

### **The Doctrine of Heaven: Part 3**

**This is the third of a three-part series on The Doctrine of Heaven. For points I, II, and III see a copy of the January 15, 2006 *Connector*. For points IV and V see a copy of the January 22, 2006 *Connector*.**

#### **VI. Heaven's Manifold Blessings (22:1-5)**

1. The water of life will flow freely to all, v. 1; Ezek. 47:1; Zech. 14:8
2. The tree of life will provide fruit for healing of nations, v. 2; Ezek 47:12
3. The curse of sin in Gen. 3:13-24, will be removed forever, Rev 22:3
4. Throne of God and the Lamb will be there, signaling He is in control, v.3.
5. His servants shall "serve" him, *latereuo*, which also can mean "worship," v. 3.
6. Believers will have a new identity, which will be His name in foreheads, v.4.
7. Believers shall serve God and they shall reign with Him forever and ever, v. 5
8. With the curse removed and all blessings before the fall restored, Rev 22:1-3.
9. Rewards will be distributed to believers for faithful service during their earthly life (see the *Believer's Study Bible* note on 1 Pet. 5:4).
10. Other wonderful things we can not even imagine, Isa 64:4; 65:17; 1 Cor 2:9.

#### **VII. Heaven's Limited Access (22:14-17)**

1. **Blessed are they that do His commands** (older and better manuscripts say "wash their robes"), that they may enter the gates of the city, v. 14
2. **So how do I get in?** Accept God's grand invitation in verse 17. Freely drink of the water – the water is not free but the access has been paid for.
3. **The Spirit says come** – because He convicts you of your sin, Jn. 16:8-9 reproves of sin, righteousness and judgment, Rev 22:17.
4. **The Bride says come**, this is the invitation of the New Testament Church presented as the bride of Christ, Mt 25:1-13; Eph 5:23; Rev 19:7-10; 22:17.
5. **The Savior says come** unto Me all you that labor, Mt. 11:28. This is the call to trust Jesus as Lord and Savior, without which no one will enter (Jn 14:6).

**The final miraculous wonder of heaven is that God would allow us to go there, and that He sent His only begotten Son so that whosoever believes on Him should not perish but have everlasting life with Him in Heaven!!**

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