

Theme: The last "I AM" Jesus spoke clarified that His resurrection restores us & all creation.

## I Myself, not a Spirit (Lk. 24:36-39)

- After events on the road to Emmaus He himself stood in their midst: 'Peace!'
- Startled & frightened, they thought they were seeing a spirit.
- 'Why are you troubled? Doubt?' 'See, it is I Myself' [Lit. 'Myself, I AM' ]
  - 'Touch me & see; a spirit doesn't have flesh & bones'
- This continuity is critical. If Jesus wasn't raised physically redemption wasn't accomplished.
  - Bavinck: "It is God's honor that He redeems & renews the same humanity, world, heaven & earth that was corrupted & polluted by sin."
- Creation is counting on continuity
  - Rom. 8:9-14;19-23 There is a link between what happens to us and to the whole creation.
  - Not a strand of DNA escapes the fall or redemption. Every planet & star is affected
- Psalm 90:17 "Establish the work of our hands."
  - "Every Kingdom work ... will find its place in the heavenly order." B. Milne
  - "Our error has not been in over- estimating the extent of God's redemption, but in *under* estimating it."

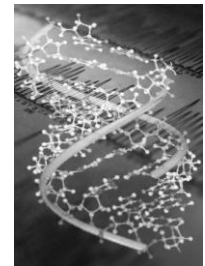


## "Dwelling of God is with men!" (Rev. 21)

- The 'heaven' we go to when we die is the intermediate heaven. It is perfect, but not the *final* heaven. The 'new heaven', 'new earth' & 'new Jerusalem' is described in Rev. 21

## "All things new" (Rev.21,22)

- It will come down out of heaven (21:2)
- He will dwell with us. We will be His people. God will be our God. (3)
- He'll give water of life to overcomers (6)
- There'll be no Temple in the city
- The glory of God gives it light
- The nations will bring their glory
- Those whose names are in the Lamb's book of life will be there.
- We will experience ... (22:1ff.)
  - Water of Life
  - Tree of Life
  - Healing of nations
  - Seeing His face, have his name on forehead
  - Reigning forever & ever



## Applications (22:12,17)

- Jesus: "Behold, I am coming soon."
- "The Spirit & Bride say: 'Come'"
- "Let the thirsty come"
- So, let's go, living like the resurrection really happened!