

Revelation 21:6-11

This morning we're getting into the New Jerusalem.

In response to a question brought up in the audience: Death = the body stops to function physically. No heartbeat or breathe. The soul leaves the body immediately. The body goes into the grave and deteriorates. The soul goes on to another world immediately, and yes, you have consciousness. The human body loses 1.5-2 ounces at the time of death, according to a recent study. That must be how much the soul weighs. For animals, the body did not lose any weight at all. The Jews had a superstition that the spirit and soul stayed with the body for 3 days, so that's why they keep dead bodies around for 3 days. If you're a Christian, your soul goes to heaven immediately. If you're a Christian, your physical body will be raised when Christ returns. Our body today is powered by the blood. Our body after Christ returns will be powered by the Spirit.

Rev 21:6...God says these things will be. "It is done." There is no doubt that the fountain of the water of life will be.

Vs7: we're not just going to be somebody in the neighborhood in heaven, no; we'll be God's sons and daughters, God's child, and all the emotions that go with that – the love, the caring, the concern, and the protection.

Vs8: Those who are fearful to proclaim the Lord as their Savior, the unbelieving, the sinners, the abominable (horrible), sorcerers (drug abusers using drugs to get in communication with another spirit world); God doesn't say this spirit world isn't there, but that we should leave that stuff alone. Idolaters are those who give worship to things other than God...your house, kids, car, house, boy/girlfriend, possessions, etc. Liars – that's self-explanatory. All these people will be thrown in the lake of fire, the second death. The second death is complete separation from God. There is no end to this burning and torture and cravings for things on this earth, like a drink of water. 50% people on this earth believe that there is a God; way less will use the name Jesus Christ.

Vs9: We went through the seven vials and seven last plagues. We know the bride will be the church.

Vs10: notice the term, the HOLY Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. It never says that this city actually sits on the Earth, but rather it is suspended above.

Vs11: the city was beautiful, glowing like a precious stone. The city will be so incredibly beautiful that John gives the best human terms to describe this city that he can, but it still doesn't do it justice. It will be totally awesome! Some say it will be like a gigantic cut and polished diamond, 1500 miles square.

Isaiah 64:4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. We have no concept of the beauty that God has prepared for us and waits for us.

Isaiah 65:9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there

Isaiah 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. He's talking about Israel here.

I Cor 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. We can't even imagine what God has prepared for us. For the unbeliever, the earth is the best it's going to get. For us Christians, this is the worst it will ever get.