

No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

Revelation 22:3

# LOST & FOUND

## I. A RIVER

- The river of the water of life brings back the abundance of the Garden of Eden. Its source is the very throne of God (Vs. 1; Gen. 2:10-11; Ezek. 47:1-12; John 4:10-14).
- Our source of life in eternity will be “the throne of God and of the Lamb.” It is the heart (middle) of the city of God (Zech. 14:8-9).

## II. A TREE

- The garden is now the temple and city of God. Filled with abundance, it includes the “lost” tree of life, which now brings forth fruit continuously (Vs. 2, Gen. 2:9; Ezek. 47:12).
- The tree of life appears to be either multiple trees, or a singular tree surrounded by the waters of life. (Vs. 2; Ps. 1:3; Jer. 17:8).
- The leaves of the tree are for perpetual health: “The healing of the nations.” (Ezek. 47:12).

## III. A FACE

- The New Jerusalem will admit nothing that is cursed, namely, sin that resulted from the Fall. The presence of God is there in all his glory (Gen. 3:14-19; Ps. 2; Mal. 4:6).
- Due to the purging of sin, God’s servants will “See his face.” Fellowship with God, once broken, is now fully restored (Gen. 3:8; Ps. 11:7; Matt. 5:8; Heb. 12:14).
- His “name” will be on our foreheads. We will be God’s representatives forever (cf. Ex. 28:36-38; Rev. 3:12, 7:3, 14:1).

## IV. A LIGHT

- God’s people will reign forever basking in the light of God’s glory (John 1:5).

**KNOW:** As the consummation of all things begins, mankind returns to the garden setting, where a river flows and the tree of life is present once again. God has renewed his creation. All is very good again.

**DO:** Purify yourself and prepare for the approaching consummation.

**Suggested Reading:**

*God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible* by Vaughn Roberts  
(Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

*Heaven* by Randy Alcorn  
(Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

**For Children:**

*I Am Forever: Heaven* by Jennie Allen  
(Available in the LifePoint Kid's Library)

**Next Week's Preaching Text:** Genesis 3:1-24

**Questions/Discovery Points for  
Life Groups/Families**

**Please Read Revelation 22:1-5**

1. What is the setting for this narrative? What is John seeing?
2. Why does everything start with water flowing from the throne of God?
3. What is the tree of life useful for?
4. Why is nothing accursed, or sinful, allowed in this new creation when it was allowed in the old creation?
5. God is spirit, he has no face. Who's face will we see in glory?
6. What does it mean that the throne of God is in the midst of the New Jerusalem?
7. Everything taking place here is "forever and ever." How should this encourage us?