



PACIFIC  
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CHURCH

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# REVELATION

A RENEWED IMAGINATION

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# Reflections

I don't know what the ending is . . . It can be read in either one of two ways. One, that a miracle has occurred and his life is spared. The other is equally, in my sense, optimistic, which is that he drinks the Drano and he's on all fours. He's throwing up his stomach and God comes over to him, who has not talked to him for the whole movie, and says, "Reverend Toller, you wanna know what Heaven looks like? Here it is. This is exactly what it looks like: It looks like one long kiss." And that's the last thing he sees.

- Paul Schrader on the ending of his film, *First Reformed*

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# Sermon

*Heaven Looks Like One Long Kiss*

Rankin Wilbourne

*'Nocturne in Black and Gold - The Falling Rocket' by James Whistler, 1875*

*'Revelation: A Renewed Imagination' logo by Jesse Wu*

# Scripture

Revelation 19:6-10a, 21:2, 21:9-11

<sup>19:6</sup> Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.

<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his Bride has made herself ready;

<sup>8</sup> it was granted her to clothe herself  
with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

<sup>9</sup> And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.” <sup>10</sup> Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.”

<sup>21:2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>9</sup> Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

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## Events & News

### **Membership Dinner, June 25**

If you are ready to call Pacific Crossroads your church home, join us for our upcoming Membership Dinner. Our lead pastor, Rankin Wilbourne, will discuss what the Bible has to say about membership as well as what it means to be a member of PCC. Dinner provided.

*View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website, [PacificCrossroads.org/Events](http://PacificCrossroads.org/Events), or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.*

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## Ministry Resources


### **Pastoral Care**


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