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Topic: Studies in Revelation - Christ Return is Imminent!

Text: Revelation 22

1. One of the teaching of the Bible Presbyterian movement is that Jesus will surely be returning quickly. God wants us to have this sense of urgency in our heart and not be dull to spiritual things. Paradise is nearer than we think (v1-5). In paradise, the water in the river will be so pure and this refers to the living water, Jesus Christ. There will also be a tree of life, which symbolises eternal life. There will be no need for lights because God will radiate light out.
2. Christians ought to look forward to paradise and not place his hope in this world. They must live a life of obedience unto the Lord. Those who continuously keep God's Word are the blessed ones. Believers ought to make sure that we are living according to God's will and that we are fervent for service in the short span of time we have on this earth! Those who are fully convicted of Christ's imminent return will surely show it through their speech and conduct. They will not hesitate to talk about Christ and be a blessing to others.
3. Just as Christ's return is imminent, judgment is also coming. Both believers and unbelievers will be judged for their works. The works of believers are gold, silver and precious stones, and they will receive their reward accordingly. But the idolaters, whoremongers, liars and murderers will be condemned. Nonetheless, professing believers must check their lives for hidden sins as that may be an indicator that one has not truly been born again.
4. The book of Revelation ends with a warning which forbids the adding and subtracting to God's Word. This is a serious sin because it misrepresents who God truly is. Woes and plagues will be added upon those who attack God's perfect Word.

*Even so, come, Lord Jesus...*