

**All Life Is Sacred Series**  
**Why The Incarnation Matters: Re-Creation**  
**Revelation 21:1-9, 22:1-7**

- I. “Behold, I Am Making All Things New” (Revelation 21:5)
  - A. Consider how things were originally made
    - 1. Good/very good
    - 2. With a divine mandate in place
    - 3. Sacred word, sacred image, sacred space
  - B. There was one issue – the presence of a “trip-wire”
    - 1. The forbidden tree
    - 2. The possibility of rebellion and sin – and with it all the ramifications of cosmic treason
  - C. I am making all things new – nothing will be the way it was before
    - 1. We will return to Eden, and beyond
- II. “There Will No Longer Be Any Curse” (Revelation 22:3)
  - A. Consider the “no longer” statements
    - 1. No longer any death (21:4)
    - 2. No longer any mourning (21:4)
    - 3. No longer any crying (21:4)
    - 4. No longer any pain (21:4)
    - 5. No longer any curse (22:3)
    - 6. No longer any night (22:5)
  - B. The only legitimate life experience any of us has ever had will be completely undone
  - C. For the believer – there is no experience which can be compared with the world to come

- III. Beyond Eden: Lessons Learned about Life and the Sacred from the Re-Creation of the World
  - A. The power, penalty, and presence of sin will be done away with for the believer in Jesus Christ
  - B. We will no longer profane the sacred – nor will we even be able to do so (we will be made like Him)
  - C. The fullness of human interaction will eternally be an “other-first” reality, just as exists in the Trinity (John 17)
  - D. The uniting of heaven and earth, a “new and better Eden” – will be more unimaginable and magnificent than the words of Revelation can describe. Our fallen condition limits the full appreciation of this true, good, and beautiful future to a “dream within a dream.”
  - E. Since this is what is to come – how then should we now live?