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Seeing Restoration

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Revelation 22:1-5 ¹Then the angel showed me a river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²down the middle of the main street of the city. On either side of the river stood a tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit and yielding a fresh crop for each month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be within the city, and His servants will worship Him. ⁴They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will be no more night in the city, and they will have no need for the light of a lamp or of the sun. For the Lord God will shine on them, and they will reign forever and ever. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A.** There was a river of the water of life flowing down the middle of the **New Jerusalem**. V.1-2

John 7:37-39 ³⁷On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and called out in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said: 'Streams of living water will flow from within him.'" ³⁹He was speaking about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. For the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been glorified. (BSB)

- B.** The source of the water of life was the **throne of God**. V.2
C. The tree of life grew on each side of the river and produced **crops of fruit**. V.2
D. The healing of **racial divisions** was in the leaves of the tree. V.3
E. The curse given to **mankind** from the Garden of Eden will be removed. V.4
F. The **throne of God** will be in the middle of the city. V.5
G. There will be a deep **relationship** between God and His people. V.6
H. There will be a total new order of **time**, **matter**, and **space**. V.7

II. What can we learn from this?

- A.** The Trinity has got to be a non-negotiable **doctrine** in our church.
B. We can have the **benefits** mentioned in this text here and now by faith.
C. We must rid ourselves of racial, gender, and economic **prejudices**. Christ is the answer for division.
D. Knowing what is to happen in the **future** has to change the way that we act today.
E. Jesus Christ has got to be an **essential** part of our life now.
F. We must stress the **importance** of relationship to reach those around us for Jesus Christ.
G. We must be **kingdom** minded.