

You and I live in a world that has been broken by sin. It's a reality we see all around us.

That's not how God meant for things to be...In the beginning everything was perfect. Adam and Eve had everything they needed, they could eat from any tree in the Garden but one. They felt no shame, not lack, no need...God himself walked with them in the Garden. Everything was as it should be, everything was perfect.

But when given the choice, they chose sin, and we've been living with the effects of that choice ever since.

According to scripture, all the suffering we experience in this life is the direct result of sin, not necessarily personal sin, but the presence of sin in this world that broke what God made in the Garden. We live in a world that has been broken by sin.

If you have ever felt the effects of sin in your life, I have good news for you. Jesus is coming back and he's going to fix what's broken in this world!

We're in our Summer Series called "You Ask It" and last week we started to address a question about the end times. The question that was asked was, "What is the chronological order of the end times in simpler terms?"

If you're going to know anything about what's coming in the End Times I want you to know two things, church. I want you to know that Jesus is coming back! (As we talked about last week, he's coming soon, he's coming suddenly, and he's coming as the sovereign king of the universe!) You need to know that! And you also need to know that because Jesus is coming back to reign over this world, things will not always be as they are now. The brokenness and suffering that we see all around us as a result of sin will not last forever. Scripture is clear that when Jesus comes, he's going to make all things new!

Jesus is coming back, and he's going to make all things new. That is a very basic answer to the question that was asked, in a broad sense, that is the timeline of the end times. And, what that means is...

For God's people the end is really just the beginning.

So, for the rest of the time we have together this morning, I want to talk about what that new beginning will be like, about what it's going to be like when Jesus comes back and restores creation. So, I want to talk about 4 aspects of the future that awaits us when Jesus restores creation!

1. In the end we'll have new bodies.

Death is just a harsh reality of life in this world broken by sin. For some, it comes slowly. Our bodies eventually begin to break down, things stop working right, they weaken, they become more fragile, until the person's spirit departs and goes either to be with the Lord or apart from him. For some, death comes unexpectedly, it comes too soon and rips people from this world long before we would have chosen.

Death, and everything that leads up to it, is an unwelcome intruder into our lives, it seems so final, so permanent. But listen to this...

a. [1 Corinthians 15:22-23](#)

- i. Those who are in Christ (whose faith is in him) will rise again. Death doesn't get the final say for you if you're in Christ! Just like Jesus rose from the dead on the 3rd day, Jesus' followers will rise from the dead when he returns, and our resurrection bodies will not break down the way these ones do!

b. [1 Corinthians 15:42-49](#) gives us more insight into what our resurrected bodies will be like!

i. Contrast between The first man vs. The 2nd man

1. The first man represents Adam. Adam was made from the dust, and because of the presence of sin, his body was perishable, it was characterized by dishonor and weakness. This was the Natural body of Adam, and it's what our natural bodies are like. God made us from the dust, and to dust we will return. Because of sin, our bodies are perishable, sinful, dishonorable, and weak. That's the body that's "sown" when we die. You can relate.
2. But when Jesus comes back, and in the twinkling of an eye we're raised to life again, our bodies won't resemble Adam, the man of dust anymore! They'll resemble the man of heaven (that's Jesus!). Our resurrected bodies will be like Jesus' resurrected body! They'll be imperishable (indestructible); they won't break, they won't go bad, they won't break down. They'll be glorious, powerful not weak, and spiritual in nature rather than natural!

c. This is the reality that awaits those who have trusted in Jesus! New bodies that will no longer be subject to the harsh reality of death. For God's people the end is really just the beginning!

2. [In the end we'll live in a new reality without evil.](#)

a. [Revelation 20:7-10; 14-15](#)

- i. Church, from the Garden of Eden to today, there has been one Spiritual being at the helm of all that is opposed to God. Satan. Since the beginning he has been sowing lies, deceiving, destroying, dividing humanity from God and turning humanity against one another. He came promising the life we want, but he's brought nothing but death, and pain, and suffering, and shame, and guilt, and fear, and turmoil to our lives. He is the source and epitome of evil...and God's word says, his day is coming!

The day is fast approaching when Jesus will give the enemy what he has had coming to him since he was thrown from heaven! The day when his reign of terror in this world will end and King Jesus will cast him, and all who chose to follow him rather than Jesus, once and for all into the depths of the lake of fire!

- ii. Church, evil and all that comes as a result of it, are not permanent realities. The day is fast approaching when it will be eradicated from God's good creation forever! TALK ABOUT GOOD NEWS, Church! The end is really just the beginning for those who follow Jesus!

- iii. But, it gets better! Because the defining characteristic of life in Jesus' restored creation won't just be what's not there any longer...it's what will be there forever.

Look with me at [Revelation 21:1-3](#)

3. In the end we'll experience a new kind of relationship with God.
 - a. In the Beginning, before sin entered the world, God walked with Adam and Eve in the Garden. He was with them as their God! But, when they chose to disobey him, that relationship with God was severed and broken. As sinful people they could no longer be in the presence of a holy God. So, God kicked them out of the Garden, and where there had once been a close relationship between God and man, now there was this untraversable void. Then the rest of Scripture is this beautiful story of God working to bridge that gap. In the OT, God eventually made a way for his presence to be with his people in a sense. His presence was in the Holy of Holies (in the tabernacle and then the temple). But, still there was a thick curtain between God and the people, exemplifying the distance created by sin. And only once a year could one man, the high priest, enter into the Presence of God...after a lot of ritual purification.
 - b. Then you get to the New Testament, and Jesus' sacrifice caused the curtain to be torn, and through the blood of Jesus we can be filled with the Holy Spirit! And now, if you're a follower of Jesus, everywhere you go in this life, you know God is with you! But in the end, he's going to take it to a whole different level. When Jesus restores creation to the way God intended it, God will dwell with us! We'll be his people and He'll be our God! We'll be able to lay eyes on the God who loves us!
 - c. Have you ever been through a time when it just felt distant from God. Those seasons of spiritual dryness when you find yourself wondering, "God where are you right now?" Church, a day is coming when you will NEVER feel that way again...because God will dwell with his people. See, for us, the end is just the beginning!

Jesus is coming and when he does, he's going to restore creation to the way God intended it. In that new creation, we'll have new bodies! And we'll have a new experience of a world devoid of evil, and we'll experience a new kind of relationship with God because he'll dwell with his people! Talk about a future filled with hope and blessing that awaits those who have trusted in Jesus! We could talk about all kinds of other wonderful and amazing things that Jesus will renew in the New Heavens and New Earth. But I couldn't say it any better than John does in...

[Revelation 21:4-7](#)

4. In the end all things will be made new.
 - a. I love the end of verse 4. "The former things have passed away."! All that has been part of our experience as a result of that first sin...will be no more!
 - i. He'll wipe every tear from our eyes! (He's going to take away all the reasons we cry in this world!)

1. Death will be no more! Can you imagine what that will be like! Never again will we have to fear death! Never again will we lose someone we love! Never again will we have to attend a funeral and comfort someone through grief! Never again will tragedy take someone from us! Death will be no more! And because that's true...
2. There won't be mourning!
3. There won't be crying! There are all kinds of reasons we cry in this world. Fear, and uncertainty, grief, pain, regret, the list goes on. Not in the restored creation!
4. Get this...There won't be pain. Some of you deal with pain every day, and have for years. Pain can be all consuming, it can steal your joy, your hope, your peace! Church, in Jesus' new creation there is coming a day when PAIN WON'T EXIST! Amen?! A day when all things will be made new.

You see...

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So what does all this mean at 11: __ am on a Sunday morning in 2026?

It means that though we live in a broken world that seems to be getting worse all the time, we can look to the future with hope!

It means that as we draw closer each day to the end of this world as we know it, we don't have to be afraid.

And it means as we draw near to the end, we don't need to know exactly how it's all going to play out, we don't need the play by play. We don't need a detailed timeline. We don't need a chart of the end times that we can write in the cover of our Bible. We only need one thing...Jesus.