

WE BELIEVE!

WK VIII - NEW HEAVEN & EARTH

Consummation

We believe that the final blow delivered against Satan, sin and death will be brought to pass at the personal and glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ. When he returns, he will bring his kingdom to completion by delivering this world from Satan's power and handing it to the Father. The dead will be raised for final judgment, and Jesus will send the unbelieving to everlasting, conscious punishment. The redeemed will live with new spiritual bodies in a renewed creation on a new earth, enjoying the life of shalom with no sin, death or sorrow in the gladness of God's presence.

Key Scriptures for the Week

- Romans 6:5-11
 - 1 Corinthians 15
 - v1-11 (Resurrection of Christ)
 - v12-34 (Resurrection of the Dead)
 - v35-49 (Resurrection Body)
 - v50-58 (Mystery & Victory)
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:11
 - Isaiah 11:4-5; 32:1
- Revelation 20:4-6; 21

Key Points

- **Satan's Final Defeat:** Satan and his workers will be finally and totally restrained to a lake of fire where they will burn forever and ever in final judgment.
- **Jesus' Return:** Jesus will return personally, physically, and visibly to reign and bring home those who professed faith in Him.
- **Final Judgement:** Both the living and the dead will be brought before the throne of God's judgment seat and will answer for both their faith and works.
- **New Heaven & Earth:** Shalom will be restored; it will be as Eden had been meant to be; a place of perfect peace and relationship with God at the center of it all.
- **Eternal Life:** We are promised that those whose names are written in the book of life will inherit eternal life with Jesus. This will continue on forever and ever and will be the rest of the story for those who have put their hope in Christ alone.

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Discussion Questions:

- What do you imagine heaven will be like? How does that compare to what the Bible says?
- Why might it be important to believe in the resurrection of the dead?
- How does placing our hopes in Christ's return and our resurrection help us weather difficult seasons?
- What are some things you've heard about the End Times, but you're unsure of or confused by?
- What fears do you have about judgment day? What gives you hope?
- How important is it to know when Jesus will return? What does it mean to be ready?
- In what ways do "Redemption" and "New Heaven and Earth" connect?
- In what ways does the "New Heaven and Earth" tie back to "Creation"?

We Believe! Outside the Gate

Your uncle has died and you've been asked to give a speech at his memorial service. He attended church and would say he was a Christian; though his life did not often show His love for God. Many in the gathering do not love God, some would openly say so. There is prime opportunity for you to present Gospel truth...

- How does your view of redemption and eternal life impact what you will say?
- In what ways would your view of the New Heaven & Earth play into your speech?
- What are 3 or 4 key things you'd make sure you'd want to communicate?

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Summarize in your own words your beliefs about the New Heaven and New Earth.