

## The New That Never Ages

Rev. 21:4-5

All of our new things grow old. Our new suit, our new hat, our new car, our new house, our new church. Even our new baby will some day grow old. 1926 came to us but a new twelve months ago and has already grown old and passed away. We look back to it forever now. We can't see our deeds of 1926 but can never undo them. If we have been cruel it will ever be that we were cruel. If we were indifferent to the church it will always be true that we were indifferent and vice versa.

But one of these days those who have been good are going to inherit a city which will never grow old. In the language of Dr. Newton "when we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to praise our God than when we first begun."

"I saw a new heaven and a new earth for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away." I saw a new heaven. Not the one we go into now with the sun, moon, and stars. All these have passed away. "I saw a new earth." This earth with its swamps, filth, disease, germs, and pollution generally has passed away.

When that great fire breaks out there will suddenly be a great cleanup in property values and fire insurance prices will be nothing more. All we are to have left then will be our spiritual assets.

"There is no more sea." In the new earth there will be no more sea, all of that space will have to be used for people. It will be a great new world, new gazing into the starry heavens and sunless heaven. One saw appearing the Holy City - New Jerusalem.

It seems evident that heaven is to be here. I saw the Holy City coming down out of heaven from God. Just think of such a glorious sight. A city made by Jesus just coming down and covering the earth. Jesus went to prepare us a place and is coming again to receive us. Abraham sought for this city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God. Be heaven here? well Dr. goes on to say,

"I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with man, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God, and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

I spent by a hospital one day and heard a微生物 playing some cheerful number. I thought "well to day is coming when all the hospital will be closed up and we will walk through the city and never see a hospital, never see a jail nor court house. All the tomb stone places will go out of business and cemeteries will be no more. In that beautiful city that shall never grow old, funeral dirges will go out of print and black will be worn no more in that new city that shall never grow old."

But you know it is not every one who is going to walk the streets of that city. The street say this night high and the entrance fee is enormous. It is shown by fighting the devil "For he that over cometh shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be my son." It is a strange thing this spiritual battle, we fight not to grow fiercer but to grow meek for we real, "Blaspheme the meek for they shall inherit the earth."

We all have the privilege of buying stock in that new city. It is possible for each one to be a citizen of that wonderful land but it is also possible to stay out side and to be in the lake of fire. Who are those without the city?

1. The fearful
2. unbelieving
3. Abominable
4. Murderers
5. Whore mongers
6. Sorcerers
7. Idolaters
8. All liars

} R. U. Keeping company with this crowd

Now as the old year has gone out let us put out of our lives old habits and customs that hurt our chances for the new city. If we have been indifferent to the church let us right about face. If you have done nothing to get

people to church change your ways and get them to come.

Many opportunities are going to open up for us to do good during 1927. Let us do every thing with an eye single to laying up treasures in the new city and inducing others to go there. We are going to be setting goals and I am sure we will have in our goals the new church building.

If we are to have this building we will have to be church goers. Those who attend church get in line with the thought and program of the church. U-Union-13 doing great work to get peo to come.

They increase the influence and strength of the church. So are who as here should adopt as our motto, "100% attendance of all who are able to come."

