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New Heaven and New Earth Revelation

21:1-7



¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”





Revelation 21:1

- Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,

Good News!

All the option 1, 2, 3 is over.

We are in the Eternal State.



Revelation 21 is the fulfillment of 2 Peter 3:13:

**But according to His promise
we are waiting for new heavens
and a new earth in which
righteousness dwells.**



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Turn Back To

Isaiah 65:17ff



A Comparison of Isaiah's Prophecy to John's Vision in Revelation

Isaiah 65:17-19	Revelation 21:1-4
17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth	1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
17 and the former things shall not be remembered	4 for the former things have passed away."
18 I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.	2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
19 no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.	4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,

Let me show you one
study Bible's
commentary and
unfortunate bias on
this text.



65:17 new heavens and a new earth. Israel's future kingdom will include a temporal kingdom of a thousand years (see notes on Rev. 20:1–10) and an eternal kingdom in God's new creation (51:6, 16; 54:10; 66:22; cf. Rev. 21:1–8). The prophet uses the eternal kingdom here as a reference point for both. Isaiah's prophecy does not make clear the relationship between the kingdom's two aspects as does later prophecy (Rev. 20:1–21:8). This is similar to the compression of Christ's first and second advents, so that in places they are indistinguishable (cf. 61:1, 2).

John MacArthur



Sandwiched between two prophecies about a new heaven and a new earth

Isaiah 65:17

**Is content that is often
ascribed to the post
return of Christ
millennial kingdom
BUT should not be!**

Isaiah 66:22

Look @ v. 20



Isaiah 65:20

- No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, **for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.**

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**This is hyperbolic and
symbolic/figurative
language—it should not be
understood to be literal.**



Isaiah 65:21-22

- They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; **for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be**, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

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Isaiah 65:25

- The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, **and dust shall be the serpent's food.** They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

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If John MacArthur is correct and these passages should be understood to refer to a post return of Christ 1000 year kingdom on this earth before the new heaven and new earth then we have virtually no prophetic descriptions of the eternal state in the OT.

The eternal state that goes on forever and ever and the one that is the final destination for all believers forever and ever.

That which is the consummation of all things.



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What precedes the new heaven and new earth in Revelation?



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Let's Read

Isaiah 66:15 to the end



¹⁵ “For behold, the LORD will come in fire, and his chariots like the whirlwind, to render his anger in fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. ¹⁶ For by fire will the LORD enter into judgment, and by his sword, with all flesh; and those slain by the LORD shall be many. ¹⁷ “Those who sanctify and purify themselves to go into the gardens, following one in the midst, eating pig’s flesh and the abomination and mice, shall come to an end together, declares the LORD. ¹⁸ “For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹ and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰ And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹ And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. ²² “For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³ From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD. ²⁴ “And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.”



A Comparison of Isaiah's Prophecy to John's Visions in Revelation

Isaiah	Revelation
<p>66:15 “For behold, the LORD will come in fire, and his chariots like the whirlwind, to render his anger in fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.</p>	<p>20:9 And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them,</p>
<p>66:16 For by fire will the LORD enter into judgment, and by his sword, with all flesh; and those slain by the LORD shall be many.</p>	<p>19:21 And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.</p>

A Comparison of Isaiah's Prophecy to John's Visions in Revelation

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<p>66:18 “For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues.</p>	
<p>66:18. And they shall come and shall see my glory,</p>	<p>21:23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.</p>

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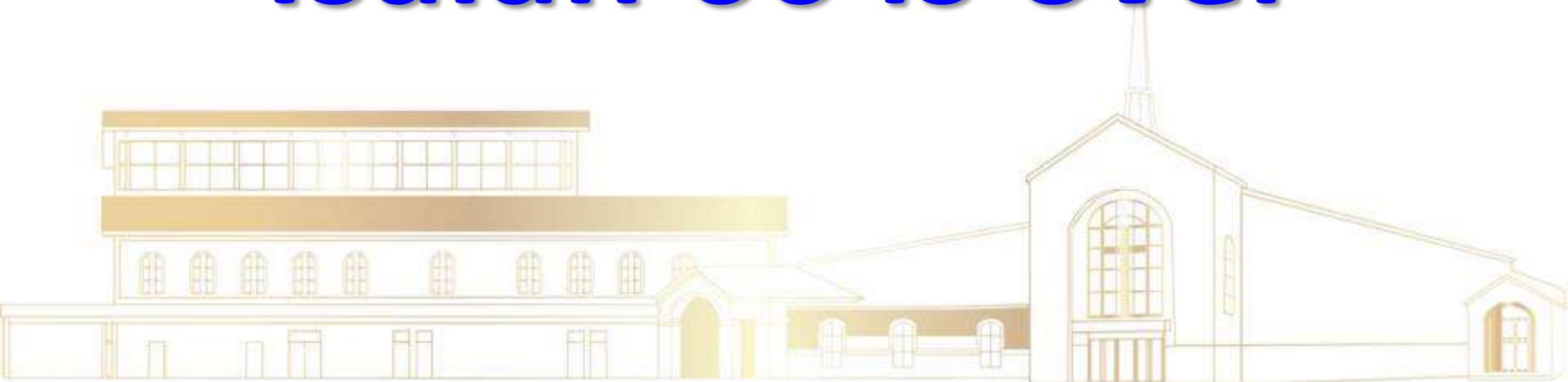
Isaiah	Revelation
<p>66:20 on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD,</p>	<p>21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,</p>
<p>66:21 And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.</p>	<p>20:6 Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ,</p>

A Comparison of Isaiah's Prophecy to John's Visions in Revelation

Isaiah	Revelation
<p>66:22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD,</p>	<p>21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,</p>
<p>66:23 From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.</p>	<p>22:3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.</p>

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**One more
comparison and
Isaiah 66 is over**



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Isaiah	Revelation
<p>66:24 “And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.”</p>	<p>22:14–15 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.</p>



Revelation 21:1

- Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

no more sea. Currently three-fourths of the earth's surface is water, but the new environment will no longer be water-based and will have completely different climatic conditions.

John MacArthur

IMO—that is just a ridiculous unnecessary note; let me show you a much better note.



The sea was no more does not mean there will be no bodies of water in the new earth (cf. 21:6; 22:1–2) but refers to the source of earthly rebellion, chaos, and danger—the sea from which the beast emerged (13:1; Dan. 7:3). This symbolic (or literal) source of rebellion will no longer threaten creation’s perfection.

[The ESV Study Bible](#)



Daniel 7:3

- And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

Symbolically beasts come out of the sea; therefore, the source of the beasts have been eliminated.

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Revelation 21:2



•And I saw the **holy city, new**
Jerusalem, coming down
out of heaven from God, prepared
as a bride adorned for her
husband.

Galatians 4:26

- But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.

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This is a holy city because this is the city of God and nothing unholy is allowed to enter this city.

Are you unholy?

There is NO unholy holy—God's people are characterized by striving for personal holiness.





Revelation 21:3

• And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.

OR



Revelation 21:3

• And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with man.

God Dwells with Man

- 1) In the Garden of Eden God dwelt with Adam and Eve (Gen 2).**
- 2) God dwelt among his people through the Tabernacle and then the Temple (Ex 29).**
- 3) The Son of God dwelt among us (John 1).**
- 4) The Holy Spirit dwells in you (John 14; Romans 8).**
- 5) _____**





Revelation 21:3

• And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Plural

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be with them, and be their God.

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Textus Receptus

21:3 καὶ ἤκουσα φωνῆς μεγάλης ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ λεγούσης Ἰδού ἡ ὥρη
τοῦ θεοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων καὶ σκηνώσει μετ' αὐτῶν καὶ αὐτοὶ λαοὶ
αὐτοῦ ἔσονται καὶ αὐτὸς ὁ θεός ἔσται μετ' αὐτῶν θεός αὐτῶν

Interlinear Reverse Interlinear Root

English (KJV) [?]	Strong's	Transliterated
And	g2532	καὶ kai
I heard.	g191	ἀκούω akouō
a great	g3173	μέγας megas

Inflected Word: λαοὶ

Root Form: λαός

Strong's: G2992

Speech: Noun

Parsing: Nominative Masculine Plural

PARSE

Multi-Verse Retrieval

For example: Gen 1:1-15; Rev 3: 4; Jer 21:10

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Reverse Interlinear**Root****Strong's****Transliterated**

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For example: Gen 1:1

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Revelation 21:3

• And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Peoples

- As in NOT one particular people.
- This is ALL of God's peoples.
- This is now one diverse group of peoples.





Revelation 21:4

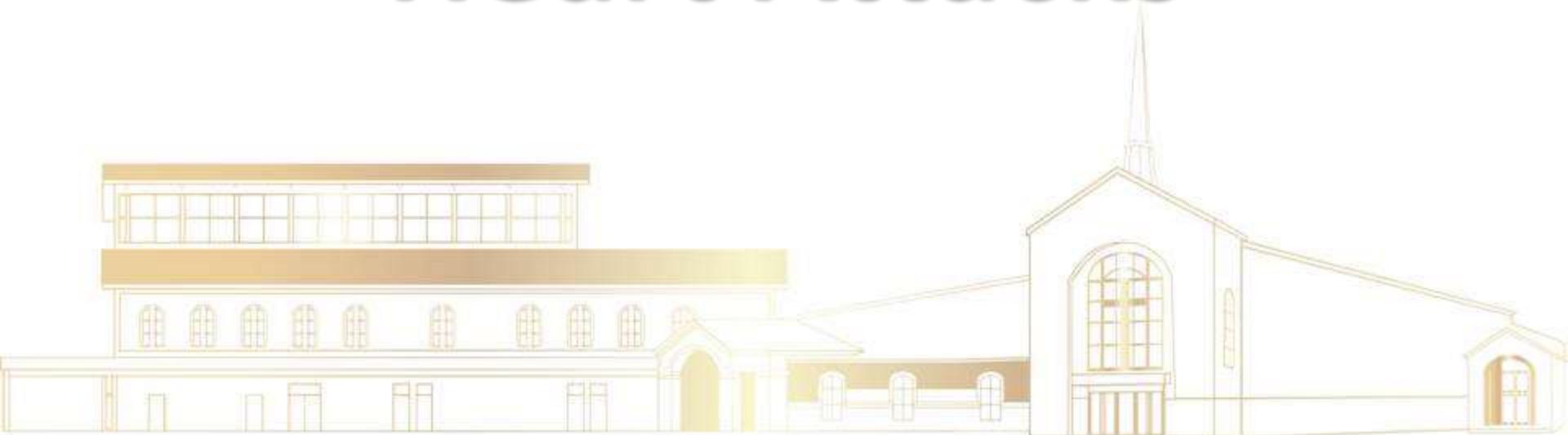
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No More Deployments **Deployments**



No More Heart Attacks



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No More Drunk Driving **Fatalities**



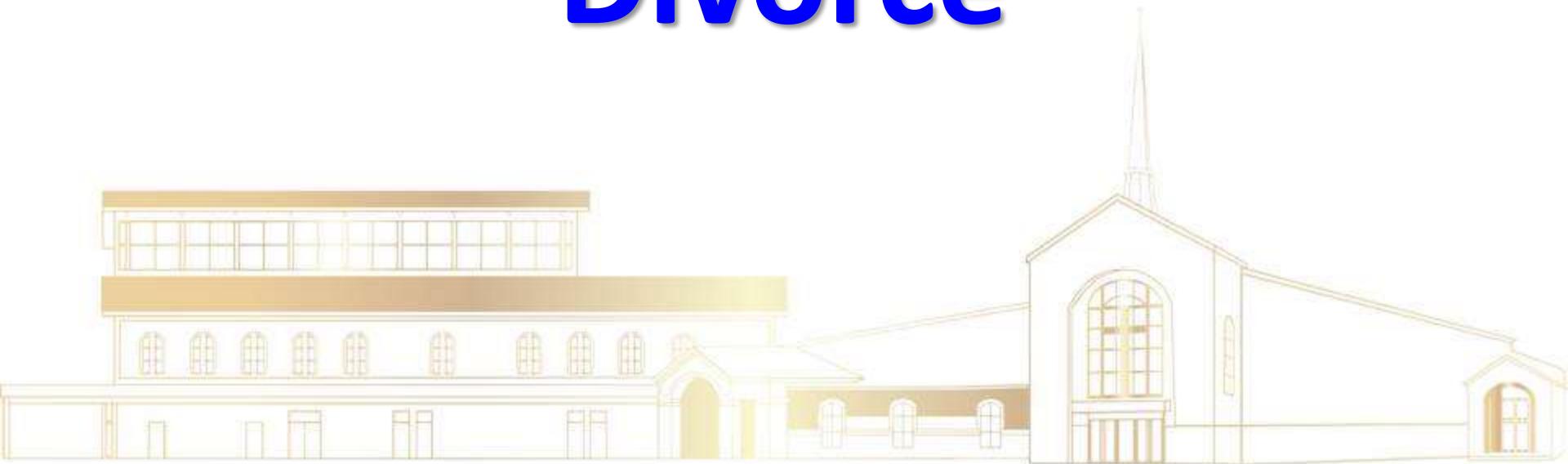
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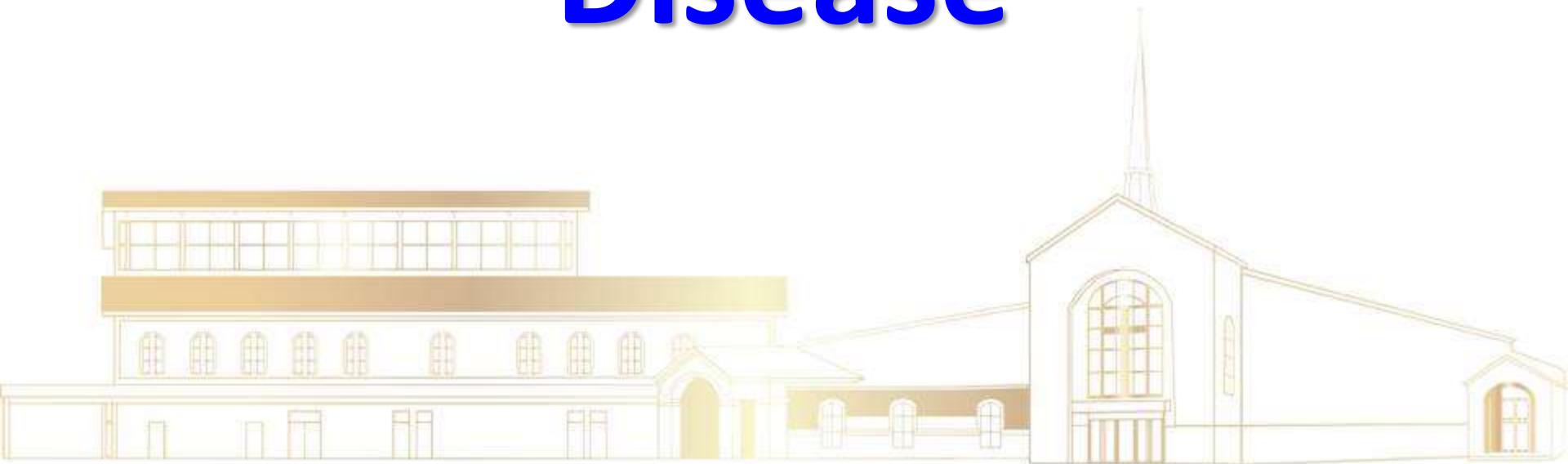
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No More Divorce



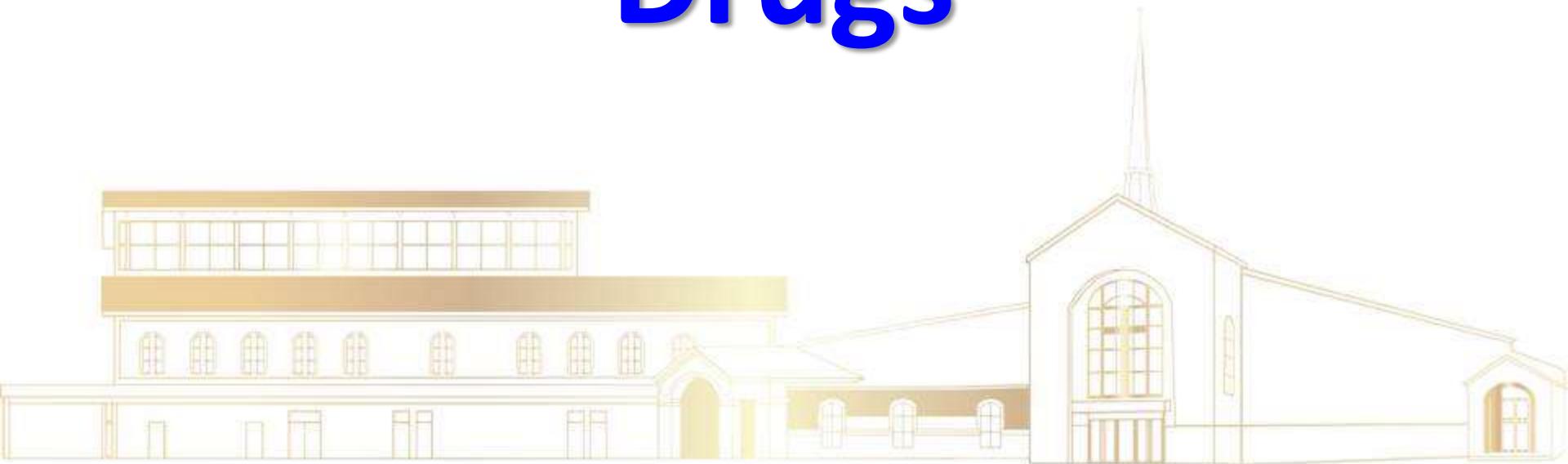
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No More Disease



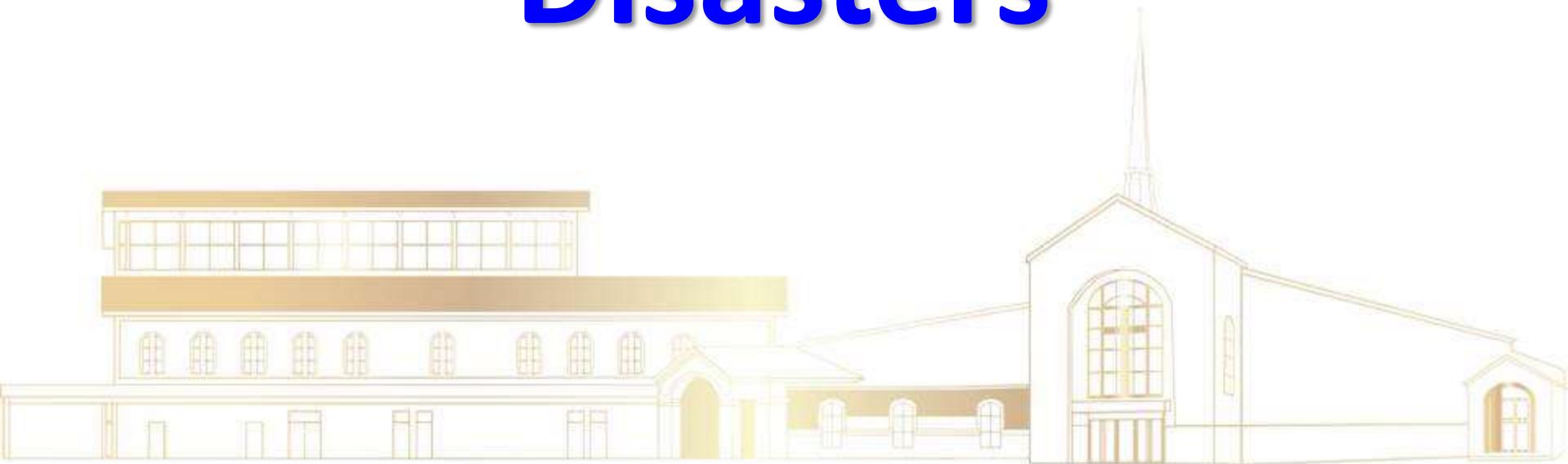
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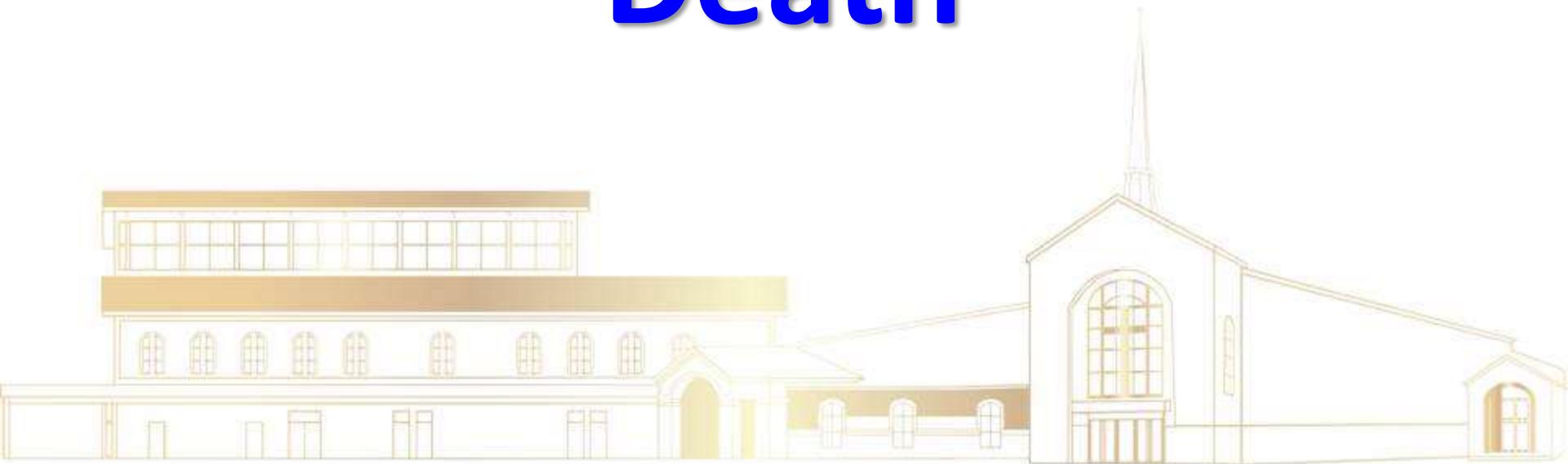


No More Destruction



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No More Death





Revelation 21:5

- And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”
- Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

All Things New

- New Covenant (Luk 22:20)
- New lump (1 Cor 5:7)
- New creation (2 Cor 5:17)
- New body (1 Cor 15:44)
- New name (Rev. 2:17)
- New song (Rev 5:9)
- New earth (2 Pet 3:13)
- New heaven (2 Pet 3:13)
- New Jerusalem (Rev 3:12)



Revelation 21:5



•Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

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Trustworthy & True



Revelation 21:6



- And he said to me, “**It is done!**
- I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

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**Notice the message
of this highly
symbolic language.**





Revelation 21:6

•To the thirsty I will give
from the spring of the
water of life without
payment.

Free

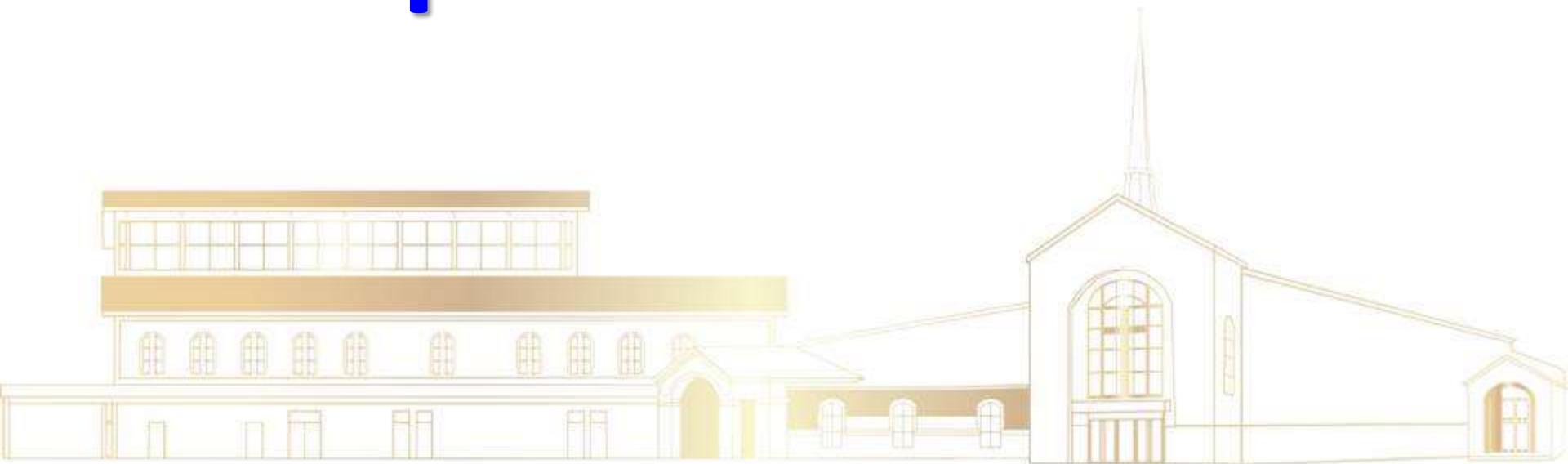
Salvation or eternal life or the forgiveness of all your sins is a gift from God:

- You didn't buy it.
- You didn't earn it.
- You didn't deserve it.
- You didn't trade for it.
- You didn't acquire it.



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**YET believers must
conquer or overcome**



Revelation 21:7



•The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

And Another Translation

Revelation 21:7



•He that overcometh
shall inherit all things;
and I will be his God, and he shall
be my son.

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**This is NOT new John
told us this all the
way back in chapter 2**





Revelation 2:7

•He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

What must I conquer?

**What must I be
victorious over?**

What must I overcome?



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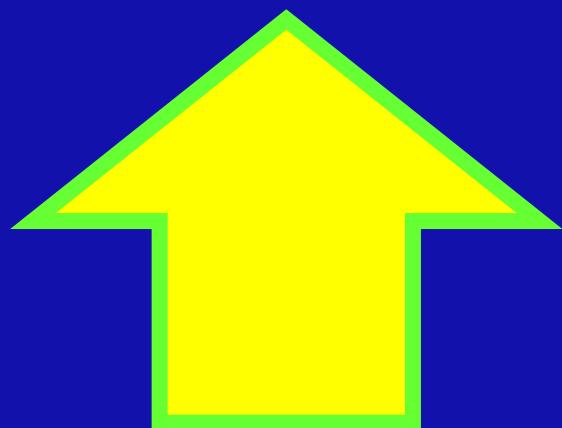
1 John 5:4-5

Gives us the answer to
what must I overcome or
conquer.



1 John 5:4–5

- For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.



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**Our faith that there is one true and living God
whose one and only eternal Son is the man Christ
Jesus.**

**Our faith that God the Father, God the Son and God
the Spirit created all things including humans as
exclusive image bearers of God Himself.**

**Our faith that sin is NOT a construct of society but
a transgression of God's law and must be punished.**

**Our faith that the Bible is the Word of God
preserved for our edification and knowledge.**



Our faith that the eternal Son of God was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and dwelt among humanity without sin for three decades.

Our faith that God made Jesus (who knew no sin) to be sin for us (literally an atoning sacrifice) when the Romans crucified Him on cross 2000 years ago in the city of Jerusalem.



Our faith that Jesus rose from the dead on the third death crushing the head of the Serpent and showed himself alive for 40 days on this earth with many infallible proofs.

Our faith that this same Jesus who rose from the dead ascended to heaven to sit on the right hand of God the Father where He remains alive forever to make intercession for all who believe.



Finally

Our faith that this same Jesus is returning as the King of Kings to destroy His enemies, death, and the devil, judge the living and the dead, reward His saints, create new heavens and a new earth, and establish an eternal kingdom in which only the righteous dwell forever with God.



**Now if you think I am
putting too much emphasis
on the importance of
keeping the faith or
remaining a believer look @
1 John 5:5.**



1 John 5:5

- Who is it **that overcomes** the world except **the one who believes** that Jesus is the Son of God?

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This is non-negotiable: —you must remain a believer to inherit eternal life.

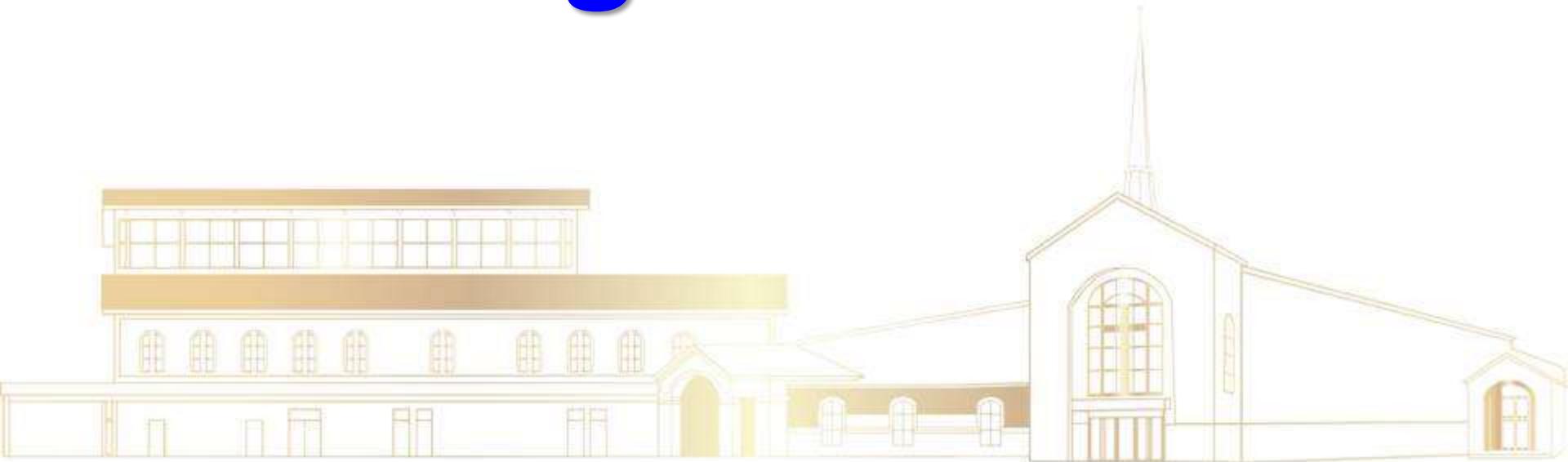
You must overcome Satan's effort to steal your faith away from you.

You must keep the faith.



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**This is NOT a new
message from John.**





Revelation 14:12

- Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.



Revelation 13:10 (NET)

- If anyone is meant for captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed by the sword, then by the sword he must be killed. This requires steadfast endurance and faith from the saints.

Ephesians 6:16

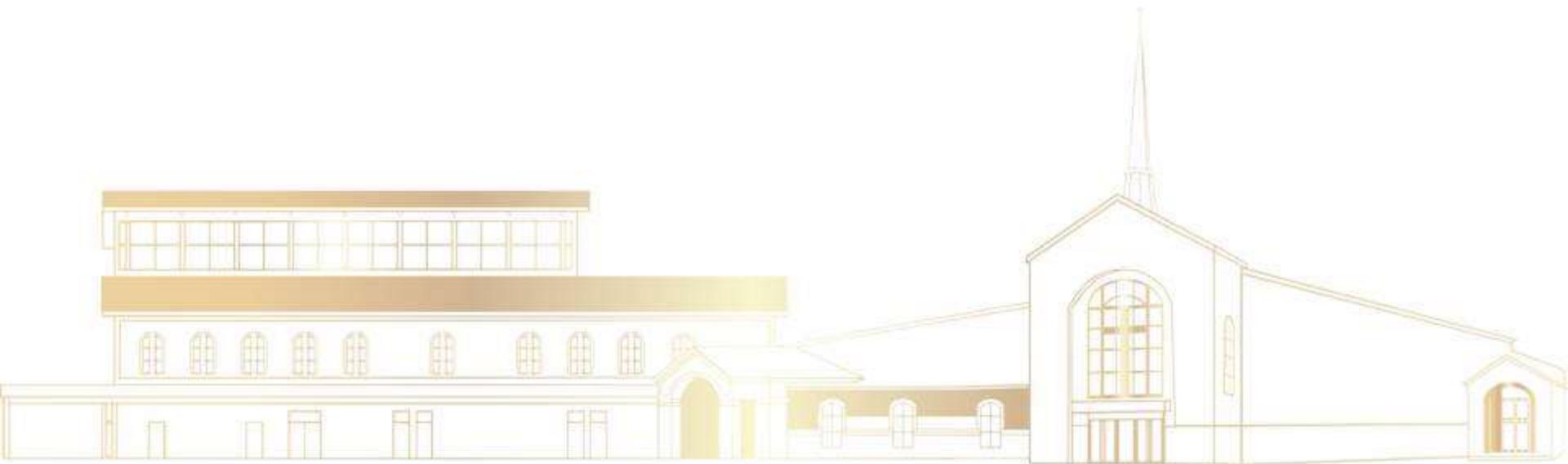
- In all circumstances **take up the shield of faith,** with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

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**Unbelievers DO NOT
inherit eternal life.**





Revelation 21:8

- **But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, their that KJV and NET. which is the second death.”**

Let me show you the

KJV and NET.



Revelation 21:8 (KJV)

- **But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**



Revelation 21:8 (NET)

- But to the cowards, unbelievers, detestable persons, murderers, the sexually immoral, and those who practice magic spells, idol worshipers, and all those who lie, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. That is the second death.”