

Sequim Community Church  
**HEAVEN'S NOT UP THERE, IT'S DOWN HERE**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

Our final destination when we die is not Heaven "up there" but the New Earth down here.

***"Then I saw a new heaven and new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared...And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven...I heard a loud voice saying, 'Look, the home of God is now among His people...He will remove all of their sorrows or crying or pain. For the old world and its evils are going forever'...'Look, I am making all things new.'"***

Revelation 21:1-5

**UNDERSTANDING THE NEW EARTH**

A. The New Earth is a **real** place.

***"I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."*** John 14:3

- We will be completely in the presence of God. (Jude 1:24)
- We will have glorified bodies. (I Corinthians 15:53)
- We will be immortal. (Revelation 21:4)
- We will have all our needs satisfied. (Revelation 7:16)
- We will have a glorious relationship with God and other Christians. (Romans 8:17)

B. It will be like being **back** in the Garden of Eden.

- God has always intended to redeem us and the earth.  
***"For He must remain in heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago through the prophets."*** Acts 3:21

***"But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth He has promised, a world where everyone is right with God."***

2 Peter 3:13

C. It means the curse of sin will be **lifted**.

***"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."*** Genesis 3:15

***"Cursed is the ground (earth) because of you."*** Genesis 3:17

- D. It means enjoying our **eternal** inheritance.  
***"Come, you who are blessed by my Father, take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world."***  
Matthew 25:34
- E. It means the coming together of **heaven** and **earth**.  
***"New heaven and new earth..."*** Revelation 21:1
- F. It means a complete end to **evil's** influence.  
***"The old world and its evils will be gone forever."*** Revelation 21:4

## **CONCLUSION**