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Revelation 21:4, “*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*”

I spend some time each week browsing the local obituaries. I suppose this becomes more common as one grows older. You want to see who in the community has passed away. Newspapers and websites publish the obituaries which are a list of those who have passed away.

Revelation has an obituary list of Heaven. It's not the people who have passed away, for there we have everlasting life. The obituary is of the things that plague us here that have passed away. Revelation 21:4 lists an obituary of five specific things that have passed away.

1. **Tears.** From the time we are born until we die, our days are filled with tears. There are tears from pain, and tears from sorrow. Our days here are full of trouble. We are told in Job 14:1, “*Man [that is] born of a woman [is] of few days, and full of trouble.*” We have trouble all of our days which bring tears. There is no doubt we will shed tears

in the future days to come, but we know a time and place is coming where the tears are wiped away.

2. **Death.** It's somewhat of a paradox to think of death passing away, but it will. After this life, the saved in Heaven cannot die. There is much said in the Bible about eternal life. The first time everlasting life is mentioned is in Daniel 12:2, “*And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame [and] everlasting contempt.*” People during the time of Jesus, even before the New Testament was written, knew of eternal life. Jesus was asked in Matthew 19:16, “*Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?*” Death itself is passed away in Heaven.

3. **Sorrow.** Sorrow fills many lives. Some people spend their days in sorrow. There are events which bring sadness. Sometimes the sorrow is so great that it's hard for many to find even a bit of joy. Whatever last brought you sorrow, know that it will not be in Heaven. There is no sorrow at all. In Heaven sorrow is passed away.

4. **Crying.** We begin our lives here with crying. As one goes throughout life, there will be crying. It's interesting to note that even Jesus wept. The shortest verse in the English translation of the Bible is John 11:35 which simply and to the point states, “*Jesus wept.*” Jesus wept at the events surrounding the death of Lazarus. Jesus knew He was going to raise Lazarus from the dead, but still wept. No doubt part of His being moved to tears was seeing the sorrow of those about Him. (Interestingly, the shortest verse in the Greek New Testament is a total opposite of weeping. It is I Thessalonians 5:16, “*Rejoice evermore.*”

5. **Pain.** We are told there shall be no more pain. This alone is reason enough to be in Heaven. I most of all want to see the LORD and live eternally with the redeemed before me and those yet to come, but the thought of no pain is wonderful.

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—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, Erin Davis, Leon Seaton, Frances Kidd** is in T. J. Samson hospital with pneumonia.

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I've been very blessed in that I have nothing that pains me regularly. We all hurt from time to time and I can certainly tell the pains of time and age are increasing. There are those though who suffer pain constantly. They never have any rest or relief. What a wonderful thought to know that in Heaven pain itself shall have passed away. Whatever is hurting you right now, know it will not, and cannot ever hurt you in Heaven.

The next time you read an obituary, know there is an "obituary" in Revelation 21 that gives us all wonderful hope. Anything that bothers or pains us shall have passed away and can never bother us again. The LORD left these words for us which give us hope and keeps us constantly focused on Heaven.

I know to those of the world these words sound too good to be true. John was an aged man by this time. He was exiled to the rocky isle of Patmos. I can't help but wonder if John had a look of astonishment and wonder on his face as he was hearing these wonderful words.

For anyone who would ever think this sounded too wonderful to be true, the LORD told us in the very next verse in Revelation 21:5, "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful." We can know these words are true and faithful. There is no doubt of this. Heaven is so wonderful that the LORD described it in the best way we could understand. Even just these few words are enough to  
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Sunday, September 30, 2018		
Classes	17	Hebrews 4:12-16
Preaching	21	I Peter 1:1-16
Contribution	\$592.00	
Evening	19	Matthew 2:1-23
Wednesday, October 3, 2018		
Classes	16	I Chronicles 13:1-14

Visitors—  
 Sep 30 (AM) Chris Burd (Horse Cave, KY); Beverly Gossett (Cave City, KY)  
 Sep 30 (PM) April Henderson (Seattle, WA)  
 Oct 3 (Wed) Chris Burd (Horse Cave, KY)

### *Bible Quiz*

Who was blessed because the ark of God was with his family?

Last Week's Answer— He shall save His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21)

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want to be in Heaven, but I know it's so much beyond what our feeble minds can understand. Let's all work to be there and receive the full blessings of Heaven the LORD has for us.

—Marty Edwards❖

### —God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)