

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHS

Revelation 22:1-5 CSB

Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly wait for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 3:20 (CSB)

Then he showed me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb² down the middle of the city's main street. The tree of life was on each side of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations,³ and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him.⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.⁵ Night will be no more; people will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever.
Revelation 22:1-5 (CSB)

1. When we get there, we will be SUSTAINED by God. (Vs 1-2)

Then he showed me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb² down the middle of the city's main street. The tree of life was on each side of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations...

Revelation 22:1-2 (CSB)

Then one of the seven angels, who had held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me: "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."¹⁰ He then 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,¹¹ arrayed with God's glory. Her radiance was like a precious jewel, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.¹² The city had a massive high wall, with twelve gates. Twelve angels were at the gates; the names of the twelve tribes of Israel's sons were inscribed on the gates.¹³ There were three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.¹⁴ The city wall had twelve foundations, and the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb were on the foundations.¹⁵ The one who spoke with me had a golden measuring rod to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.¹⁶ The city is laid out in a square; its length and width are the same. He measured the city with the rod at 12,000 stadia. Its length, width, and height are equal.¹⁷ Then he measured its wall, 144 cubits according to human measurement, which the angel used.¹⁸ The building material of its wall was jasper, and the city was pure gold clear as glass.¹⁹ The foundations of the city wall were adorned with every kind of jewel: the first foundation is jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.²¹ The twelve gates are twelve pearls; each individual gate was made of a single pearl. The main street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ The one who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him." ³⁹ He said this about the Spirit. Those who believed in Jesus were going to receive the Spirit, for the Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 7:37-39 (CSB)

2. When we get there, we will be HEALED by God. (Vs 2b-3a)

The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations, ³ and there will no longer be any curse.

Revelation 22:2b-3a (CSB)

3. When we get there, we will still WORSHIP and SERVE God. (Vs 3b-4)

The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

Revelation 22:3b-4 (CSB)

4. When we get there, we will still BE LED by God. (Vs 5a)

Night will be no more; people will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light...

Revelation 22:5a (CSB)

I did not see a temple in it, because the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never close by day because it will never be night there. ²⁶ They will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. ²⁷ Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21:22-27 (CSB)

5. When we get there, we will REIGN WITH God. (Vs 5b)

... and they will reign forever and ever.

Revelation 22:5b (CSB)

"Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you will get neither."

C.S. Lewis