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SPEAKER:

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Morning Worship on October 17, 2021 at 11:30 AM

Morning Service
SUNDAY, October 17, 2021
11:30 A.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL.....SIS BEVERLY DURST

DEVOTION.....DEACONS

PRAISE AND WORSHIP.....SIS LUCRETIA COLSTON BOLDEN

OFFERING.....

PRAISE AND WORSHIP.....SIS LUCRETIA COLSTON BOLDEN

THE SPOKEN WORD..... REV. JIMMY L. GATES, SR.

MESSAGE: "I CAN ONLY IMAGINE"

SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 21:1-7

TIME TO RECEIVE THOSE WHOM THE LORD HAS CALLED.....REV. GATES

BENEDICTION.....REV. JIMMY L. GATES, SR.

RECCESIONAL.....LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Responsive Reading today: Numbers 12:1-16

FROM THE PASTOR:

Men's Day will be next Sunday October 24, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Bishop Eugene Ward from Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church. Asking \$50 assessment from men. The theme is "Who Will Go?" and scripture Isaiah 6:8.

The **New Member's Class** will be held on Thursdays, at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. We ask that you wear your face mask in class and social distancing is required.

The **Precept Upon Precept Bible Study Class** will be held on Thursdays, at 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.(except on the 2nd Thursday). We ask that you wear your face mask in class and social distancing is required. You may bring a light lunch if you so desire.

Sunday School online on Sunday's at 9:15 a.m. –
Call in: 978-990-5047 ~ Access Code 3312613#

Wednesday Bible Study online at 7 p.m. –
Call In: 701-802-5360 and Access Code: 7817353

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.” Revelation 21:1-4

The Bible in chapter 20 concludes with the image of final judgment. Satan has been thrown into the lake of fire. All the dead are standing before the throne and the books were opened. Those whose names were not written in the book of life were also thrown into the lake of fire, where they along with Satan are tormented day and night forever and ever. In chapter 21, John now sees a new heaven and new earth because the first heaven and first earth had passed away. We saw the first heaven and earth pass away in Revelation 20:11. The time of this physical earth is completed. It has been burned up (2 Peter 3:10). Now the new heaven and the new earth have been ushered in. John is going to be told what this new heaven and new earth looks like in verses 3-8. Before we look at the details of this new heaven and earth, it is important to know that this is not the first time this image is used in the scriptures. Isaiah prophesied of this same time of restoration in Isaiah 65:17 and 66:22. His description of the new heavens and new earth mirrors what John is going to see in these upcoming verses. Peter also spoke of this coming age.

Revelation 21:2-8 confirms that the new heaven and new earth are about the full restoration of God to his people and Christ’s kingdom completing its subjugation of all authorities and powers. Verse 2 shows the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. This imagery of the bride is visible in Revelation 19:7-8 where we learned that the bride represented the holy people of God and the bright clothing representing the pure and righteous deeds of the saints.

The apostle Peter said that we are looking forward to the new heaven and new earth. The meaning of this new world shows why we are full of anticipation. Verse 3 tells us that the dwelling place of God is now with humans. God is living with his people. This is what we are looking forward to obtaining. God is dwelling with his people again. Sin ripped man out of the paradise and presence of God for God cannot live with darkness, evil, and sin. Through the victory of Christ on the cross and rule of his kingdom we now can live with the Lord. The scriptures reveal that when we come to Christ, we become the people of God and God blesses us. Ephesians 5:25-27 speaks of a current joining of Christ to the church, the people of God. However, we cannot reverse the timeframe of the book at this point. John is seeing what will happen at the conclusion of the final judgment. While the kingdom of Christ was established in Acts 2 and all who accept the invitation of the Lamb participate in that kingdom as John described himself as a fellow partaker in the kingdom (Revelation 1:9), Revelation 21 is picturing the ideal union between Christ and his people. Revelation 21 is picturing the church in its perfected state at the end of the reign of Christ. John is seeing the eternal reward being given to God’s people. Yes, **“I CAN ONLY IMAGINE.”**

NOTES FROM THE SERVICE

DATE _____ SPEAKER _____

TEXT _____

SCRIPTURE _____

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE:

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

Etiquette

- *Please refrain from walking and using the middle aisle during worship service
- *Exiting/Entering the sanctuary during prayer and ministry of giving is not permitted
 - *No food, gum or drink permitted in the sanctuary
 - *Please silence cell phones
 - *Please no talking during offertory service
- *Pray for the Sick, and Shut-in and those in bereavement
- *Come to Bible Study and hear the speakers on people who had relationships in the Bible