

# HOLY VOCABULARY

Eternal Life // Revelation 21:1-8; 22:1-5

**THE POINT:** We can live forever in the presence of God.

## THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

We all have our own ideas of what makes the perfect place to live, but no place is perfect. Problems still arise. And, of course, sin is ever present. Thankfully, this will one day change. God has promised His followers a perfect home with Him that will last for eternity. The apostle John gave us a brief glimpse into the eternal life that awaits those who follow Christ.

► **Where would you live if you could choose anywhere in the world?**

## REVELATION 21:1-5

Revelation 21 begins with an amazing picture. Whereas we all experience pain, frustration, conflict, or suffering, these will no longer be an issue. In their place will be “a new heaven and a new earth.” They will not merely be “new” in the sense of time, but in quality. The new heaven and earth will be better in every way compared to the earth we know now. Our new home will be unlike anything we’ve ever experienced! John referred to the new Jerusalem as “the holy city,” because everyone and everything inside it is righteous. This is the city where God’s redeemed people will live together in perfect harmony forever. No longer will we struggle in our relationships. Because sin and death have been defeated, all people will be devoted to the same purpose—the glory of God.

► **What are you most looking forward to about our eternal home?**

► **Why is it significant that God will dwell with His people?**

## REVELATION 21:6-8

The Lord made it clear that not everyone will enjoy the benefits and glories of the new heaven and new earth. All people have fallen short of God’s standards, and in the past, we may have been guilty of these sins. This verse is referring specifically to those who choose to remain in their sin rather than submit to Jesus. However, for anyone who repents (which means to change), forgiveness is available. God is preparing an amazing home where we will live eternally, but it is only for those who trust Jesus. Jesus is “the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father”—or His eternal home—without following Jesus as the only way (John 14:6).

► **How does the promise of eternity impact your life now?**

► **What does it mean for us to conquer?**

## REVELATION 22:1-5

We’ve been given a great picture of our eternal home, but what will we be doing? The Bible teaches we will:

► **Worship God:** We will certainly declare His praises, but worship is far more than singing—it’s our entire lives (Rom. 12:1). In eternity, all we do will be for God’s glory.

► **Serve God:** We are called “his servants,” but our service will not be burdensome. God gave Adam work to do before he and Eve sinned (Gen. 2:15), and the ways we serve God will be fulfilling.

► **Reign with God:** God is the sovereign and supreme Ruler over all creation, yet He will grant us the privilege to reign with Him forever.

► **In what ways does knowing how the story ends change your everyday life?**

► **What does this passage teach us about the heart of God?**



# LIVE IT OUT

Unit 1 // Session 6

## > CHRIST

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Eternal life doesn't begin when we die and go to heaven. It begins the moment we come to faith in Christ. For those who have trusted in Jesus, the old, carnal self has died and, by virtue of our being born again, we are new spiritual creatures.

> **How should the fact that you have eternal life—right now—impact the way you live?**

> **What will you do this week to demonstrate your thanks to God for eternal life?**

## > COMMUNITY

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As children of God, we are citizens of heaven. One of the ways we show this is through valuing the church and demonstrating faithfulness to God and to our church family.

**When you look at your life, where do your biggest loyalties lie?**

> **To your school, the team you play on, the band, your favorite college or pro sports team, something else?**

**How is God calling you to be a more fully devoted citizen of heaven, in the ways you...**

> **Relate to Him?**

> **Relate to your church family?**

## > CULTURE

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People are either citizens of heaven, or they're of the world and their father is the devil (John 8:44)—there's no in-between. Our mission is to share the gospel, so our neighbors would be rescued from darkness and brought into the light. This week, invite others to heaven.

> **Who do you know who has not placed his or her faith in Christ and has no hope of eternal life?**

> **Pray and seek opportunities to tell others how they can have eternal life in heaven with Christ.**