

# Sermon Discussion (5/17/2026)

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What's New #2 / Revelation 22:1-5

God has written a story about His relationship to us. The beginning and the end of that story are about “creating” life. In the end heaven comes down and reclaims the Earth. The garden of Eden has changed into an enormous and magnificent city. The environment that exists on the Earth has changed. No longer will there be suffering and pain. Jesus is restoring everything involving the Earth to a New condition.

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## Question: How does Jesus make new?

### Points to Consider

1. Life not living will be our priority.
2. Healing not destroying becomes the work of nations.
3. Relationships will exist in harmony.
4. We will see God's face.

## Scripture References:

### **Revelation 22:1-5 NIV**

<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

**Revelation 13:16 NIV**

<sup>16</sup> It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads,

**Revelation 14:9 NIV**

<sup>9</sup> A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand,

**Revelation 17:5 NIV**

<sup>5</sup> The name written on her forehead was a mystery: BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

**Matthew 17:2 NIV**

<sup>2</sup> There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

**Luke 2:9 NIV**

<sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

**Exodus 34:30 NIV**

<sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him.

## Application Questions

- What does it mean to you that the Bible begins and ends with God creating life?
- Read [Revelation 22:1-5](#):
  - Can you create a mental picture of the events that are taking place?
  - What does it look like to you?
  - What is the priority in this scene?
  - What kind of water is described?
  - Where is the water?
  - What are the implications of the water being in the “middle” of the street?
  - What kind of tree is described?
  - How has the tree of life changed?
  - What does the fruit do?
  - How is this different from the way nations relate now?
  - What are the implications of [Revelation 22:4](#)?
  - Contrast this verse with [Revelation 13:16](#), [Revelation 14: 9](#), [Revelation 17:5](#).
  - What conclusions do you draw from this?
  - What is heaven filled with?
  - What is this light like?
  - Compare this with [Matthew 17:2](#), [Luke 2:9](#), [Exodus 34:30](#).
  - What conclusions do you draw from this?