



A few weeks ago, we stated that most Christians are not aware that the Bible teaches that we will not spend eternity “up there”, but rather “down here”. A few weeks ago, we began our journey through Revelation 21 by discussing the New Heaven and the New Earth that will be revealed at Christ’s return. Today, we’re going to talk about one specific aspect of this New Heaven and New Earth – the city, New Jerusalem. The Bible tells us that this “city of God” is coming down from Heaven to Earth. So, “What is the New Jerusalem?”

Discussion Questions

1. What is the most amazing city you’ve ever visited? What made this city so unique? How did you feel when you visited this city?
2. What are the defining characteristics of any “destination” city? How do these characteristics compare to the city in which you grew up?
3. How does the Bible describe heaven in the verses listed below?

Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16

Hebrews 12:22

Hebrews 13:14

Revelation 21:1-2

Should we expect the New Jerusalem to be something altogether different from the cities we’re familiar with today? Why or why not? What can we expect to be different about this new heavenly city, New Jerusalem?

4. Most people’s thoughts regarding eternity are more abstract than concrete. What jumped out to you the most about the characteristics of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21? How should these concrete descriptions, even if they’re figurative, help shape our perspective of eternity?
5. Looking back at your notes from Sunday’s sermon, which of the “Five Marks of the New Jerusalem” stand out to you the most? Why?
6. You can learn a lot about someone by walking through their home. What does your home reveal about you/your family? What does the “city of God” (New Jerusalem) reveal about God?
7. Looking back on this week’s sermon and today’s study, what’s most important for you to remember?