



What is the hope of the church? The church looks forward to Jesus' return when He will make all things new.

Week 38: April 27, 2025

Bible Story Point: Jesus promised to come back to earth soon.

Key Passage: He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (Revelation 21:4)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)

We will be part of the new Heaven and Earth (Revelation 21-22)

Revelation 21–22 mark the end of the New Testament and establish the promise of everlasting life for those in Christ. The culmination of every good gift of the Father, every promise He has given to His people, is found in His Son, to be experienced for all eternity.

In what ways will God's new creation be unlike the world we live in today?

The apostle John described the beautiful new city of God as being like a bride adorned for her husband—glorious, radiant, faithful, and true. This new heaven and earth highlight the sweetness and sacredness of God's covenant with us: "Look, God's dwelling is with humanity, and he will live with them. They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and will be their God" (Revelation 21:3).

The earth as we know it today is a splendid example of our Creator's workmanship and love for us, yet it has been broken by the sinfulness of His created beings. Sin has fractured our relationship with God, and though we are able to know and be known by Him, our understanding of His goodness cannot be fully experienced because of our sin. Here in today's passage, we find the promise of what eternity is like: we will one day dwell in the fullness of God's presence, experiencing the splendor of His radiance in perfect unity with one another and with our God.

In this new creation, there is no temple because God dwells among His people, His glory unceasingly illuminating the day. No falsehood, uncleanness, grief, crying, or pain takes residence within God's dwelling place; all is right and well, exactly as it was created to be.

Consider what it would look like if you lived each moment anticipating and readying yourself for the wonders yet to come. Would you be more inclined to persevere and to share the source of your eternal hope with others? Reflect on God's goodness with gratitude, asking Him to prepare the hearts of the boys and girls you've been entrusted to teach it to. May this hopeful expectation change the way you view your Lord, your world, and those around you.

- What did John see? A new Heaven and a new Earth
- How did John describe the new heaven and new earth? As a bride adorned for her husband
- Who provides light for the new Heaven and new Earth? God
- How are the cities decorated? With Jewels and Gold
- How does Revelation end? Jesus saying, I will return soon.
- Who will make all things new? Jesus
- What will the new Heaven and Earth be like? no more death, no more pain, no more tears
- How are you encouraged by knowing the promise of Jesus?
- How does this effect the way you live each day?

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

Pray: Thank God for the promise of heaven. Ask God to renew your love for Him each day. Ask God to help you with the reading of His Word to understand Him better.

Wednesday Night Awana Clubs: Verses for April 30 (This is the Last Session of Book Work)

Help your child go through their book to see if they are missing any completed scriptures

Cubbies: Bear Hug 26 Mark 16:15 "...Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Sparks:

Hang Gliders, Green Jewel 4:4 – Return Flight – Ephesians 6:1, Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. AND 1 Corinthians 15:3, Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures. AND Romans 3:23, For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Wing Runners, Green Jewel 4:2 – Philippians 2:14, Do all things without grumbling or disputing

Sky Stormers, Green Jewel 4:3 – Romans 3:23, For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 Corinthians, 15:3-4, ... Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scripture. That He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. Romans 1:16, For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...

T & T's: –

4.7 Grace to Preserve

Deuteronomy 31:6, Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, May 4th

God Created the World (Genesis 1-2)

- In the beginning the earth was? Without form and void, nothing but darkness
- What was the first thing created? Light
- How were each days creation formed? By the Word of God
- Who do we know the Word is according to John 1:1? Jesus
- Was Jesus part of the creation process? Yes

Upcoming Activities:

April 28	Mom's Bible Study 9AM in Fellowship Hall
May 4	4:00pm VBS Orientation Meeting 6:00pm GA/Acteen Recognition
May 7	Awana Club Award Night
May 11	Mother's Day / Baby Dedication
May 14	Kids GAME Night in Gym 6:00—7:30
May 17	She & Me—Women's Ministry Event
May 21	Acton Nature Center 6:00—7:30 (Tentative)
May 28	No Kids Activities Pick up Faith@Home pamphlet
May 30	VBS Workday 9AM to Noon

