"CREED: I believe in the Life Everlasting"

Sunday, September 3, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
Pastor Jonathan DeCou
Revelation 21:1 - 22:21

BIG IDEA: I believe: The Eternal Destiny of believers is secure.

"For God loved the world in this way:

He gave his one and only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him will not perish
but have eternal life."

John 3:16 (CSB)

- ? I believe in the <u>Citizens</u> of the <u>New Jerusalem</u>. (21:1-8)
 - I believe the <u>Citizens</u> of the <u>New Jerusalem</u> are the <u>People</u> of God.
 - o I believe the <u>Citizens</u> of the <u>New Jerusalem</u> are <u>satisfied</u>.
 - I believe the <u>Citizens</u> of the <u>New Jerusalem</u> are <u>over-comers</u>.
- ? I believe in the <u>Character</u> of the <u>New Jerusalem</u>. (21:9-22:5)
 - I believe the <u>Character</u> of the <u>New Jerusalem</u> will be seen <u>around</u> the City.
 - I believe the <u>Character</u> of the <u>New Jerusalem</u> will be seen <u>within</u> the City.

? I believe in the <u>Challenge</u> of the <u>New Jerusalem</u>.

(22:6-21)

- I believe the <u>Challenge</u> of the <u>New Jerusalem</u> is to <u>keep</u> the Word of God.
- o I believe the <u>Challenge</u> of the <u>New Jerusalem</u> is to <u>serve</u> the Lord.
- o I believe the <u>Challenge</u> of the <u>New Jerusalem</u> is to <u>keep</u> our <u>lives clean</u>.
- I believe the <u>Challenge</u> of the <u>New Jerusalem</u> is to <u>expect</u> the <u>return</u> of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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READ: Revelation 21:1-22:5

THINK: Contemplate the eternal destiny of Christ-followers, then ask yourself these questions: Who are "the People of God"? Why will citizens of the New Jerusalem be satisfied? What does it mean to be an over-comer? How would you describe the New Jerusalem? What does it mean to "keep the words of the prophecy of this book"? How do we serve the Lord now in preparation for our eternal destiny in the New Jerusalem? Why are certain individuals excluded from the New Jerusalem (22:16)? How do believers live in expectancy of the Lord Jesus' return while living in our present circumstances?

DO: How would you rate your level of anticipation for eternity on a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being the least and 10 being the most? What can you do to heighten your expectancy for eternity? Do you know with absolute assurance you are destined for the Eternal City?