

*a sermon from REVELATION 21:4:*  
**HE SHALL WIPE AWAY EVER TEAR!**

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I. A PRAYER – O JESUS, MY LORD!

“O JESUS, My Lord, forever adored, my Portion, my All.  
At Thy holy feet humbly pleading I fall!  
As sure as I prove Thy mercy and love, as Thou life didst gain  
For me, and my comfort dost ever remain!

So sure may I be devoted to Thee, and cheerfully stand,  
Prepared to comply with Thy every Command!  
Keep me through Thy power so minded each hour, that I nought beside  
May know but Thee only and Thee crucified!

Make me Thine abode, a Temple of GOD, a vessel of Grace  
Prepared for Thy service and formed to Thy praise!  
The Covenant is made with Thee as my Head. Lord, grant my request,  
To love and to serve Thee till with Thee I rest!”<sup>1</sup>

II. A BIBLE VERSE - REVELATION 21:4 - HE SHALL WIPE AWAY OUR TEARS

And GOD shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away!<sup>2</sup>

III. A PROPOSITION – THERE SHALL BE NO MORE SORROW

For in Heaven GOD shall wipe away every tear. Death shall be no more. Sorrow, crying and pain shall vanish away forever. For all the sorrows of our former earthly lives shall pass away, and only that which is good shall be our lot in our heavenly lives in That Everlasting Promised Land Above!

IV. INTRODUCTION – AN ABORTED BABY’S SOUL SAFE IN HEAVEN

A Christian lady recently shared with me her path of struggle and healing from an abortion which she had many years ago when she was a young woman. She had become pregnant out-of-wedlock as a result of a promiscuous romantic affair. Her boyfriend would not marry her. She was then pressured by her boyfriend and family to have an abortion. To her everlasting regret, she surrendered to this ungodly advice and procured the abortion.

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<sup>1</sup> 1, Hymnal of The Moravian Church, # 386, “O JESUS, My Lord.”

<sup>2</sup> 2, KJV, REVELATION 21:4.

For many years, this now devout Christian lady refused to allow herself to even think of the lost child and the unloving people who pressured her into this action. But then, as she grew closer to CHRIST The Lord, her heart was increasingly troubled, her conscience rebuking her for this sinful decision from long ago. At last she came before The blessed Cross of our loving Saviour on bended knees, her tears streaming forth to unleash years of repressed agony and sorrow, there to confess her sin of abortion.

As she knew it would be, GOD forgave this lady her sins related to this sad event, that she had consented to allow evil people to murder her precious unborn child in her womb those many years ago. And though that day brought a great relief to this dear lady, that before The Throne of The Almighty her soul was made clean of this sin by The Blood of The Lamb of GOD, it was only the first day in her process of healing at the loss of that child. Daily she fervently prayed for assurance that she might some day be able to hold this child lovingly in her arms as JESUS The Messiah now held her in His!

But one day, as this dear woman reported it to me, The LORD gave her in a dream the certain loving assurance of a great gift of peace: that the soul of her aborted baby of so long ago was alive, safe, well and happy with JESUS CHRIST in Heaven. There she saw him in her dream, playing happily before The Presence of The Almighty in Heaven. As she stood there on the threshold of Heaven, her child turned to her and – instantly recognizing her – smiled at her an angelic smile of peace, joy and forgiveness! Then her child turned back away from her and happily returned to his play.

As she awoke, now this dear lady at last rested peacefully in The Grace of CHRIST, holding firmly to the hope that in Heaven the soul of her innocent martyred unborn child lives eternally secure, awaiting the joyous day in The Eternal Kingdom of GOD Above when mother and child would dwell together forever before The Presence of The Lord! For in Heaven GOD shall wipe away every tear. Death shall be no more. Sorrow, crying and pain shall vanish away forever. For all the sorrows of our former earthly lives shall pass away, and only that which is good shall be our lot in our heavenly

lives in That Everlasting Promised Land Above!

#### V. THE CONTEXT – A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

The Text we today consider must be set in its proper context, where Saint John foresees by The HOLY SPIRIT the coming of The New Jerusalem, The City of GOD, coming down out of Heaven. There the saints of GOD shall dwell under the loving and just reign of The Messiah JESUS CHRIST - The eternally living Tabernacle of GOD Incarnate - where we who are saved by The Blood of The Lamb shall see Him at last face to face, and where He shall indeed wipe away every tear from our eyes!

The scene is then set for us in REVELATION 21:1-3, “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw The Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from GOD out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, The Tabernacle of GOD is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and GOD Himself shall be with them, and be their GOD.”<sup>3</sup>

Indeed, it has always been the great hope of the righteous of The LORD to live in The Presence of The Creator in a never ending time and place where men’s sorrows are wiped away by the hand of GOD and where men no longer shed tears. This is a picture of Old Testament aspirations, as well as New Testament, of which Wycliffe observes, “...refers to a great and glorious time to come when peace will prevail on the earth, when The Messiah JESUS CHRIST will reign in righteousness, and when nature will be restored to her original beauty...” in which The Creator first brought forth the world before The Fall.<sup>4</sup> It will literally be, as the saying goes, ‘Heaven on earth.’

Such is the joyous place of Eternal Peace which Saint John brings us to in his vision! Here we have, as Wycliffe says so well, “...the assurance of the elimination of

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<sup>3</sup> 2, KJV, REVELATION 21:1-3.

<sup>4</sup> 3, Wycliffe Bible Commentary, REVELATION 20:1-6, p 1519. “The millennium.”

five tragic aspects of human life: tears, death, mourning, crying [and] pain... The Bible does not deny the reality of pain and death [of men in this life], but it gives us assurance that The Day is coming, by The Grace of GOD, when, for the believer [whose soul is secured safe in JESUS CHRIST], these will no longer exist.”<sup>5</sup>

So we proceed with hearts hungry for The Peace of The Lord foreseen by Saint John in REVELATION 21:4, “And GOD shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away!”<sup>6</sup>

#### VI. GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS FROM OUR EYES

REVELATION 21:4 begins, “And GOD shall wipe away all tears from their eyes...”<sup>7</sup>

The hope and trust in the loving goodness of The LORD is not only a New Testament pillar of faith for the saints of GOD within The Church, but was also an Old Testament pillar of faith for the saints of GOD within ancient Israel. Both however are bound to The Person and Work of The Messiah: while Old Testament Israel looked forward to The Coming of JESUS CHRIST, we The New Testament Church look back to the finished Work of The Person of our blessed Saviour at The Cross; we live daily even now in His Presence; we look forward to dwelling with Him forever in Heaven Above!

Going back to The Old Testament, we find that The LORD gave the shadow of this knowledge to the prophet Isaiah, when he foresaw by The HOLY SPIRIT the coming of JESUS The Messiah. So the prophet declares in ISAIAH 25:8, "He will swallow up death in victory; and The Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from off all the earth: for The LORD hath spoken it!"<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> 3, Wycliffe Bible Commentary, REVELATION 21:3-4, p 1522. “The Origin and Nature of The [Holy] City.”

<sup>6</sup> 2, KJV, REVELATION 21:4.

<sup>7</sup> 2, KJV, REVELATION 21:4.

<sup>8</sup> 2, KJV, ISAIAH 25:8.

And indeed, GOD is able, and His promises are true! For The Almighty knows our tears, sorrows and sufferings. He is The Creator Who brought each of us into being. He sees all that we are, do and experience. He searches our hearts, sees into our souls and knows our minds by His HOLY SPIRIT. And He came to earth, walking and living among us, weeping with and for us, suffering like us and giving up Himself unto death for us because of His limitless Love for us! And His hand brings, by His omnipotent Providence, good from evil and sanctification from suffering in His saints.

CHRIST then knows all our tears, as in PSALM 56:8-9, “Thou tellest my wanderings [O Lord]: put Thou my tears into Thy bottle: are they not in Thy Book? When I cry unto Thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for GOD is for me.”<sup>9</sup> In that literal Heaven Above on earth to come, it will be the fulfillment of the daily prayer of the faithful as in MATTHEW 6:9-10, “...Our Father Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.”<sup>10</sup> So it should not surprise us to learn that GOD will indeed wipe away all our tears of sorrow in the next life if we are bought by The Blood of The Lamb in this life!

Why then does The LORD allow evil in this world? The Creator is neither the author nor cause of evil, for all that He creates and does is good. GOD allows evil to preserve our free will. And because, as He is indeed The Almighty, He is always able to bring forth good from evil. As The Catechism of The Catholic Church declares, we may rest sure in His Providence, “...the goodness of creation, the drama of sin, and the patient Love of GOD Who comes to meet man by His Covenants, the redemptive Incarnation of His Son [JESUS CHRIST], His gift of The [HOLY] SPIRIT, His gathering of The Church, the power of The Sacraments, and His call to [us to] a blessed [and holy] life...” in both this world and the next.<sup>11</sup>

As Saint Paul says in ROMANS 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love GOD, to them who are the called according to His

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<sup>9</sup> 2, KJV, PSALM 56:8-9.

<sup>10</sup> 2, KJV, MATTHEW 6:9-10.

<sup>11</sup> 4, Catechism of The Catholic Church, # 309, p 91. “Providence and the scandal of evil.”

purpose.”<sup>12</sup> Men devoid of sin dwelling in The Presence of The holy GOD! As Walvoord and Zuck say here, “In eternity saints will enjoy a new intimacy with GOD which is impossible in a world where sin and death are still present. The new order will be without sorrow. GOD will wipe every tear from their eyes, and death with its mourning, and pain with its crying will vanish, for the old order of things will have passed away!”<sup>13</sup>

## VII. THERE SHALL BE NO MORE DEATH

Saint John continues in REVELATION 21:4, “...and there shall be no more death...”<sup>14</sup>

One of the consequences for mankind of sin – arising from Original Sin in The Fall - is death, both physical and spiritual. The corruption of the world of men by iniquity brings forth physical death to mankind in this world. Therefore we experience physical death in this world. The corruption of the souls of men by iniquity brings forth spiritual death to mankind in this world and, to many unrepentant lost sinners, in the world to come forever as well. Therefore we experience the spiritual death of being alienated and cut off from The Creator. These consequences of Original Sin in The Fall are universal towards all men. For we are all sinners before The Judgement Seat of CHRIST, as David confesses in PSALM 53:2-3, “GOD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek GOD. Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.”<sup>15</sup>

The choice of Heaven or hell, of accepting or rejecting The Grace of GOD in CHRIST, lies within our own hands. GOD allows the choice of unrepentant men who, by their GOD-given free will, refuse to bend the knee before His Throne and insist on separating themselves from The Creator both now and forever, to stand. For though He desires that we return His love in joyful obedience and fellowship to Him, He still

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<sup>12</sup> 2, KJV, ROMANS 8:28.

<sup>13</sup> 5, Bible Knowledge Commentary New Testament, REVELATION 21:3-4, p 985, paragraph 1.

<sup>14</sup> 2, KJV, REVELATION 21:4.

<sup>15</sup> 2, KJV, PSALM 53:2-3.



permits us to choose which path we would enter into. As The Catechism of The Catholic Church observes, “GOD is in no way, directly or indirectly, the cause of moral evil. He permits it, however, because He respects the freedom of His creatures and, mysteriously, knows how to derive good from it.”<sup>16</sup>

The consequences of Original Sin, and our resulting fallen sinful natures, are then catastrophic. Most terrible is the resulting earthly and eternal separation of our lives and souls from The Creator. As the prophet declares in EZEKIEL 18:3-4, “As I live, saith The Lord GOD... Behold, all souls are Mine...: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.”<sup>17</sup> We are all then sinners, all guilty of breaking The Law of GOD, and all worthy – not of his Mercy and Grace – but of death and damnation. As Saint James declares in JAMES 2:10, “For whosoever shall keep The whole Law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”<sup>18</sup>

Sin, having entered the created world by man’s rebellion against GOD, brings death to men. But here we see the hand of The Almighty taking what is evil and turning it to good according to His purposes. Such is the case with death. As Saint Irenaeus says, “GOD set a limit to man’s sin, by interposing death. For death causes sin to cease. It puts an end to it by the dissolution of the flesh. This dissolution should take place in the earth, so that man, ceasing at length to live in sin, and dying to it, might begin to live in GOD.”<sup>19</sup> Is it not so, that the pains, sufferings and tears of life – with death ever impending over the heads of men – these sorrows of daily life that most often drive us to bend our knee at the foot of The Cross and call out to CHRIST, “Lord, save me?” For as sin increasingly becomes the fabric of daily life for men in this world, if we were not limited by physical death, how much more wicked might we become? How much more corrupted might creation be stained by our iniquity?

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<sup>16</sup> 4, Catechism of The Catholic Church, # 311, p 92. “Providence and the scandal of evil.”

<sup>17</sup> 2, KJV, EZEKIEL 18:3-4.

<sup>18</sup> 2, KJV, JAMES 2:10.

<sup>19</sup> 6, Early Christian Beliefs, “Death,” p 197, “II. Why humans die,” 2<sup>nd</sup> entry, Saint Irenaeus. “Irenaeus (c. 180, E/W), 1.457.”

But GOD is merciful and full of Grace. Thanks be to GOD, for the saints of The LORD saved in JESUS CHRIST – in His Incarnation, sacrificial death, resurrection and ascension into Heaven – our lives and souls are redeemed back to GOD by His own hand in The blessed Saviour! For because His Blood and Body are given up to atone for our sins, and because His righteousness then enters into and covers over our own souls, The Lamb of GOD has redeemed we the faithful back to Himself from sin and death! As Saint Paul declares in ROMANS 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of GOD is eternal life through JESUS CHRIST our Lord.”<sup>20</sup>

Saint John declares The Source of our comfort and salvation in both this life and the next in REVELATION 21:3, which we should now repeat here, “...Behold, The Tabernacle of GOD is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and GOD Himself shall be with them, and be their GOD!”<sup>21</sup> As John Wesley observes, “So shall The Covenant between GOD and His people be executed in the most glorious manner” through CHRIST our Lord!<sup>22</sup> For “...this whole description belongs not to time, but eternity. Neither shall sorrow, or crying, or pain, be any more: for the former things are gone away - Under the former heaven, and upon the former earth, there was death and sorrow, crying and pain; all which occasioned many tears: but now pain and sorrow are fled away, and the saints have everlasting life and joy!”<sup>23</sup>

This present fallen and painful world is not our permanent home. We but pass through this life, being perfected by GOD’s all loving Providential hand, that we may be made holy as CHRIST is holy. This, that we may dwell with Him forever in Eternity, where sorrow and death are no more. How foolish we can be, as Saint Cyprian says, “...that while we ask that the will of GOD should be done, yet when GOD calls and summons us from this world, we do not at once obey The Command of His will... Do we wish to be honored with heavenly rewards by Him to Whom we come unwillingly?

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<sup>20</sup> 2, KJV, ROMANS 6:23.

<sup>21</sup> 2, KJV, REVELATION 21:3.

<sup>22</sup> 7, John Wesley’s Bible Notes – New Testament, REVELATION 21:3. “And they shall be His people...”

<sup>23</sup> 7, John Wesley’s Bible Notes – New Testament, REVELATION 21:4. “And death shall be no more...”

Why, then, do we pray and ask that The Kingdom of Heaven may come, if the captivity of earth delights us” so?<sup>24</sup>

But what does Saint Paul declare so joyfully of our victory over sin and death in I CORINTHIANS 15:54-57? The Apostle declares, “So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is The Law. But thanks be to GOD, Which giveth us the victory through our Lord JESUS CHRIST.”<sup>25</sup>

#### VIII. ALL SORROW, CRYING AND PAIN SHALL BE NO MORE

The beloved Apostle next declares in REVELATION 21:4, “...neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain...”<sup>26</sup>

In this present life CHRIST sustains and comforts us amidst our sorrow, crying and pain when we are His. But in Eternity, when we His saints shall dwell with Him face to face before His Glory in The New Jerusalem, He shall take away these burdens fully! When CHRIST began His public ministry, he read in the synagogue from LUKE 4:18-19, fulfilling These same Words from ISAIAH 61:1-3, “The Spirit of The Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach The Gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of The Lord.”<sup>27</sup>

B. W. Johnson recalls how in The Torah it is recorded by Moses that “...The Shekinah [Glory], the emblem of GOD's Presence, dwelt in The Tabernacle between the Cherubim. In this glorious City [of GOD] of the future [foreseen by Saint John], GOD shall make His Tabernacle and dwell with men. They shall recognize His Presence, His

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<sup>24</sup> 6, Early Christian Beliefs, “Death,” p 198, “III. Christian attitude towards death,” 9<sup>th</sup> entry, Saint Cyprian. “Cyprian (c. 250, W), 5.473.”

<sup>25</sup> 2, KJV, I CORINTHIANS 15:54-57.

<sup>26</sup> 2, KJV, REVELATION 21:4.

<sup>27</sup> 2, KJV, LUKE 4:18-19.

protection, His fatherly and omnipotent care over them!”<sup>28</sup> Indeed, The Creator dwells with us now in The Person and Work of our Saviour JESUS CHRIST. He reveals His Presence to us now in this life in part, through the design of creation, through His Holy Word, through The blessed Eucharist, through The faithful Church, through all the blessings which He showers upon us and through human love when it follows His Perfect Love for us.

But sorrow, crying and pain still stalk us now. They not uncommonly seem often on the verge of overwhelming us. Why does GOD allow this? Because, as Saint Aquinas says, all of creation is “in a state of journeying” from imperfection to perfection.<sup>29</sup> We, being part of His creation, do so as well, when we seek His face at The blessed Cross of CHRIST. As saint Paul says in ROMANS 8:22-23, “For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of The [HOLY] SPIRIT, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body” by The LORD, that we may be at last made perfected as we enter Heaven, that we may forever dwell with our blessed Redeemer JESUS CHRIST.<sup>30</sup>

Even so, GOD does not leave us at the mercy of evil, sin, suffering and death. The King of the universe knows how to rescue us – and calls us continually – to receive He Who redeems us by His Blood, JESUS CHRIST. As saint Augustine says, “For almighty GOD..., because He is supremely good, would never allow any evil whatsoever to exist in His works if He were not so all-powerful and good as to cause good to emerge from evil itself.”<sup>31</sup> The Almighty is in the business of redeeming the lost, healing the brokenhearted and turning evil into good for those who seek His face. As The Catechism of The Catholic Church observes, “From the greatest moral evil ever committed – the rejection and murder of GOD’s only Son, caused by the sins of all men – GOD, by His

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<sup>28</sup> 8, People’s New Testament Commentary, REVELATION 21:3. “Behold The Tabernacle of GOD is with men.”

<sup>29</sup> 4, Catechism of The Catholic Church, # 310, p 92. “Providence and the scandal of evil.”

<sup>30</sup> 2, KJV, ROMANS 8:22-23.

<sup>31</sup> 4, Catechism of The Catholic Church, # 311, p 92. “Providence and the scandal of evil.”

Grace that “abound[s] all the more,” [as Saint Paul says in ROMANS 5:20 <sup>32</sup>] brought the greatest of goods: the glorification of CHRIST and our redemption...!” <sup>33</sup>

What then is The Sure basis for Saint John’s declaration here that, in Heaven, there shall be no more sorrow, crying or pain? It is the fulfillment in The New Testament at The Cross of CHRIST which the Old Testament saint Job confessed, that GOD would save His righteous one’s souls in The Person of The Redeemer, and dwell with them forever! So we read in JOB 19:25-27, “For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see GOD: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me!” <sup>34</sup> As JESUS The Messiah - now glorified and reigning in Heaven - lives for eternity, so shall we in Heaven if we are in Him!

#### IX. THE FORMER THINGS SHALL BE PASSED AWAY

We end in REVELATION 21:4 with These Words, “...for the former things are passed away!” <sup>35</sup>

In CHRIST JESUS we are born again anew, becoming more and more molded into His Likeness, as we are in His Image, until we – being at last perfected in GOD’s time for us – enter into our Eternal Joy Above with Him forever. Our sin nature and the stains of iniquity over our souls – those unclean things in who we were before being redeemed by The Blood and Body of our Lord – are passed away and gone. Consider that our perfection and salvation is only possible because of CHRIST’s sacrificial death on The Cross for us, and His drawing us into new life in Him because of His resurrection!

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<sup>32</sup> 2, KJV, ROMANS 5:19-21, “For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One shall many be made righteous. Moreover The Law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might Grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by JESUS CHRIST our Lord.”

<sup>33</sup> 4, Catechism of The Catholic Church, # 312, p 93. “Providence and the scandal of evil.”

<sup>34</sup> 2, KJV, JOB 19:25-27.

<sup>35</sup> 2, KJV, REVELATION 21:4.

Here we have the greatest evil done in all of the universe – the shedding of The Blood unto death of GOD Incarnate on The Cross – which GOD The Father took and, according to His all omnipotent Providential will, turned into the greatest good done in all of creation! The LORD is all sovereign and all good, but also in His love for us respects the free will of His created creatures. As Saint Augustine says, “For Almighty GOD..., because He is supremely good, would never allow any evil whatsoever to exist in His works, if He were not so all-powerful and good as to cause good to emerge from evil itself.”<sup>36</sup>

And so, if we receive The Grace of GOD in CHRIST to our lives and souls, the old things of sorrow, suffering, pain, tears and death are passed away! He takes what is broken in us at The Cross and makes all things new! We are born again in Him into new life, of which He gives us the sweetest tastes of in this life, giving us the assurance that we shall have forever the fullest banquet of new life in the next life! For as CHRIST Himself declares to Nicodemus the teacher of Israel, so He also declares to us, in JOHN 3:3, “...Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see The Kingdom of GOD.”<sup>37</sup> But our old sinful man being crucified and being no more, our righteousness is now in JESUS CHRIST, which alone is our key to living in this life under GOD’s full blessings and in the next in His Eternal Presence eternally!

Therefore as B. W. Johnson observes of That joyous Paradise, “No sorrow or travail of any kind shall ever enter within the walls of The [Holy] City. The cry of anguish shall never be uttered, hearts shall never be broken, no tear shall ever dim the eye, and, most glorious of all, death shall be unknown. Death began his sway when man was expelled from Paradise; he ends it when the final judgment condemns Satan, death and hades to enter the lake of fire. The New Jerusalem will be painless, tearless,

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<sup>36</sup> 4, Catechism of The Catholic Church, # 311, p 92. Saint Augustine. “Providence and the scandal of evil.” “St. Augustine, Enchiridion 3, 11:PL 40,236.”

<sup>37</sup> 2, KJV, JOHN 3:3.

deathless, because it will be a sinless city. [Thus,] “The former things have passed away!”<sup>38</sup>

So Saint Paul declares to us in II CORINTHIANS 5:17-21, “Therefore if any man be in CHRIST, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of GOD, Who hath reconciled us to Himself by JESUS CHRIST... To wit, that GOD was in CHRIST, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them... For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of GOD in Him.”<sup>39</sup>

## X. IN CONCLUSION

What then can we say of Saint John’s vision in REVELATION 21, of That Eternal time and place of Peace - The New Heaven and The New Earth - in which we the saints of GOD in CHRIST shall dwell before His Presence forever? GOD shall wipe away all tears from our eyes. There shall be no more death. All sorrow, crying and pain shall be no more. And The former things shall be passed away.

And what of the Christian lady who we started this message with, who once long ago as a young woman had been pressured and beguiled into aborting her unborn child? We may rejoice that our loving Lord has blessed her with the comforting hope that the soul of her aborted child is safe in the arms of CHRIST in Heaven. And why should we cast any doubt on this Christian lady’s hope, which rest securely on The blessed Cross of our Lord? Let us trust in The Almighty’s Providence, in His Works and in His Word!

For of children who have died without The Sacrament of Baptism, The faithful Church entrusts their souls to The Mercy and Grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. As The Catechism of The Catholic Church declares, “Indeed, The great Mercy of GOD - Who desires that all men should be saved, and JESUS’ tenderness toward children... - allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for [all] children who have died without

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<sup>38</sup> 8, People’s New Testament Commentary, REVELATION 21:4. “And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

<sup>39</sup> 2, KJV, II CORINTHIANS 5:17-21.

Baptism!”<sup>40</sup> As our Saviour declared when His Disciples had foolishly forbidden the little children to come to His side in MARK 10:14, “...Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is The Kingdom of GOD.”<sup>41</sup>

For GOD has declared it, and we have all reason to receive it, that the saints of GOD in CHRIST shall see the day when they and the innocent martyrs of men, washed by The cleansing Blood of The Lamb of GOD, shall dwell forever with our loving Creator in Heaven, where there shall be no more sorrow, pain, death or tears! Let us now forget, as Saint Peter declares in II PETER 2:9, “The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.”<sup>42</sup>

As Saint Paul declares in ROMANS 5:19-21, “For as by one man's disobedience – Adam – many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One – JESUS The Messiah – shall many be made righteous. Moreover The Law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, Grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might Grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life [to us His saints] by JESUS CHRIST our Lord!”<sup>43</sup>

For that unnamed Christian lady knows that, even as her tears are wiped away in part now in this life, The Almighty shall wipe away all her tears in Heaven forever! For in Heaven GOD shall wipe away every tear. Death shall be no more. Sorrow, crying and pain shall vanish away forever. For all the sorrows of our former earthly lives shall pass away, and only that which is good shall be our lot in our heavenly lives in That Everlasting Promised Land Above!

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<sup>40</sup> 4, Catechism of The Catholic Church, # 1261, p 353. “As regards children who have died without Baptism.”

<sup>41</sup> 2, KJV, MARK 10:14.

<sup>42</sup> 2, KJV, II PETER 2:9.

<sup>43</sup> 2, KJV, ROMANS 5:19-21.



As Saint John declares to us in REVELATION 21:4, “And GOD shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away!”<sup>44</sup> In The Name of GOD The Father, The Son and The Holy Ghost. Amen.

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<sup>44</sup> 2, KJV, REVELATION 21:4.

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