

The River of Life **Revelation 22:1-5**

I. The River of Life – 22:1-5

1. The glorious river flows through the city – 1
The angel showed John this River of Life
2. This river was “the water of life” – 1
It was “bright as crystal”
3. The source of this river is from throne of God and the Lamb – 1
The source of the river explains the power of the water
“Flowing from the Throne of God & of the Lamb”
4. Jesus spoke of this water of life
He told the Samaritan woman about “water of life” – Jn. 4:13-14
This water will take away human “thirst”
“It shall be in him a well of water springing up into eternal life”
He also spoke to the Jews about this water of life – Jn. 7:37-38
He spoke to any who were thirsty to come to Him and drink
He promised “whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said” “out of his heart will flow rivers of living water”
- 5 This river flows through the middle of the street of the city – 2
This fulfills the promise that makes this water accessible
Human thirst is fully quenched from this river of life
What Jesus promised in His ministry He fulfills

II. The Tree of Life – 2-3

- 1 On either side of the river was the Tree of Life – 2
This tree was in the Garden of Eden – Gen. 2:9
It was planted right in the “midst of the garden”
And it promised eternal life to those who ate of it
2. God’s creative work was prepared for eternity
Thankfully, it was never used even though it was accessible
After sin entered with Adam & Eve angels were sent to guard it – Gen 3:22-23
To keep anyone who might eat it and remain sinful for eternity
But now this tree is on either side of the river
God’s plan for man to live eternally will be fulfilled
6. The Tree of Life had twelve kinds of fruit – 2
Yielding its fruit each month
There was provision, with variety, for humans in their renewed body
4. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations
As nourishment is provided for renewed bodies
So the bodies are also protected from any disease

- .5. No longer will there be anything accursed - 3
No more rebellion against God but there will be loyalty
“But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it”
All will live under the righteous rule of the holy God
And the Lamb of God will sit upon the throne
6. “And His servants will worship Him”

III. The Family of God – 22:4-5

1. As the family of God they will see His face – 4
The veil will be lifted & we shall see Him “face to face” – 2 Cor. 3:18
Creation’s purpose will be fulfilled as God & man fellowship together
2. “His name will be on their forehead” – 4
They are His children – purchased by the blood of His Son
Conformed now to the image of His Son
3. And “night will be no more” – 5
No need for lamps or for the sun
The Lord God will be their light
The glory of God will radiate and fill our eyes with His glory
4. And they will reign forever and ever

