

I Am Making

Revelation 21:1-8

Intro:

- We continue our study to understand our God:
 - Each name is His revelation
 - Each Title is His Heart
- Revelation unfolds with judgment
 - Through Anti-Christ and his evil
 - From God upon man's refusal to repent (9:20,21)
- In the midst, God's plan is still to create:
 - Make all things new...

I. The Reality of NEW (1-3)

- From the time of Genesis, God is MAKING
 - He puts all things right in 7 days, except our hearts
 - We were the ones who brought sin in
- God is infinite at NEW (*kainos*, unworn, fresh)
 - New celestial heaven; New earth, New Jerusalem
 - God creates FOR our benefit...
 - To be “among men” (*skenoo* – to abide with, dwell)
 - We will BE His People – finally!!!
 - The Garden made real... no figs, robes!

II. The Reality of PERFECT (4-6)

- Life will find its perfection in Christ
 - God will handle all the effects of the past
 - No taint of sin, no remnant of failures...
 - Not so much wipe as blot! (*exaleipho*)
- No results or remnants of our failures:
 - No Death, No Mourning or Crying
 - The ΑΩ, Beginning and End – He has been there!
 - The thirsty - from the springs of water of life
 - No Cost, it has already been paid!

III. The Reality of OVERCOMING (7-8)

- He who OVERCOMES (*nikao*) pres. active
 - We are not here to be defeated by sin and failure
 - God has made the possibility real
 - I will BE ... you will be... SONS!
- Those who fail?
 - Cowards/timid – failing to stand for Christ
 - Unbelievers – will not believe...
 - Polluted – by the world (thorns and thistles)
 - Murders, *pornos*, liars, *pharmakeus*
 - Idolaters – which is coveting...

Focus:

- The New is being prepared right now (Jn 14)
 - It is given, NEVER earned!!!
 - Heavens, Earth, Jerusalem
 - Without scars or dangers...
- His Presence at last!
 - Faithful and true are His promises (5)
 - Blotted tears, new waters of LIFE
- To those who OVERCOME...
 - What stands in your way today?