

NORTH WAY

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THE 7 LETTERS | WEEK 12

Revelation 2-3 - To the one who conquers:

- **Ephesus** - I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.
- **Pergamum** - I will give some of the hidden manna, a white stone with a new name on it.
- **Thyatira** - I will give authority over the nations and the morning star.
- **Sardis** - you will be clothed in white garments, and your name will never be blotted out of the book of life.
- **Philadelphia** - I will make him a pillar in God's temple, never to leave that temple.
- **Laodicea** - I will grant him to sit with me on my throne.

Jesus is signaling the transition from paradise lost (Genesis 3) to paradise regained (Revelation 21).

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Revelation 21:1-8

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Paradise Lost:
 Separation from God
 Death
 Cursed Existence
 Decay
 Attributes Now Needs

Paradise Regained:
 God with Man
 Abundant Life
 The “No Mores”
 New
 Significant, Accepted, Secure

When we know that our future is secure and good, we live differently today.

When the church dreams, our world grows better and brighter.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 1:8

“...for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.”

Revelation 12:10b-11

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:37-39

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The spoils or rewards are only found through trusting the rewarder ... the true conqueror.

“The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them.”

Ernest Hemingway

Trust is best expressed by giving what is most protected into the care of another.