

WEEK 4: The Proclamation (Share the light)

DAY 20

READ TOGETHER

REVELATION 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 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. He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said “Write this down for these words are trustworthy and true” He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty, I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

LEARN TOGETHER

Merry Christmas!! Waking up today, we hope you had the chance to give and receive gifts with a new understanding and love for others! Did it make you happy to see others open their gift? Once you have the true meaning of Christmas in your heart, opening your eyes on December 25 should have its own special soundtrack! Around here today, it sounds like this one:

Joy to the World, the Lord has come! Let Earth receive her King!

Let every heart prepare Him room

And Heaven and nature sing (and heaven and nature sing)

And HEAVEN and HEAVEN and Nature SING!!!

Revelation 21 shows us that the same way Jesus came to earth all those years ago as a baby, He will return again someday and there will be a NEW heaven and a NEW earth. There will be no more death or crying or being sad. All pain will be erased forever and ever! You see kids, the story doesn't end in a manger in Bethlehem 2000+ years ago. God's gift to us just keeps on giving - like nothing else we could ever receive. Knowing this truth is the brightest light of all! And knowing Jesus means you have that light inside of you! Forever. Let's celebrate that all day today and everyday, as we share His light with others. (cue the bright lights and happy music!)

PRAY TOGETHER

Dear God, today is a day for celebration! You sent your Son Jesus as a gift so we could be with you in heaven forever someday! Thank you for showing us how we can be a light here on earth and live each day with love. Please give me strength, peace and hope, as I learn to keep my eyes on Your word everyday. Happy Birthday Jesus! In His name we pray, Amen

SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE

Share the story of Christmas with someone this week. Post a picture of the (wrapped) gift you are most excited to give this Christmas (tag the person you are giving it to) post to #scgchurch.