

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SERMON NOTES
JULY 10, 2022

"SERMON IN A BAG: All Things New"
Revelation 21:1-5

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 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."

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

This morning for our "Sermon in a Bag" our object is: _____

When you compare the size of any such mirror to any windshield, you realize that our focus needs to be more on...

In the spiritual realm that is especially true because _____

_____! Which, of course, includes those of us who are following after Jesus!

Max Lucado and Rick Warren, "God loves you just as you are but _____!"

In our text, John hears from the very Throne of God the assurance that the One who created the first heaven and earth will indeed make "everything new." This promise confirms that not only will

God's power be revealed but His redemptive purposes for us and for all creation will be fulfilled! Our future is bright!

I, for one, am glad to know that because this old world is broken, I mean look around, read the newspaper, watch TV, ask a police officer or a firefighter. Something ain't right with the world!

Well, I have good news, because according to the Word of God, if we are "in Christ", that is if we have asked Him into our lives and trusted Him as our Savior, then it follows that,,,

1. _____
(Rev. 21:5) May that truth bring us comfort and hope!

2. _____
(Ezekiel 11:19f) May that truth bring us comfort and hope!

3. _____

(2 Corinthians 5:17) May that truth bring us comfort and hope!

4. _____
(1 John 3:2) May that truth bring us comfort and hope!

5. _____
(Philippians 1:6) May that truth bring us comfort and hope!

6. _____

(Matt. 19:26) May that truth bring us comfort and hope!

There is, you see, something better! God is creating a new reality! God is making everything new – including me! If you haven't begun this transformation – you can start today! All you have to do is ask Christ into your life and He will begin – and He always finishes what He starts! May that truth bring us comfort and hope!

"This morning, let's commit to take our next step towards Jesus and to allow Him to transform us as He makes 'all things new'!"