

THE STORY OF  
CHRISTMAS.

# Restoration

ETERNAL FATHER

Psalm 96:11-13 + Revelation 21:1-5, 22-27

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The grand, overarching narrative of scripture:

Creation - Fall - Redemption - Restoration

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# Big Questions:

- Are we there yet?
- After we've confessed our sins, if God has forgiven us, why so often do there remain difficult consequences resulting from our sins?
- Does human history have an eternal destiny? If so, what do we know about it?
- What does the Bible mean when it talks about God's plan for the restoration of His world?

“The message of the Bible in one sentence -  
‘God wants his family back.’”

- Philip Yancey

In the restored new heavens and earth  
we will find...

1. Jesus Christ will have the last word  
and He promises and intends to make all  
things new!

“For God to judge the world meant that He would, in the end, put it all to rights, straighten it out, producing not just a sigh of relief all around but shouting for joy from the trees and the fields, the seas and the floods.”

- N. T. Wright  
*Surprised by Hope*



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2. Jesus Christ will be the righteous King  
and Judge of all the nations.

“It is a great comfort to know that our judge  
will be none other than our savior.”

- John Stott

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3. The ultimate glory of restoration belongs  
to Jesus.

“We modern people think of miracles as the suspension of the natural order, but Jesus meant them to be the restoration of the natural order. The Bible tells us that God did not originally make the world to have disease, hunger, and death in it. Jesus has come to redeem where it is wrong and heal the world where it is broken.

“His miracles are not just proofs that he has power but also wonderful foretastes of what he is going to do with that power. Jesus’ miracles are not just a challenge to our minds, but a promise to our hearts, that the world we all want is coming.”

- Timothy Keller  
*The Reason for God:  
Belief in an Age of Skepticism*

“God wants and intends the restoration of a lost world to Himself and to its true nature and destiny by breaking down whatever barriers are placed between it and Him, and in Jesus Christ he actually makes this possible.”

- Alister McGrath  
*Studies in Doctrine*