

The Final Abode and State of the Righteous

I. The Final Abode of the Righteous - New Heavens and a New Earth:

- A. The destruction/purification/regeneration/re-birth of the heavens and earth
- B. The Cosmic Theme
- C. The Garden Theme
- D. The Temple Theme
- E. The City Theme
- F. Beyond Mere Restoration

II. The Offering up of Christ's Finished Mediatorial Work to the Father

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

III. The Final State of the Righteous - Glorious!

A. Romans 8:28-30. The "Golden Chain" - Foreknown -> Predestined -> Effectually Called -> Regenerated -> Converted -> Justified -> Adopted -> Sanctified -> Persevered -> **GLORIFIED**

B. Free from Sin Forever

1. In soul/spirit (Hebrews 12:22-ff.)

2. In body (1 Corinthians 15:51-57, Philippians 3:20-21, Revelation 21:4)

C. Conformed unto Christ: the True Image of God Perfectly Restored and Secured

1. In True Knowledge (1 Corinthians 13:8-13; known as we are known)

2. In True Holiness (Revelation 22:3-4; set apart for complete sanctified service)

3. In True Righteousness (2 Tim. 4:7-8, 2 Pet. 3:13; in secured compliance to God's will)

D. The Bride of Christ

Matthew 13:43

Revelation 19:6-9

Revelation 21:9-21

The Bride's initial manifestation (21:9-14)

The Bride's detailed measurements (21:15-17)

The Bride's dazzling splendor (21:18-21)

The Bride's defining magnificence (21:22-23; 22:4)

E. Our Connection to Christ

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:12)

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Colossians 3:1-4

2 Thessalonians 1:10

F. So What? 1 John 3:1-3

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

²Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

IV. The Eternal Employments of the Righteous - Noble Service!