

Christmas at CL  
December 18th

## How does the first coming of Christ affect His second coming?

### Revelation 21:1-7 (ESV)

*“1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”*

### WHAT IS NOT PRESENT:

- No more tears, crying, death or mourning
- No more “sea”
- No more sickness
- No more ungodliness

### WHAT IS PRESENT:

#### 1.) GOD IS THERE!

#### 2.) CREATION IS THERE!

*“Will there be ‘better Beethovens’ on the new earth? Shall we then see better Rembrandts, better Raphaels? Shall we read better poetry, better drama, and better prose? Will scientists continue to advance in technological achievements? Will geologists continue to dig out the treasures of the earth, and will architects continue to build imposing and attractive structures? Will there be enticing new adventures in space travel?” -Anthony Hoekema*

#### 3.) PEOPLE ARE THERE!

If Jesus did not come in the Christmas story then when He comes again to wrap up human history we wouldn't get to be with Him in this new heaven & earth. Because of Christ coming down to live among us in the Christmas story now people can dwell with Him in the end for all eternity.

*"Peoples"*

**Revelation 7:9 (ESV)**

*"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and **peoples** and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes..."*

*"No one ethnic grouping can bear or manifest the full image of God. It takes us all. And in the new city, we are all there as God's multi-ethnic race." -Darrell Johnson*

*"He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the **nations prove** the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love."*

**Revelation 22:1-4 (ESV)**

*"1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face..."*

**Revelation 22:4-5 (ESV)**

*"4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever."*