**These words are faithful and true.**" And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which **must shortly take place.**

7 "Behold, **I am coming quickly!** **Blessed** is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

- ⊕ **What sets the Bible apart** from every other document in history, is that it's contents are true.
- ⊕ **The one who is telling us the things** in the bible always tells the truth,

**Numbers 23:19**

19 "**God is not a man, that He should lie,** nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

**Titus 1:2**

2 in hope of eternal life which **God, who cannot lie,** promised before time began,

**Hebrews 6:18**

18 that by two immutable things, in which **it is impossible for God to lie,** we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

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8 Now **I, John, saw and heard** these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

- ⊕ **John confirms** for us that he is an eyewitness of the things he is telling us.
- ⊕ **John becomes so overwhelmed** at being in heaven and seeing the things that he has seen, that he falls down again to worship the angel.

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9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

- ⊕ **The angel instructs john** to worship only God.
- ⊕ **Today people worship** pleasure, their job, their relationship, possessions and even angels, but not the One True and Living God.

**Revelation 22**

10 And he said to me, "**Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book,** for the time is at hand.

- ⊕ **Notice that the angel tell john not to seal up the prophecies** of the book of revelation, **why?**
- ⊕ **"The time is at hand,** what John is writing in the Book of Revelation is coming soon.

Hank Hanegraff has a national radio program called "**The Bible Answer Man**".

- ⊕ **The problem with Hank** is that he is what is called an "*Amillennialist*", he believes that the Book of Revelation already happened in the first century.

- ☞ **He believes that the events of Revelation** are types and pictures only, not literal events.
- ☞ **The problem with that kind of interpretation** is that no none could really know what the Bible is saying, if you cannot take it literally.
- ☞ **What do you do with all of the numbers in Revelation:** 1,000 years, 7 years, 144,000, 1,260 days?
- ☞ **If 1,000 is not 1,000**, then what is it, you see you then open the door up for all kinds of crazy interpretations.
- ☞ **You cannot just let the Bible speak for itself**, you have to ask Hank or someone else what it means...
- ☞ **Unless you take the Book of Revelation** and all of the Bible literally, then there is no way that any of it makes sense.

**NO, it is clear that the Lord intended that you take all of the Bible literal, just as it is written...**

### **Revelation 22**

10 And he said to me, "**Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book**, for the time is at hand.

- ☞ **Because these things are for now**, the days we live in.

### **Daniel 8:26-27**

26 "And the vision of the evenings and mornings which was told is true; **therefore seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future.**"

27 And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king's business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.

- ☞ **The book of revelation** is not a "sealed" book.
- ☞ **It was written for the sole purpose** of "blessing" those who read it,
- ☞ **There were times** when the prophets received revelations from the lord, but did not concern them, they were told to seal them up until a future time.
- ☞ **Daniel did not understand the prophecies** that were given to him, because they were for the future, the end times.
- ☞ **Today Daniel's prophecies** read like a morning newspaper for us, they are easily understood because we are in those last days that Daniel wrote about.

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11 "He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

This verse means that there will be a day when evil people will continue to get more and more evil, and those who are filthy, will get more and more perverted.

- ☞ **But those who Love Jesus**, will have a strong desire to get closer and closer to Jesus and become more like Him.
- ☞ **As the day of Jesus return, get closer**, the difference between these two groups will be wider and wider.

**There is a time in every person's life who has rejected Jesus as their savior, that they cannot be saved!**

- ☞ **When does that time** come?
- ☞ **Maybe this morning** you have heard about what Jesus has done for you many times now, but you have not taken that step of opening up your heart and asking Jesus to forgive all of your sins and save you.

There is a time, when after you have said no over and over to Jesus, that He will stop asking you, and then there is no way that you can be saved.

**When Israel was told to go into the land that the Lord had given them, they griped and complained and would not go.**

- ☞ **Then after the Lord told them** that they were all going to die in the desert because they didn't believe Him, they changed their minds and wanted to go.
- ☞ **Then the Lord told them** that it was too late.

### **Deuteronomy 1:8-42**

8 See, I have set the land before you; **go in and possess the land** which the LORD swore to your fathers

21 Look, the LORD your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it,

27 and **you complained** in your tents, and said, "Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us

32 Yet, for all that, **you did not believe the LORD your God,**

34 "And the LORD heard the sound of your words, and **was angry,** and took an oath, saying,

35 **"Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that good land** of which I swore to give to your fathers

41 **"Then you answered and said to me, 'We have sinned against the LORD; we will go up** and fight, just as the LORD our God commanded us.' And when everyone of you had girded on his weapons of war, you were ready to go up into the mountain.

42 "And the LORD said to me, "Tell them, **'Do not go up nor fight, for I am not among you**

**Maybe you are here this morning and you have asked Jesus to save you, but you have never allowed Him to really be Lord of your life.**

May I say to you, that you cannot just have Jesus offer of Salvation, without also surrendering your life to Him.

- ☞ **Jesus said that If you really Love Him,** you will want to do what He says.
- ☞ **You may not always be able to do what Jesus says,** but you will be trying, and you will want to.
- ☞ **If you really don't want to do what Jesus says, then there is no way possible that you really are saved.**

### **John 14:15**

"If you love Me, keep My commandments

### **Matthew 7:21**

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven

### **Luke 6:46**

“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?

So, what did Jesus say to do?

- ☞ **Let Him be Lord over your Life**, let Him be in control over every thought, ever action that you do.
- ☞ **When you gave your life to Jesus Christ, you died**, and it is no longer you who lives, but Jesus living through you, is that true?

### **Galatians 2:20**

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**We live in a day when lots of people claim to know Jesus, but not many of them are really living for Jesus...**

- ☞ **Let not that be any of us** who have heard Him speak this morning, before we leave here this morning, let us make a commitment to the Lord to begin to really live for Him.
- ☞ **Because if we don't**, He know the difference between someone who says they know Him and someone who really knows Him.

### **Matthew 7:22-23**

22 Many will say to Me in that day, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?”

23 And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”

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12 "And behold, **I am coming quickly**, and **My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work**.

- ☞ **When Jesus comes, it will be the quickest event in all of human history**,
- ☞ **The twinkling** of an eye!

### **1 Corinthians 15:52**

in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed

- ☞ **How long** is a twinkle.
- ☞ **Scientists have estimated** that it is 1/1000<sup>th</sup> or a second or the blink of an eye.
- ☞ **You will be gone from where you are so fast**, your sneakers will be left behind, and probably whatever else you were wearing!

## In verse 12, Jesus is bringing his rewards for you “with him”

- ☞ **What rewards?** Those 5 crowns we have been discussing.
- ☞ **Notice he will give them to you based upon** the “work” you did for the lord **after** you were saved.

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13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

**Jesus Reaffirms That He Is The One Who Starts Your Salvation, And He Will Be The One Who Finishes It, If You Trust In Him.**

### Revelation 22

14 **Blessed** are those who **do His commandments**, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

**Here you will be “blessed” or “oh how happy”, if you do what he told you to do.**

1. Believe in the one he sent to you, Jesus.
2. Love one another.
3. Be faithful to the end.

### Revelation 22

15 But **outside** are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

**Outside of the city, actually in the lake of fire.**

### Revelation 22

16 "I, Jesus, have sent **My angel** to testify to you these things in the churches. I **am the Root and the Offspring of David**, the **Bright and Morning Star**."

- ☞ God gave the revelation to Jesus.
- ☞ Jesus gave it to his angel.
- ☞ The angel gave it to John.
- ☞ John delivers it to us.

### Revelation 22

17 And **the Spirit** and **the bride** say, "Come!" And let **him who hears** say, "Come!" And let **him who thirsts** come. **Whoever desires**, let him take the water of life freely.

This is you and I, those who have believed and are following Jesus, we give the invitation to come and receive Jesus...

- ☞ **Whoever hears this**, can come freely, at no cost to you, but at great cost to Jesus.
- ☞ **Do you thirst for something more** that this life has given you so far, come.
- ☞ **You can drink from the water of life** that Jesus Gives and never thirst again.

**Revelation 22**

18 For I testify **to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book**: If anyone **adds** to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;  
19 and if anyone **takes away** from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

**Revelation 22**

20 He who testifies to these things says, "**Surely I am coming quickly.**" Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!  
21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.