

## ***“The Blessings of the New Paradise”***

### **Revelation 22:1-5**

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*To John and to us it is given to see the chief blessings of the “New Paradise.”*

## **1. The Experience of Eternal Life in All of Its Fullness!**

vv. 1-3

### **(1) Here we see Eden Restored, Escalated, Expanded!**

-1- **Still in view: The new heaven and new earth (21:1)** - “new” – newness of *quality*

### **-2- The “Bride-city-temple” of vv. 9-27 fills the whole earth!**

- Eden: The original dwelling place of God with Man Gen. 2-3

- Here, the whole earth has become the temple – the dwelling place of God.

### **(2) Endless Supply of Life**

**-1- The Water of Life** *“And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.”*

- OT: Gen. 2:10; Ezek. 47:1-12

- Life-giving water flows from God and the Lamb

- The whole environment sustained and refreshed by it

**-2- The Tree of Life** v. 2 *“In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”*

- OT: Gen. 2:9; 3:22f; Ezek. 47

- The “Eternal State Tree!”

- Its fruit, abundant; constant supply

- Its leaves having healing properties; healing from all the effects of the curse.

**(3) No More Curse!** v. 3 *“And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it...”*

- The curse of physical & spiritual death set upon the human race in the first garden Gen. 3

- The curse upon the created order because of man’s sin

What’s the point?

## **2. The Experience of Intimacy with God in All of Its Fullness!**

vv. 4-5

**(1) “They shall see His face”** *“They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.”*

- **The ages-long “impossible dream” fulfilled!**

- Ps. 27:4, 8; 65:4 (Expectation: Ps. 17:15; Job 19:25-26)

- Moses Privilege: Num. 12:8 (34:29-35); Request and Answer: Ex. 33:18-23 (34:5-7)

- **Fulfilled in Jesus!** 1 Jn. 3:2

### **(2) “His name shall be on their foreheads”**

- **Sealing/Security** cf. 7:2-3ff. 14:1

- **Intimacy** Significant OT background: The High Priest! Ex. 28:36-38

- **Identification/Likeness** 1 Jn. 3:2

**(3) “The Lord God gives them light”** *“There shall be no night there; they need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.”*

- **The fullness of God’s glorious presence (again) highlighted here** cf. 21:23

- cf. Is. 60:19-20

- **An oft-repeated prayer of OT saints is answered!** cf. Ps. 4:6; 31:16; 67:1; 80:3, 7, 19

- **The Aaronic benediction reaches its ultimate fulfillment!** Num. 6:25-26

## **Further Application**