

**"HOMESICK FOR HEAVEN"**  
**REVELATION 21:1-22:5**

**INTRO:** I have always been one to get homesick very easily....But I will never forget the first time when I became HOMESICK FOR HEAVEN (Share the account). Since then, there have been many times when I became homesick for Heaven...particularly when one I knew died and went to Heaven. HOW ABOUT YOU? HAVE YOU EVER BEEN HOMESICK FOR HEAVEN! Heaven is so great that the MORE we think of it, the MORE WE MISS IT.

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**SOME FACTS ABOUT HEAVEN TO CONSIDER**

- It is Created by God - Jeremiah 32:17
- It is the Dwelling Place of God - Isaiah 66:1
- It is the Eternal Home of Born Again Believers - 2 Corinthians 5:1
- It is the Immediate Destination for those who Die - 2 Corinthians 5:8
- It is the Place of Every Christian's Inheritance - 1 Peter 1:3-5
- It is Filled with Great Delight - Revelation 21:1-22:5
- It is Perfectly Designed for Every Christian - John 14:2,3
- It is Restricted in Occupants - Revelation 21:8,27
- It is to Be Focused upon while we are on Earth - Colossians 3:1,2

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**LOOKING AT HEAVEN IN REVELATION 21:1-22:5**

Note the Prophetic Context: The Rapture, The Tribulation, The Millennium, The Great White Throne Judgment, The Eternal State of the New Heaven and Earth

***I. THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF HEAVEN***

- A. A Completely New Heaven and Earth Created - 21:1  
-The Old will not even be remembered - Isaiah 65:17
- B. A Completely New Jerusalem Created - Vs. 2ff
  - 1. As a Beautiful Bride - 21:2
  - 2. Filled with the Glory of God - 21:11,23
  - 3. Surrounded by a Great Wall - 21:12-14,17  
-216 feet high (Vs. 17)
  - 4. Extremely Large - 21:15-17
    - a. 1500 Miles Cubed
    - b. 2 Million Square Miles of Ground Space
  - 5. Very Colorful - 21:18-20
  - 6. Each Gate was One Great Pearl 1500 miles high - 21:21
  - 7. The Presence of God is there - 21:22
  - 8. Void of the Curse of the Earth - 22:3
  - 9. Filled with the Light of God - 22:5

ILLUSTRATION:

***II. THE PERSONAL CONDITION OF HEAVEN***

- A. The Personal Presence of God - 21:3
- B. The Personal Provision of God - 21:4-7
  - 1. God will Banish All Sorrow - 21:4
  - 2. God will Make all things New - 21:5
  - 3. God will Provide Complete Satisfaction - 21:6
  - 4. God will Offer Personal Identification - 22:5

ILLUSTRATION:

### ***III. THE PRACTICAL CONDITION OF HEAVEN***

#### **A. Regarding the Believer - 21:7**

1. The "Overcomers" are the Saved - 21:7 Cp.1 John 5:5
2. The "Overcomers" will inherit All Things - 21:7  
-All of God's Promises and Provisions - NOTHING WITHHELD!

#### **B. Regarding the Unbeliever - 21:8**

1. A Dramatic Contrast to Believers (Cp. John 14:2,3)
2. A Doomed Condition for Unbelievers

#### **ILLUSTRATION:**

#### **LESSON/APPLICATION:**

- 1) Heaven is Real
- 2) Only True Believers in Christ will be there.
- 3) The Only way to have the Assurance of Heaven is through Faith in Jesus Christ
- 4) We must learn to live in light Heaven