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REVELATION 21:1-6

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In this powerful message, we're invited to embrace God's promise of making all things new. The central theme revolves around Revelation 21:1-6, where John describes a new heaven and earth.

This isn't just about cosmic renovation; it's about radical recreation in our lives. Like a master tailor, God doesn't just patch up our old selves but creates us anew from the inside out. We're challenged to stop bringing old furniture into God's new house - to let go of past traumas, insecurities, and borrowed identities. Instead, we're called to become the new city, the dwelling place where God resides permanently.

This message reminds us that we're not just saved from sin, but saved for a purpose - to be God's delight, His permanent residence. It's time for us to change our spiritual wardrobe, to stop dressing in our past and allow God to clothe us in His newness. This isn't just about our future in heaven; it's about allowing heaven to dwell within us now, transforming how we live and interact with the world around us.

SCRIPTURES FROM PULPIT AI

- Revelation 21:1-6
- Isaiah 65:17
- Isaiah 62:4-5
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Revelation 21:3-4
- Revelation 21:5





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Day 1: Embracing God's New Creation

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Devotional: Just as a master tailor creates a garment from scratch, God is in the business of making us entirely new.

Today's passage reminds us that in Christ, we are a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come! I'd like you to reflect on areas of your life where you're still clinging to old patterns or identities. How might God be inviting you to embrace your new identity in Christ? Remember, God doesn't just patch up our old selves - He recreates us from the inside out. Today, ask God to help you see yourself through His eyes, as a beautifully crafted new creation.

Day 2: Living in God's Presence

Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

Devotional: The image of the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven reminds us that God desires to dwell among His people. He's not a distant deity, but a loving Father who wants to make His home with us. Consider how you've experienced God's presence in your life. Are there areas where you've kept God at arm's length?

Today, invite God to "move in" to every aspect of your life - your thoughts, your relationships, your work. As you go about your day, practice awareness of God's constant presence with you.

Day 3: Letting Go of the Past

Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19

Devotional: God calls us to forget the former things and not dwell on the past. Like a tailor who doesn't reuse old, worn-out fabric, God invites us to let go of our past hurts, failures, and disappointments. What "old furniture" are you still carrying into God's new house for you? It might be guilt, shame, or unforgiveness.

Today, prayerfully release these things to God. Ask Him to help you see the new thing He is doing in your life. Trust that His plans for you are for good, to give you hope and a future.





Day 4: Embracing God's Transformative Love

Reading: Romans 8:31-39

Devotional: Nothing can separate us from God's love - not even our past mistakes or current struggles. This passage assures us that we are more than conquerors through Christ. Reflect on times when you've felt unworthy of God's love. How does knowing that you're "tailor-made" by God challenge those feelings?

Today, meditate on God's unconditional love for you. Let it sink deep into your soul that you are God's delight, His masterpiece. Allow this truth to transform how you see yourself and how you interact with others.

Day 5: Living as God's Dwelling Place

Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Devotional: As believers, we are God's temple - His dwelling place. This is both a profound privilege and a great responsibility. How does knowing that God's Spirit lives in you change your perspective on your daily life? Consider the implications for how you treat your body, mind, and spirit.

Today, ask God to help you live in a way that honors His presence within you. Be mindful of your thoughts, words, and actions. Let your life be a beautiful reflection of the God who has chosen to make His home in you.





SMALL GROUP GUIDE: “A New Fit Just for You”

Opening Prayer:

Key Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6

Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor talks about God's "radical recreation" versus renovation. How do you see this concept applying to your own spiritual life?
2. What old "furniture" or habits might you be holding onto that God wants to replace with something new?
3. The sermon mentions that "God doesn't tailor trash." How does this perspective change how you view yourself and others?
4. Reflect on the idea of being "God's delight." How does this impact your self-worth and relationship with God?
5. The pastor says, "Stop looking for a new place. You become the place and allow God to dwell in you." What does this mean to you practically?
6. How can we live as "the church" rather than just attending church?
7. What "old tenants" (fear, shame, guilt, hurt) do you need to evict from your life to make room for God's indwelling?





Practical Applications:

1. Write down one area of your life where you need God's "radical recreation" and commit to praying about it daily this week.
2. Practice the "Don't look back" cadence daily. When tempted to dwell on past failures or hurts, say out loud: "I'm not going back. I'm moving forward."
3. Identify one "old tenant" (fear, shame, guilt, hurt) in your life and take a concrete step to "evict" it this week (e.g., through prayer, counseling, or accountability).
4. Each morning this week, start your day by declaring: "I am God's delight, and He is making me new."
5. Look for opportunities to be "the church" in your daily life, not just on Sundays.

Key Takeaways:

1. God is creating a new cosmos, not just renovating the old one.
2. We are called to be the new city, not just inhabit it.
3. God desires permanent, intimate communion with us.
4. Our identity is in Christ, not in our past or others' expectations.
5. God makes all things new, including us

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His promise to make all things new, including each group member. Ask for the courage to embrace this new identity and live it out daily.

