

“Come on Down”

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Revelation 21:1-7 speaks of the DIRECTION of God’s work in our lives. He first comes to us; it’s our joy to then respond.

Revelation 21:1-2

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. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

The bride of Christ is the CHURCH, the people whom Christ redeemed with His blood and gathers together as His own.

Revelation 21:3

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.”

A key theme of John’s words is that Jesus is God “in the flesh” who made His dwelling among us. We are CENTERED on Christ and draw our life from Him.

Revelation 21:4-5

“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.” 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.”

Jesus’ return to earth will bring about the grand REVERSAL. The curse of sin and death will be no more. All of the nagging, stubborn effects of sin will be gone forever.

Revelation 21:6-7

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 water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.”

As those who receive this guaranteed INHERITANCE, we live today in light of our forever with God.

Mount Olive must always strive to be a PEOPLE who focus on receiving and sharing the refreshing love of Christ with all those who thirst for it.