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**Scripture:** Revelation 21:1-6

**Series:** Future Hope

**Title:** The Best is Yet to Come

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**Revelation 21:1-6** - 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. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Three welcome changes:

1. **We will live** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3)
2. **We will live** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-2)
3. **We will live** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.4-6)

1. Before today, when have you thought "The best is yet to come"? What were the circumstances, and was what came later actually better?
2. When you think about actually living with God and having access to Him, how does that make you feel?
3. In the past when you've thought about heaven, what have you imagined it would be like? Compare your thoughts about the current heaven with the future new heaven and new earth.
4. Have you ever lived in a new home? In what ways might life in the eternal heaven be similar or different?
5. What does the promised new heaven and new earth tell you about God?
6. Why did Peter call the new heaven and the new earth "the home of righteousness"? What kind of emotions does that bring up in you?
7. What perfect conditions that Pastor Dave spoke about are you most looking forward to? Will there be any possibility that you or someone else could disrupt those conditions and bring back the "old order of things"? (See Revelation 21:4)
8. When you think about your present life and the people and things that you love, do you honestly believe that "the best is yet to come"? Why or why not?