

The Consummation: Comfort in the Promise of Communion with God

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A.

The Importance of the Consummation

God Is Central to Consummation

Alpha (21:6)

God

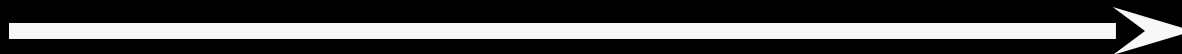
Omega (21:6)

Beginning

over
all

End

HISTORY



Christ is Central to Consummation

Alpha (21:6)

God

Omega (21:6)

Beginning

End

in Christ:

At center NOW

God at center of new Jerusalem

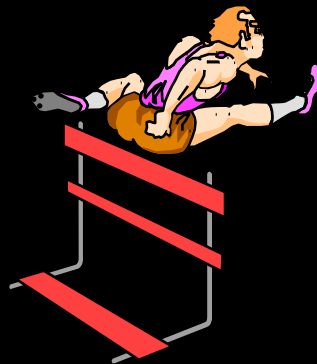
Nonconsummation Goals

Present action

fixed by

Goal

- ◆ Save money
- ◆ Spend money
- ◆ Promote revolution
- ◆ Political activism
- ◆ Passive meditation
- ◆ Children's security
- ◆ Personal pleasure
- ◆ Communist society
- ◆ Democratic peace
- ◆ Nirvana



Consummation Goals

Present action

- ◆ **Obey (3:3)**
- ◆ **Eternal life**
- ◆ **Purity (3:4)**
- ◆ **In Christ (3:20)**

Christocentric Goal

- ◆ **Rule (22:1)**
- ◆ **Life (1:18; 22:2)**
- ◆ **Purity (19:11; 21:27)**
- ◆ **1 Cor. 15:45;
Phil. 3:21; Eph. 1:10**

← **IN CHRIST** →

B. Absolute Judgment at the Consummation

Rev. 20:11-15

Benefits of Consummation (20:11-15)

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Godly
Fear



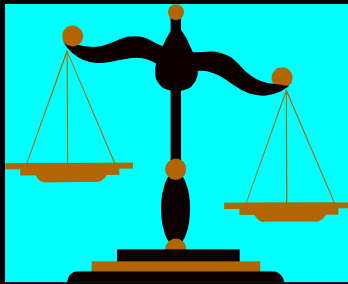
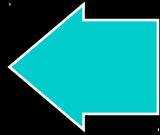
Reject folly

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- ◆ Strength under persecution
- ◆ Evil will lose
- ◆ God rectifies
- ◆ Leads to 21:1-8

Righteousness in the Consummation

Past



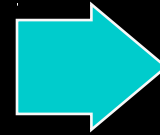
Rectify
inequities

Present

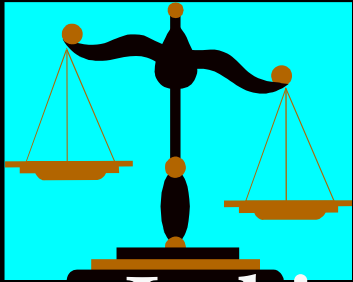


Public
display of
right

Future



Permanent
purity



Rectification in Consummation

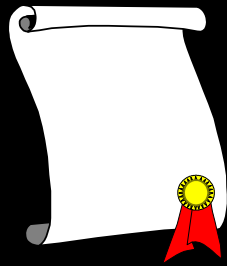
- ◆ In history: Nebuchadnezzar, communism, humanism
- ◆ Final Judgment of history:
 - judgment of all previous time;
 - deals with every wrong;
 - most intense judgment.
- ◆ The seriousness of judgment is displayed in the cross.

Display of God in Consummation

- ◆ Display of truth, 20:12
- ◆ Display of God's presence, 20:11
- ◆ Display of persons, 20:13
- ◆ No caviling, "every mouth silenced," Rom. 3:19

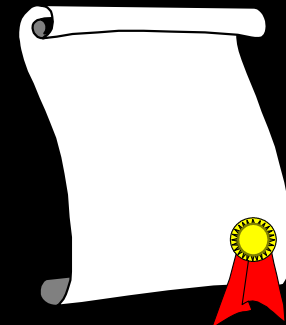


I see.



Purity of the Consummation

- ◆ Fire, Mal. 4:1; Rev. 20:15
- ◆ Crushing, Isa. 63:3; Rev. 14:20
- ◆ Purity, Rev. 21:27
- ◆ With certainty, Rev. 10:6-7; 21:5



C. God's Triumph in the Consummation

Rev. 21:1-22:5

Triumph in the Consummation

- ◆ **Extent: whole of heaven and earth, 21:1**
- ◆ **Full intensity, 21:23; 22:4-5**
- ◆ **Perfectly planned, 21:15-17**
- ◆ **Gloriously beautiful, 21:18-21; 22:1-5**



Inheritance in Consummation

God

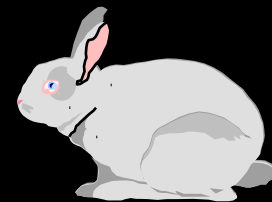
(Rev. 22:4)

in him

all things

We inherit this!

Me too!



Materiality in the Consummation

- ◆ Christ has flesh and bones (Luke 24:39).
- ◆ He is a pattern for us (1 Cor. 15:45-49; Phil. 3:21).
- ◆ And for creation (Rom. 8:17-25).
- ◆ The new is physical.

Christ



we

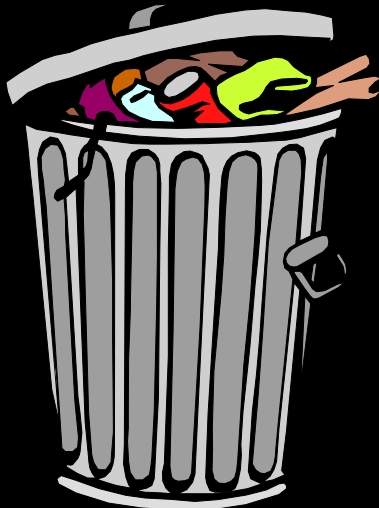
new earth

First Things in Consummation

First things



Discarded



Renewed



New Eden

Renewal in the Consummation

- ◆ “New heavens” from Isa. 65:17-25
- ◆ Christ’s resurrection body
- ◆ You are saved, not a substitute
- ◆ 2 Pet. 3:10 connotes radical purification
- ◆ New Jerusalem is Philadelphia, renewed!
- ◆ With God, you lose nothing good.

Meaning in the Consummation

◆ God loves his people (John 15:15).



◆ He is Incalculable (1 Cor. 2:9; 13:12).



Christ in the Consummation

Already

- ◆ Down payment
- ◆ Resurrection life
- ◆ Heavenly citizen
- ◆ God's presence

Yet to Come

- ◆ Full inheritance
- ◆ Resurrection
- ◆ New Jerusalem
- ◆ God's presence

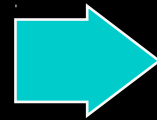
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Trust Looking for Consummation

Past

Future

God triumphed
in the cross
and resurrection



God will
triumph



First Coming

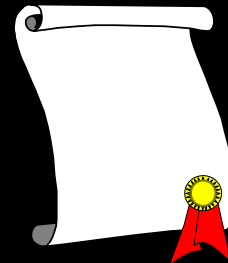
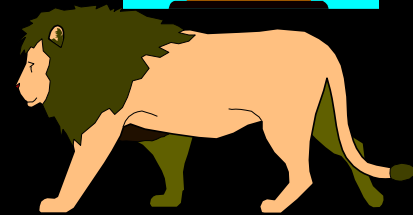
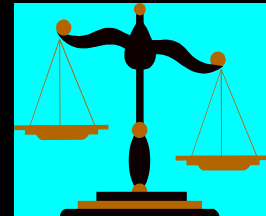


Second Coming



Trust in God through Christ

- ◆ **Justice:** He establishes right
- ◆ **Power:** He is able to
- ◆ **Faithfulness:** It is certain
- ◆ **Goodness:** Everything you need



Demonstrated in Christ

Song from Rev. 19:6-7

**Hallelujah! For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns. (2X)**

**Let us rejoice and be glad and give
the glory unto him.**

**Hallelujah! For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.**

Song from Rev. 4:11

**Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord.**

**Thou art worthy to receive glory,
glory, and honor, and power.**

**For Thou hast created--
hast all things created,
For Thou hast created all things.**

**And for Thy pleasure they are created;
Thou art worthy, O Lord.**

Song from Rev. 5:9-14

**Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lamb.**

**Thou art worthy To receive glory
And power at the Father's right hand.**

**For Thou hast redeemed us,
Hast ransomed and cleansed us,
By thy blood setting us free;**

**In white robes arrayed us, Kings and priests
made us, And we are reigning in Thee.**