

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

It's the End of the World and I Feel Fine

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
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What do we have to look forward to if we place our faith in Jesus Christ?

1) The picture of our future:

Revelation 22:1-6 Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ²It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations. ³No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. ⁴And they will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever. ⁶Then the angel said to me, “Everything you have heard and seen is trustworthy and true. The Lord God, who inspires his prophets, has sent his angel to tell his servants what will happen soon.”

Our future as Christ-followers includes...

- **Eternal life:** “water of life & tree of life”
- **God's tangible presence:** “throne of God and of the Lamb” “and they will see his face”
- **Creation redeemed and restored:** “No longer will there be a curse upon anything”
- **Fulfilled human identity:** “God's servants will worship God & the Lamb who is Christ.”
- **Meaningful work and purpose:** “And they will reign forever and ever”

2) The promise of fulfillment:

Revelation 22:7-13, 20a “Look, **I am coming soon!** Blessed are those who obey the words of prophecy written in this book.” ⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw all these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me. ⁹But he said, “No, don't worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers the prophets, as well as all who obey what is written in this book. Worship only God!” ¹⁰Then he instructed me, “Do not seal up the prophetic words in this book, for the time is near. ¹¹Let the one who is doing harm continue to do harm; let the one who is vile continue to be vile; let the one who is righteous continue to live righteously; let the one who is holy continue to be holy.” ¹²“**Look, I am coming soon**, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End....²⁰He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, “**Yes, I am coming soon!**”

What are the implications of this picture of the future & the promise of fulfillment?

3) The posture necessary for Christ followers:

Revelation 22:14-21 Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life. ¹⁵Outside the city are the dogs—the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idol worshippers, and all who love to live a lie. ¹⁶“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star. ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.” Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life. ¹⁸And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book. ¹⁹And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book.²⁰He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon!” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's holy people.

- **We place our faith in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ to receive eternal life.**

Hebrews 9:13-15

- **We come to Christ to worship Him and receive the gift of grace provided.**
- **We honour and submit to the authority of God's Word over our lives.**

Big Idea: Worship God and live in light of the imminent return of Jesus Christ.

100 Days of Impact: Missional Challenge: Bless Teachers/Educators.

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service is from the New Living Translation (NLT).



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2. What has been a hi-light for you in the 100 Days of Impact journey? Where have you seen God working through this experience?
3. Read Revelation 22:1-6. What strikes you about what is promised about our future in Christ? What aspect of our future is most significant to you and why? What questions does this raise for you?
4. Read Revelation 22:7-13, 20. What promise does Jesus make to his followers and why should we trust that He will fulfill this promise? What additional commands are we given in this passage and what are the implications for us as a church?
5. Read Revelation 22:14-21. What "posture" is required for those who want to experience this promised future? What does Jesus mean to "come and receive and drink freely from the water of life"? What does this mean for you personally today?
6. Read Hebrews 9:13-15. In what ways does Christ's sacrifice on the cross supersede the animal sacrifice we see in the Old Testament? What does Christ accomplish by His sacrifice and what are the implications for us?
7. What does it look like for you to "live in light of the imminent return of Jesus Christ"? How does this impact your priorities: How you spend your time & money? What you invest in and build your life around?
8. What steps can you take as an individual and as an IC to live in light of the coming Kingdom and the return of Christ?

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