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23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Two weeks ago, we began looking at the Lord Jesus Christ as *“The Light of the World.”* Last week, we considered 1 Jn. 1:5-7 to see Him described as *“God is Light,”* a similar, yet different perspective of the Lord. He came to bring the light of salvation unto the world, as our Intercessor, He is light, providing fellowship with His children who are walking in the light, and throughout eternity, His glorious presence will provide all that is needed in the New Jerusalem. In the passage tonight, we are “Seeing the Light at the End of the Tunnel” for us – and a preview of the beginning of *“The Light in the New Jerusalem.”*

# I. THE SOURCE OF LIGHT

## A. There Will Be No Sanctuary

Rev. 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

- ❖ In the future, the Lord Jesus Christ will manifest His place of preeminence in glory.
- ❖ Believers know that He should have the preeminence in the present, but too often put themselves, their desires, and personal focus as preeminent.

Col. 1:16 For **by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And **he is before all things, and by him all things consist.**

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

❖ As the Creator, He has made all things and only wants mankind to worship Him, personally.

Acts 7:48 **Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands**; as saith the prophet,  
49 *Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?*  
50 *Hath not my hand made all these things?*  
51 *Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, **ye do always resist the Holy Ghost**: as your fathers did, so do ye.*

❖ The temple today is within the believers:

1 Cor. 6:19 **What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?***

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

B. There Will Be No Substitutes

Rev. 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for **the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is the light thereof.***

- ❖ If the Lord Jesus is the center of glory in eternity, should He not be the center of the believer's life right now?
- ❖ The life lived by the believer should be one radiating the light of Christ at all times.

Mt. 5:16 **Let your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works, **and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**



## C. There Will Be No Secrets

Rev. 21:24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

❖ The gates are open and there is no night – all is open, for all to see.

❖ Accountability before God includes the words spoken, even those spoken privately.

Luke 12:1 In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, **Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.**

2 For **there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed**; neither hid, that shall not be known.

3 Therefore **whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.**

Mt. 12:36 But I say unto you, That **every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.**

37 For **by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.**

#### D. There Will Be No Sinners

Rev. 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but **they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

❖ Eternity is only inhabited by those considered righteous in the eyes of God Who is Holy.

Rom. 4:22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

Eph. 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein **he hath made us accepted in the beloved.**

❖ The exclusiveness of eternity is totally dependent upon knowing the Lord Jesus Christ!

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

## II. THE SERVICE OF LOVE, Rev. 22:1-5

### A. The Life of that City

Rev. 22:1 And he shewed me a pure **river of water of life**, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

❖ The source of life in the New Jerusalem is via the “Water of Life,” the Lord Jesus Christ.

## B. The Loyalty of that City

Rev. 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and **his servants shall serve him:**

❖ True servants of Christ are loyal to Him on earth and in the New Jerusalem.

## C. The Lord of that City

Rev. 22:4 And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.

- ❖ The personal relationship is the pinnacle of eternity for the believer.
- ❖ Clarity of fellowship with the Lord was His promise in Jn. 14:3:

Jn. 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that **where I am, there ye may be also.**

## D. The Light of that City

Rev. 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for **the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.**

❖ The Lord is the Light and provides believers with the light needed to fulfill their service as “kings and priests.”

Rev. 1:6 And hath **made us kings and priests unto God and his Father**; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev. 5:10 And hast **made us unto our God kings and priests:** and **we shall reign on the earth.**





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## Summary

- ❖ There Will Be No Sanctuary.
- ❖ There Will Be No Substitutes.
- ❖ There Will Be No Secrets.
- ❖ There Will Be No Sinners.
- ❖ The Life of that City is Dependent upon the Lord Jesus.
- ❖ The Loyalty of that City is Dedicated to the Lord Jesus.
- ❖ The Lord of that City is Definitely the Lord Jesus.
- ❖ The Light of that City is Derived from the Lord Jesus.

## Conclusion

1 Jn. 3:1 **Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us**, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 **Beloved, now are we the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; **for we shall see him as he is.**

3 And every man that hath this hope in him **purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**

# Face to Face with Christ, My Savior | Carrie E. Breck

1. Face to face with Christ, my Savior,  
Face to face—what will it be,  
When with rapture I behold Him,  
Jesus Christ who died for me?

◦ *Refrain:*

Face to face I shall behold Him,  
Far beyond the starry sky;  
Face to face in all His glory,  
I shall see Him by and by!

2. Only faintly now I see Him,  
With the darkened veil between,  
But a blessed day is coming,  
When His glory shall be seen.

3. What rejoicing in His presence,  
When are banished grief and pain;  
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry,  
And the dark things shall be plain.

4. Face to face—oh, blissful moment!  
Face to face—to see and know;  
Face to face with my Redeemer,  
Jesus Christ who loves me so.

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