

What it Will Be Like for the Redeemed

Revelation 22:1-6

"As the Bible opens with the story of 'Paradise Lost,' so it here closes with the story of 'Paradise Regained.'" (Eerdman) We see the return of Paradise in the ideas of a river, a tree of life, revocation of the curse, intimacy restored and reigning resumed. It is a perfect consummation. Guzik

- I. The inheritance we will receive as children of God is eternal life in His glorious kingdom. It is given to us as **a reward** for loving and serving Him over loving and serving the world and its wicked ways. Upon salvation, we were given the Holy Spirit as a deposit guaranteeing the inheritance He promised us. In other words, God made sure, through the divine power of the Spirit, that all true believers will receive it. It was created for us since the creation of the world (Matt. 25:34). It will be shared by all the saints (Col. 1:12). He alone qualified us for it by redeeming us through the shed blood of His Son on the cross. And though it is yet future, we have it now because of being transferred from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of light (Col. 1:13).

Rev. 21:1-4

Matt. 19:29

Eph. 1:14

Col. 3:24

Matt. 25:34

1 Peter 1:4

Col. 1:12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, **who has qualified you** to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

"God has by grace qualified the unqualified to share in the inheritance. The Greek text literally reads, 'for the portion of the lot.' ... The primitive genitive (tou klerou) means that we each receive our own individual allotment or portion of the total inheritance." MacArthur

- II. A believer's **spiritual vitality** is very important to God. In heaven, the Lord will supply our every need physically, emotionally, and spiritually so that the joy of heaven will never fade or become same old same old. Every part of what we inherit is meant to bless us. The **river of the water of life** that flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb represents the vitality of the life-giving clear pure water of eternal life. The **tree of life** that grows on either side of the river will bear fruit and leaves that represent the nourishing, therapeutic enjoyment of life in the new Jerusalem. And the removal of the curse will set us free from ever having to deal with sin and its insidious effect again.

Revelation 22:1-3

Phil 4:19

Gen. 2:10

Psalm 46:4-5

John 4:14

John 7:37-38

Rev. 21:6

Gen. 3:22-24

1 cor. 15:55-57

Gen 3:16-19

Rom 7:18-24

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- III. Our **relationship** with God and the Lamb will be both ongoing and intimate in that we will know and see him in the fullness of His love, grace, and mercy toward us. It will foster in us a strong, insatiable ongoing desire and passion to worship and serve our God and Savior forever and ever. Spurgeon states it this way, *"By which I understand two things: first, that they shall literally and physically, with their risen bodies, actually look into the face of Jesus: and secondly, that spiritually their mental faculties shall be enlarged, so that they shall be enabled to look into the very heart, and soul, and character of Christ, so as to understand him, his work, his love, his all in all, as they never understood him before."* Spurgeon

Rev 22:3-6

John 1:18

1 John 3:2

Rev. 3:12