



**“A Living Hope for a New Year”**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

3 I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

5 And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” And then he said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.” 6 And he also said, “It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. 7 All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.  
Revelation 21:1-7

Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it. Hebrews 11:1

We have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. 5 And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, ... 6 So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, ...  
1 Peter 1:4-6

- **The nature of this hope**

“I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven ...”  
Revelation 21:2

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Revelation 21:3,4

- **The need for this hope**

- **How do we get this hope?**

“To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life.”  
Revelation 21:

**Jesus says you can have it free, without cost!  
How can that be?**

1. Jesus from the cross, cried out, *“I thirst.”* We know it wasn’t just physical thirst because then he said, *“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”*

Jesus Christ lost *everything* he had and because he took our punishment upon himself. He got the hopelessness we deserve so we could have a hope that will never disappoint us.

2. The second step of gaining the hope is the resurrection. He didn’t just die, he was raised again.

verse 5- *“He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’ ”*

You need to realize that the resurrection of Jesus Christ means no matter what happens to you here in this life going forward in 2015 it can only make you better.

