

SACRED ENCOUNTERS

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The Picture of an Eternal Heaven!

Eternity need not wait until you Die!

If anyone belongs to Christ, there is a new creation. The old things have gone; everything is made new!

2 Corinthians 5.17 (NCV)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

John 20.19 (NIV)

After he took the wine, Jesus said, "It's done ... complete. [finished]" Bowing his head, he offered up his spirit.

John 19.30 (MESSAGE)

Creation is complete; New & Eternal Creation has now begun!

"From now on we are living in the new age, the already-begun new world. The light is now shining in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Do not put all the eschatological weight on that which is still to come. The whole point of New Testament Christianity is the End came forward into the present in Jesus the Messiah."

N. T. Wright—The Challenge of Jesus

"Living in Eternity, Now!"

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

John 20.20-23 (ESV)

**Your life [in Christ] is a NEW Creation . . .
This is not just a reflection, but a literal and eternal
transformation. As a disciple, Jesus calls us to:**

**Live as Light as to SHARE your relationship [in Christ]
as Good News. (Matthew 5.14-16)**

- Key Word: LOVE

**Live empowered [by Christ] in your relationship with
the HOLY SPIRIT. (Ephesians 4.29-5.1)**

- Key Word: SURRENDER

**Live surrendered [through Christ] in your relationships
to FORGIVE others. (Matthew 6.14-15)**

- Key Word: GRACE

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth . . . Now God's presence is with people, and he will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them and will be their God.

Revelation 21.1-6