

Sermon Discussion (5/10/2026)

What's New #1 / Revelation 21:1–5

God has written a story about His relationship to us. The end of that story ends with heaven coming down and reclaiming 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.

Question: How does Jesus make new?

Points to Consider

1. We can get back to the Kingdom of God.
2. Our rebellion is changed.
3. The old order is new.

Scripture References:

Revelation 21:1–5 NIV

¹ 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, “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. 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.”

Romans 8:19–21 NIV

¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

Genesis 3:17–19 NIV

¹⁷ To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

Genesis 3:24 NIV

²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Revelation 1:16 NIV

¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Ephesians 6:17 NIV

¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

John 1:1 NIV

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Application Questions

- Did you know that the Earth will be brought back into the Kingdom of God?
- What difference does this make to you?
- Read [Revelation 21:1-5](#):
 - Can you create a mental picture of the events that are taking place?
 - What does it look like to you?
 - Why has the Garden of Eden turned into a magnificent City?
 - What does this mean?
- Read [Romans 8:19,21](#):
 - What is being saved from bondage and decay?
- Read [Genesis 3:17-19](#):
 - How do we see the Earth “groaning?”
- Compare [Genesis 3:24](#) and [Revelation 1:16](#):
 - The Sword was initially used to prevent human beings from re-entering the Kingdom of God. Where is the Sword now?
- Read [Ephesians 6:17](#):
 - What is the Sword according to this verse?
 - Who is the Word according to [John 1:1](#)?
 - What prevented humanity from entering the Kingdom of God now has become the path we must walk in order to inherit eternal life.
 - How did Jesus achieve this transition?
 - What must we do to enter the Kingdom of God?
- Read [John 14:6](#):
 - How does this verse relate to the Sword?
 - Who is Jesus?