

The Hope of Our Faith

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Introduction:

A. The Context of Our Hope

1. **Created** with hope (Gen. 1:1,27,31; 2:8-22)
2. The **created** messed hope (Gen.3:1-6, 16-18, 23-24)
3. The **created** will have hope again (Gen. 3:15)

B. The Description of Our Hope

1. It's a **process** (John 19:30; 2 Pet. 3: 10-13; Rev.21; 1-2)
2. It's **wholistic** (Rom.8:21-24; Rev.21)
3. It's a **fulfilled** hope
 - a. We'll **live** in our new home in the New City (Rev. 21:1-2, 10-22; 4-5,22-25)
 - b. We'll **see Jesus** face to face (Rev. 22: 3-5: 1Jh. 3: 2 -3).
 - c. **God will live** with his people forever (Rev. 21: 3-4, 6-7)

Conclusion

Table Talk Questions

Overview

The Book of Revelation was written by John. Seen as a political enemy of the Roman Empire for spreading the gospel of Jesus, John had been exiled to the island of Patmos. While on the island, an angel appeared to him as he was worshipping. John recorded everything revealed to him which included messages to seven churches in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). The messages teach us about Jesus' expectations for His church as well as many end-time events. As the book winds down, it includes today's discussion—a beautiful depiction of a new heaven and earth that serves as an encouragement for all believers to continue in faith until the very end.

1. Have you ever watched a great movie or read a great book that ended poorly? Why did it disappoint you?
2. What are you most looking forward to about heaven?
3. **Read** Revelation 21:1–2
 - * In what ways has the earth deteriorated over time?
 - * As we wait for God to bring a new heaven and a new earth, what can we do to steward the earth well in the meantime?
4. **Read** Revelation 21:3–4
 - * Share a time when someone's presence helped to ease your troubles.
5. **Read** Revelation 21:5–10
 - * How can we encourage one another as we look forward to the day of victory and blessing?
6. **Read** Revelation 21:21–27
 - * What do you think it will be like to live in a place without darkness and sin?