

Text: Revelation 21:3-5  
Topic: The New Jerusalem.  
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# Divine Solutions

*The New Jerusalem Sounds Great, But What About... ?*

21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." (NIV)

## 1. What About \_\_\_\_\_? (v.3)

*\* The Problem...*

*\* God's Solution: \_\_\_\_\_!*

## 2. What About \_\_\_\_\_? (v.4a)

*\* The Problem...*

*\* God's Solution: \_\_\_\_\_!*

## 3. What About \_\_\_\_\_? (v.4b-5)

*\* The Problem...*

*\* God's Solution: \_\_\_\_\_!*

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you to apply the principles to your life situation.*

1. When one is to really contemplate the holiness and perfection of God, living with him begins to sound like a scary proposition. With a realistic awareness of your imperfect track record ponder for a few minutes the words of Hebrews 10:30-31. How do these verses make you feel?

How then is it that the Bible sets before us the "hope" and "joy" of living with God?

Do you think you have minimized the holiness and purity of God when contemplating the afterlife? In other words, have you been quick to embrace of the idea of "living with God" without yearning for a personal and complete transformation?

Read Romans 8:29. Knowing that none of us are completely "conformed" to his image while on this earth, what affinity do you feel to the Apostle Paul's words in Romans 8:19-23?

2. Read 1 John 3:2. What is your reaction to this truth?

Read 1 John 3:3. Why do you think the hope of 1 John 3:2 would lead the Christian to purify himself now? Why the connection?

When contemplating the Christian's future perfection (full conformity to the image of Christ), what things come to mind that need to be "purified" in your life right now?

3. Read Isaiah 65:17-19. What is your response to the fact that God will replace our painful memories with joy?

What effect does the promise of a "fresh start" have on you now—especially as you attempt to deal with painful memories?

4. The new world and the New Jerusalem is often described in the Bible by spotlighting the things that won't be there. Why do you think God spent so much time describing it this way?

What are you most looking forward to about an environment of total protection?