



“God Will Be With Us”

December 20, 2020

Revelation 21:1-5

Part 3 of “God With Us”

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).”

-Matthew 1:23

Advent, means _____

This Christmas:

1. Prepare Him Room in your _____ (21:1-3)

a. In Your _____ .

b. In Your _____ .

c. In Your _____ .

2. Prepare Him Room in your _____ (21:1b, 4-5)

a. _____ will be no more.

b. _____ will be no more.

c. _____ will be fulfilled.

ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION FOR FAMILIES

Consider ways you make preparation for Jesus' Second Coming part of this Christmas. What can you do physically (space, spending, schedule) to prepare room? What can you do spiritually (evil, suffering, longings) to prepare room? How can you keep Jesus, Immanuel, central this Christmas season?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Text: Revelation 21:1-5.

Dig Deeper: Grab a good study Bible that has notes, a concordance, or a cross-reference system and study ideas, words, and themes from this passage deeper.

The Scriptures tell us of the New Heavens and New Earth that will be our home for eternity. We don't know a whole lot, but in what aspects do you think there will be continuity between the present heavens and earth and the New Heavens and New Earth? And in what ways might they be completely different?

Where might you need to do some decluttering in your life these days? At home? At work? Online?

What are some ideas for decreasing unnecessary spending and increasing generosity in your finances?

COVID has impacted our schedules. What challenges to your schedule are you currently facing? Moving forward, how can you invest more time in your priorities and important relationships with God and others?

What evils that you have seen and experienced bother you the most? That you most look forward to it being gone in the New Heavens and New Earth?

What sins, temptations, and struggles do you have that you look forward to not having to battle any longer?

Read Ecclesiastes 3:11, NLT, "Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end." Which eternal longings most resonate in your heart right now: for A. God's Presence, B. Eternal Home, C. Justice and Peace, or D. Rest and Safety?

Heavenly Father, this Christmas we remember Christ's return and the ultimate restoration of all things. We praise you that one day you God will make all things new. Forgive us for forgetting eternity. Holy Spirit, prepare us for that glorious day. Help us to live today in light of eternity. Help us share the light of eternity with others. Come Lord Jesus, Amen.