

**Series:** Heaven

**Sermon:** The Reality of Heaven

**Scripture:** Revelation 21:1-8 (ESV)

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### **Revelation 21:1-8 (ESV)**

***21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.*

***2** And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

***3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.*

***4** He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

***5** And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

***6** And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.*

***7** The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.*

***8** But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."*

1. God wants us to know the reality of heaven. (vs. 1-4)
2. God wants us to know the certainty of heaven. (vs. 5-6)
3. God wants us to be with Him in heaven. (vs. 7-8)

"Now don't let your spirits down...there's one thing you've got to remember. We're back on the right lines...We're following the instructions again."

(C.S. Lewis, *The Silver Chair*, 154)

"They then, who are destined to die, need not be careful to inquire what death they are to die, but into what place death will usher them."

(Augustine, *The City of God*, Book I, Chapter 11)