

Easter, Day 2  
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Revelation 22:1–5

If anyone is in Christ Jesus—new creation! We have entered the time of the resurrection. We, the church, declare that in Jesus’s resurrection the new age has come; has begun. So, every time someone enters into Christ through the confession of baptism we are seeing new creation take place. But, we are still in the “in between” time. Between the “already,” of the resurrection and the “not yet,” of the consummation of the new creation.

However, as we have been seeing in Revelation, God’s mercy and forbearance will not go on forever. At some point it will be brought to an end. That end is the new creation when God is all in all. This is the picture that John is painting. God will be with us and we with him in the new creation (combined heaven and earth). In this new creation we will fulfill our vocation as God’s people; to have his image applied to all of creation.

It is this vocation that is to finally come when Christ returns, that we are to be living into now. This is the logic of our community of the Christian church and the witness we bear to Jesus Christ. We do not do good things to win people into being Christian. We don’t try to not sin to appease God and make him take us. We are the new humanity in Christ so we are being who we are—now not perfectly—but someday totally.

Prayer

Lord, make us your people and fulfill your vision in us. Let your healing waters flow through us to the nations. Amen.