

# Welcome to Fellowship



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# Elder's Weekly Financial Report

**Fellowship Bible Church of Conway**  
Elder Board Weekly Financial Update  
Fiscal Year 2024

Current Week Ended **12/25/2023** YTD Amounts Through Fiscal Week: **26**  
Date Prepared **12/27/2023**

Fiscal Year begins July 1 and ends June 30

Giving	FY 2024	FY 2023	Difference
a. Fiscal Year Approved Budget	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,632,266	
b. FY 2023 Actual General Giving		1,615,973	
c. Year-to-date General Giving	<b>868,086</b>	738,826	129,260
c-1. FYTD Giving vs annual budgeted giving (c / a)	51.1%	45.3%	
c-2. FYTD Giving vs FYTD budget (c / i)	102.1%	90.5%	
c-3. Other Income	<b>44,533</b>		
d. FY 2024 General Budget Needed per Week	32,692		
e. Giving - Week Ending 12/25/23 and for same week - prev yr	<b>88,254</b>	45,853	42,401
f. FYTD Average Weekly Giving - Week 26	<b>33,388</b>	28,416	4,972
g. FY 2023 Year End Average Weekly Giving		31,076	
<b>Expenses</b>			
h. Year-to-date Operating Expenses	\$ 723,463	\$ 758,538	\$ (35,075)
<b>Budget to Actual</b>			
i. FYTD 2023 Operating Budget (Annual Budget / 52 * # of Wks)	\$ 850,000		
j. FYTD 2023 Operating Income (c + c-3)	912,619		
k. FYTD 2023 Operating Expenses	723,463		
l. FYTD Budgeted Income Less Actual Income (Budget Variance, j - i)	62,619		
m. FYTD Income Less Expenses (Net Income, j - k)	189,156		
n. FYTD Bulletin Surplus/(Deficit) (YTD General Giving - Budgeted Giving, c - i)	18,086		
<b>Building Loan</b>			
Thrivent Note Payable	\$ 1,268,925	\$ 1,700,457	
Year-to-date General Fund Principal Payments	76,525	394,284	
Year-to-date Generations Fund Principal Payments	15,690	37,248	
	\$ 1,176,710	\$ 1,268,925	
FYTD Interest Payments	22,475	27,995	
<b>Generations Giving</b>			
p. Original Goal (Pledges Plus initial contributions)	\$ 1,535,065		
s. Pledges Received	1,031,321		
t. One Time Gifts Received	668,150		
u. Total Amount Received (s + t)	\$ 1,699,471		
<b>Unrestricted Cash</b>			
Unrestricted Cash Less Payables - Week Ending 12/25/2023	\$ 337,451		
Previous Week Unrestricted Cash Less Payables 12/18/2023	281,807		
Unrestricted Cash Less Payables (6 Week Average)	263,991		
<b>Reserves</b>			
FY 2022 Board Restricted Cash Reserves Target (25% of Budget)	\$ 425,000		
Edward Jones Money Mkt	4.10%	29,743	
Edward Jones CD maturing 6/23/2024	4.65%	249,000	
Edward Jones CD maturing 1/27/2025	5.20%	60,000	
Chambers Bk CD maturing 1/05/2024	3.00%	86,635	
Total in Reserves	\$ 425,378		
YTD \$ Excess Cash Reserves Over Target		378	

Available Capital Funds	
FY22 Year-end Alloc.	59,000
Long-Term Cap. Reserve	26,868

TRF Balances	
OCC	\$ 9,408
Christmas Offering	30,664

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Amounts for Bulletin Dated	11/5/2023	Comments
Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,692	Total FY Budget divided by 52 weeks
Giving Week Ended 10/22/2023	\$28,060	from QB (10/17/2023 thru 10/23/2023)
Giving Week Ended 10/29/2023	\$17,881	from QB (10/24/2023 thru 10/30/2023)
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$588,462	FY2024 Budget for 18 weeks
Fiscal Year to Date Giving	\$495,483	QB General Offering thru 10/30/2023
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$92,979)	

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Amounts for Bulletin Dated	11/26/2023	Comments
Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,692	Total FY Budget divided by 52 weeks
Giving Week Ended 11/12/2023	\$52,413	from QB (11/07/2023 thru 11/13/2023)
Giving Week Ended 11/19/2023	\$39,892	from QB (11/14/2023 thru 11/20/2023)
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$686,538	FY2024 Budget for 21 weeks
Fiscal Year to Date Giving	\$620,995	QB General Offering thru 11/20/2023
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$65,543)	

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Amounts for Bulletin Dated	12/31/2023	Comments
Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,692	Total FY Budget divided by 52 weeks
Giving Week Ended 12/17/2023	\$35,924	from QB (12/12/2023 thru 12/18/2023)
Giving Week Ended 12/24/2023	\$88,254	from QB (12/19/2023 thru 12/25/2023)
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$850,000	FY2024 Budget for 26 weeks
Fiscal Year to Date Giving	\$868,086	QB General Offering thru 12/25/2023
Over/(Under) Budget	\$18,086	

# Christmas Offering

**Balance given to  
Christmas offering as of  
Today is \$40,833.50.**

**Plus other contributions of  
\$9,423.00 thru the year.**

**Total = \$50,256.50.**



**2513 Gospel Opportunities**

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# Advent



# The Relational Presence of God

# REVIEW:

## The Relational Presence of God

- IN THE BEGINNING: Design and Desire
- IN A PLACE: Tabernacle and Temple
- IN THE PROPHETS: Prophesied and Pictured
- AT THE FIRST ADVENT: Redemption
- AT THE SECOND ADVENT: Restoration and Rule

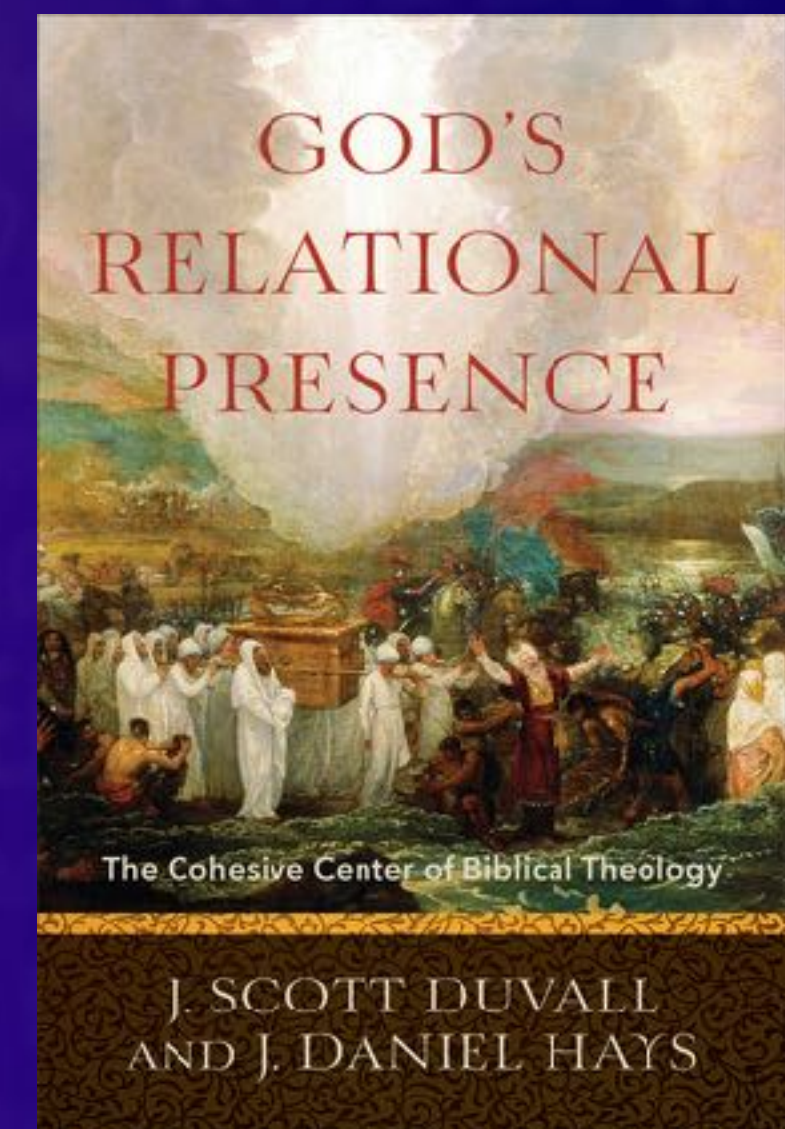
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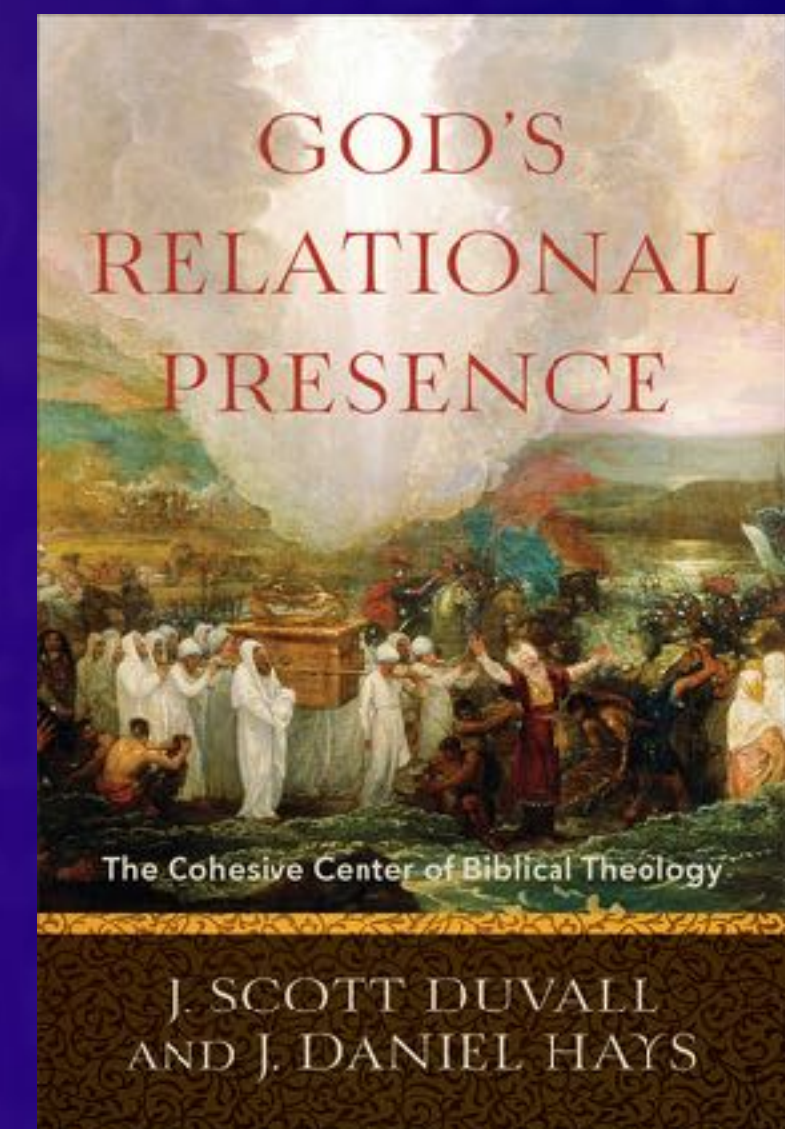
**The Bible begins with God's presence relating to his people in the garden (Genesis) and ends with God's presence relating to his people in the garden (Revelation). This holy, intense, powerful presence of God appears to Moses in the burning bush and on Mount Sinai, and then enters into the tabernacle (and later into the temple) so that God can dwell among his people.**

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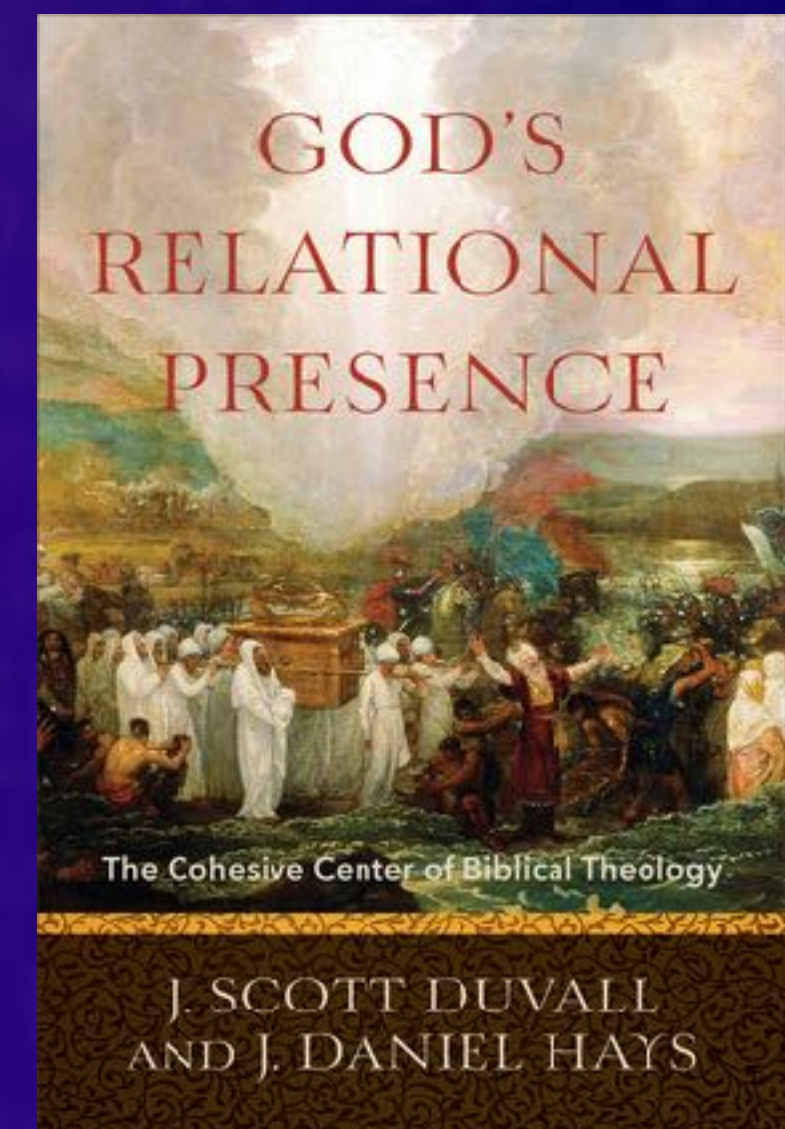
**Yet because of their sin and disobedience, Israel is banished from God's presence. God departs from the temple (Ezekiel), and Israel is exiled away from the land. The restoration of God's presence is promised throughout the OT prophets and is fulfilled in the Gospels when Jesus, Immanuel (God with us), appears.**

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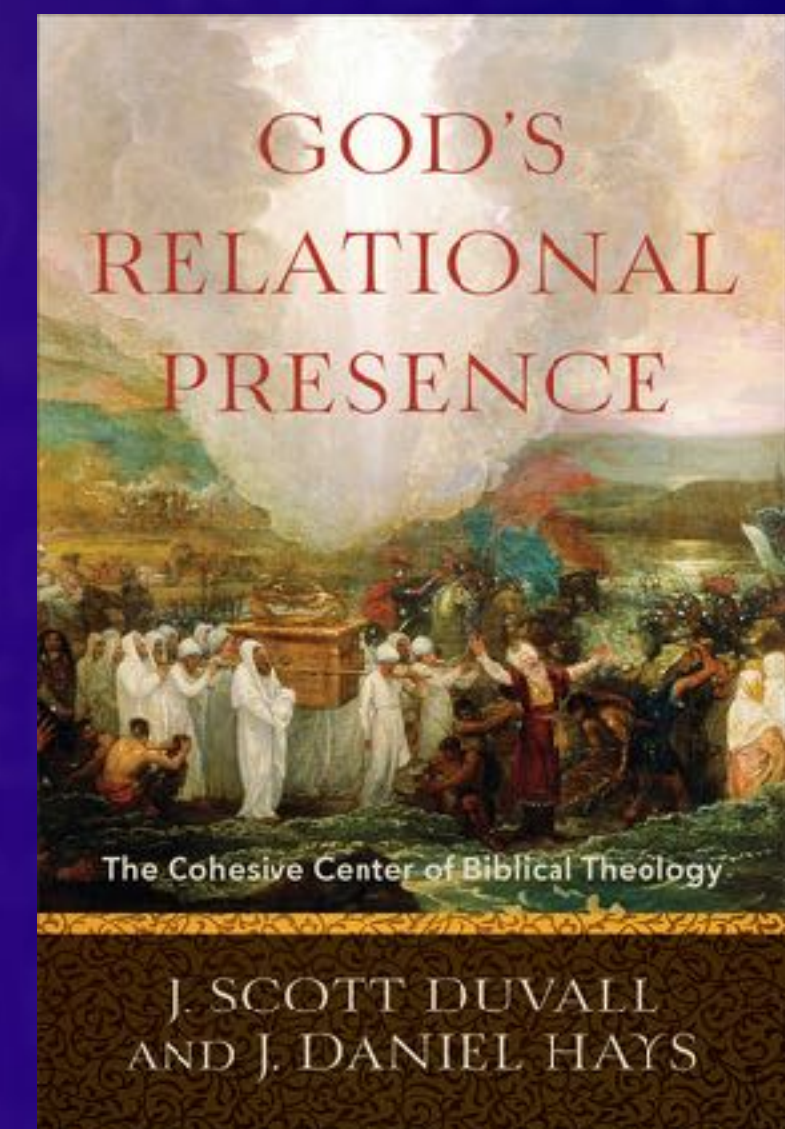
**The incarnation brings to a climax the relational presence of God, the theme that drove the entire OT story. In Acts, after Jesus's ascension, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within each believer, just as the holy presence of God in the OT dwelt in the tabernacle or temple.**

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**The entire story culminates, at the end of Revelation, where the presence of God is once again in Jerusalem, (*the New Jerusalem*), and in the garden, relating to his people.**

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# Jesus Christ



The Relational Presence of God

# **Provision:** "Redemption Made for Us"

- Dead in Sin - Hamartiology
- Alive in Christ - Soteriology

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Ephesians 2:1-10

# Dead in Sin : Hamartiology

**And you were *dead in your trespasses and sins*, in which you formerly *walked* according to the pattern of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.**

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Ephesians 2:1-3

# Alive in Christ : Soteriology

**But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, *made us alive together with Christ* (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

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Ephesians 2:4-7



# Alive in Christ : Soteriology

**For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.**

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*Ephesians 2:8-10*

# Pattern: "Christ formed in us"

- Spiritual Formation - Christlikeness
- Living on Mission - Taking the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth

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Colossians 2:1-11

# Spiritual Formation: Christlikeness

Since, then, you have been *raised with Christ*, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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Colossians 3:1-4

# Spiritual Formation: Christlikeness

**Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.**

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*Colossians 3:5-6*

# Spiritual Formation: Christlikeness

**You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.**

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*Colossians 3:7-10*

# **Living on Mission:** *To the Ends of the Earth*

**Here there is no Gentile or Jew,  
circumcised or uncircumcised,  
barbarian, Scythian, slave or free,  
but Christ is all, and is in all.**

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*Colossians 3:11*

# Paraclete: "The Holy Spirit in Us"

- The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit - Empowerment
- The Filling of the Holy Spirit - Empowered

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John 14:15-18; 16:5-15

# The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit: *Empowerment*

**“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another *advocate* to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for *he lives with you and will be in you*. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.**

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*John 14:15-18*



# The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit: *Empowerment*

**But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.**

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*John 16:7*

# The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit: *Empowerment*

**When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.**

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*John 16:8-11*

# The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit: *Empowerment*

**I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.**

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*John 16:12-13*

# The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit: *Empowerment*

**He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.**

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*John 16:14-15*

# The Filling of the Holy Spirit: *Empowered*

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, *be filled with the Spirit*, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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*Ephesians 5:18-20*

# **Power:** "Ruling and Reigning with us"

- Judging the World - Great White Throne
- Ruling the New Heavens and New Earth - Paradise Restored

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Revelation 20:11-15; 21:1-5

# Judging the World: Great White Throne

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

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*Revelation 20:11-12*

# Judging the World: Great White Throne

The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

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*Revelation 20:13-15*



# Ruling the New Heavens and New Earth:

*"Paradise Restored"*

**Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.**

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*Revelation 21:1-2*

# Ruling the New Heavens and New Earth:

*"Paradise Restored"*

**And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.**

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*Revelation 21:3-4*

# Ruling the New Heavens and New Earth:

*"Paradise Restored"*

**He who was seated on the throne said,**

**“I am making everything new!”**

**Then he said, “Write this down,**

**for these words are trustworthy and true.”**

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*Revelation 21:5*

God's relational presence in the  
Person of Jesus Christ  
is everything we need  
and everything we will enjoy.

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# The Beginning and the End

## Genesis 1-3

## Revelation 20-22

“In the beginning God create the heavens and the earth.” (1:1)	“I saw a new heaven and a new earth.” (21:1)
“The darkness He called night.” (1:5)	“There will be no night there.” (21:25)
“God made two great lights (the sun and the moon).” (1:16)	“The city has no need for the sun or moon.” (21:23)
“In the day you eat of it you will surely die.” (2:17)	“There will be no more death or sorrow.” (21:4)
Satan appears as the deceiver of mankind. (3:1)	Satan disappears into the lake of fire forever. (20:10)
Shown a garden into which devilment entered (3:6-7)	Shown a city and nothing will defile it (21:27)
The walk of God with mankind is interrupted (3:8-10)	The walk of God with man is resumed (21:3)
Initial victory of the serpent (3:13)	Ultimate victory of the Lamb (20:10; 22:3)
“I will greatly multiply your pain.” (3:16)	“There will be no more pain.” (21:4)
“Cursed is the ground for your sake.” (3:17)	“There will be no more curse” (22:3)
Man’s dominion damaged in the fall of Adam (3:17-19)	Man’s dominion restored in the reign of Christ (22:5)
First paradise is closed (3:23)	New paradise is opened (21:24-26)
Access to the tree of life is lost in Adam (3:24)	Access to the Tree of Life regained in Christ (22:14)
They were driven from God’s presence (3:24)	We shall “see His face.” (21:3, 22:4)

# Next Steps:

- **Make sure you have accepted the provision of Christ for Salvation by grace through faith.**
- **Daily depend upon the provision of the Holy Spirit for Christlike living and service.**
- **Wait for the coming of the Lord with eager hope.**

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