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New Testament 4

Law/Gospel

If I do not believe in Christ as my Savior, I will not enter the gates of heaven. **I am baptized and believe in Jesus, the Lamb of God; He has written my name in His Book of Life. Someday, I will live with Him in the new heavenly Jerusalem, where there will be no more sorrow or pain or death.**

Bible Words

Behold, I am making all things new. Revelation 21:5

Fun Facts

When John received the vision of heaven that he records in the Book of Revelation, he was exiled on the island of Patmos, a desolate place used to contain criminals. Today, this island in Greece is a popular place for visitors. Popular tourist spots include a few monasteries and several beaches.

John's Vision of Heaven

Revelation 21–22

Heaven has “the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city” and “on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month” (Revelation 22:1–2).

The Tree of Life, In the Garden of Eden

God placed the tree of life in the Garden of Eden to nourish our first parents. He told them to eat its fruit and live forever in perfect peace with Him. Adam and Eve lived without sin, disease, or death. God called this heavenly garden “very good.” However, Adam and Eve chose to follow their own desires and ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Their sin brought chaos to all creation and to every baby born to humans.

In grace, God removed Adam and Eve from the garden and barred their way to the tree of life. Eating its fruit in their fallen state would have condemned them to live forever in sinful disaster. That’s not how God wants His beloved children to spend eternity.

The Tree of Life, The Cross of Christ

Our Savior died on the tree of the cross to reconcile us to the Father. His sacrificial death paid the penalty for our sins. We were crucified with Christ and He lives in us (Galatians 2:20). Because of the cross, we have new life in Jesus, who rose from the dead.

The Tree of Life, In Heaven

John’s visions in Revelation reveal the connection between the tree of life in Eden, the cross of Jesus, and the tree of life in the new Jerusalem.

In John’s vision, the river of the water of life flows from the throne of God and the Lamb. The tree of life grows on both sides of the river, bearing fruit every month to feed the faithful. Its leaves heal the nations.

The true Lamb of God was crucified for our sake so that we may dwell with Him forever in perfect peace. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Prayer

Say the Lord’s Prayer together as a family.

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