

What will our lives be like on the
new Earth? Part 2

An overview - Part 2

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For the past 5 weeks we have been studying, “What the Resurrected Earth will be like,” and today will be shifting gears to see what the Bible says about, “What will our lives be like on the new Earth?”

We will have a much better understanding of what will our lives be like after we answer the following six questions. Each of these 6 questions be become its own sermon. Today’s, message is simply to provide a basic overview”

On the new Earth...

1. Will we be ourselves?

Yes. Continuity of identity requires a bodily resurrection.

2. What will our bodies be like?

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Christ, “will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.” Phil 3:21

3. Will we eat and drink?

Will we eat and drink? Absolutely 😊

4. Will we be capable of sinning?

Adam and Eve proved that sin could enter a “sinless” world.

Satan proved that sin could enter a “sinless” universe.

If Satan and Adam and Eve could sin in a “perfect” place, where there was no sin, is it possible that we could experience the same problem on the New Earth? This is indeed, a very important question.

The answer to this question can be found in Rev 21:4:

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Since, “The wages of sin is death” Roman 6:23, the promise of no more death is a promise of no more sin.

Those who will never die can never sin, since sinners always die. Sin causes mourning, crying, and pain. If those will never occur again, then sin can never occur again.

We need not fear a second fall.

“But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.” Hebrews 9:26-28

5. Will we know everything on the new Earth?

No. God alone is omniscient.

Will we learn? Yes, constantly

It was God, not Satan, who made us learners and it would seem that on the new Earth our learning will continue.

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.” Eph 2:6-7

The word, “show” means “to reveal”

The phrase, “the coming ages” indicates this will be progressive, ongoing revelation, in which we learn more and more.

A few things we might learn on New Earth depends on how God specifically wired you, or put together your SHAPE:

S – spiritual gifts

A spiritual gift is a special ability, given by the Holy Spirit to every believer at their conversion, to be used to minister to others and therefore build up the Body of Christ.

“Now about spiritual gifts I do not want you to be ignorant.” 1 Cor 12:1

H – heart

The Bible uses the word “heart” to represent the center of your motivation, desires, and inclinations.

“Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.” Ps 37:4

What are your interests, or better yet, what are your passions. What is it that really gets you excited? Astronomy, politics, flowers, writing, music, science, energy, sports? All of these fields will allow the believer to learn /enjoy / discover their Creator in new ways.

A – abilities

Natural, possibly inborn skills. “She has a natural ability to_____”

“There are different abilities to perform service.” 1 Cor 12:6 (Ph)

P - personality

There are many psychology books that deal with the issue of personality but maybe we can boil it down to 4 major categories with each on a sliding scale:

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| Extroverted | | | | | | Introverted |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 3 extreme |
| extreme | | mild | mild | | | |
| Routine | | | | | | Variety |
| Self-controlled | | | | | | Self-expressive |
| Cooperative | | | | | | Competitive |

E - experience

Since our greatest life messages come out of our weaknesses, not our strengths, we should pay close attention to what we’ve learned in the “school of hard knocks”.

God never wastes a Hurt.

6. What will our daily lives be like?

We will work

When God created Adam, he “took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” Gen 2:15

Work wasn’t part of the Curse. The Curse is what made work menial, tedious, and frustrating.

On the New Earth work will be redeemed and transformed into what God intended.

God himself is a worker. He didn’t create the world and then retire. “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.” John 4:34

We will have our own home

“In my Father’s house are many mansions...” John 14:2 KJV

“In my Father’s house are many rooms...” John 14:2 NIV

Separate dwellings on a single estate or even separate rooms within the same house. My Father’s house refers to Heaven, and in Heaven are many rooms, many dwelling-places

A room is cozy and intimate.

A house or mansion suggests spaciousness and both of these are Heaven – intimate and spacious.

We will entertain guests

In Luke 12:9, Jesus tells us a very important lesson,

“I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.”

“Our “friends” in Heaven appear to be those whose lives we’ve touched on Earth and who now have their own “eternal dwellings.” Luke 12:9 seems to be saying these eternal dwellings are places where we’ll stay and enjoy companionship – second homes to us as we move about the Kingdom and vice-versa.