

## Reframe...Connecting Faith & Life! (Part #5)

### The World As It Should Be: New Heaven & New Earth!

**Revelation 21:1-4** 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>21</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, “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. <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.”

#### \*The Beginning Of

### The World As It Should Be!

### The Resurrection Is...God’s Big YES

### To Jesus, Humanity & Creation!

“For God so loved the Cosmos!”—John 3:16

### \*The World As It Should Be Now...

(Because YOU Are In It!)

### Creation Today Is About...LIFE! &

### Citizens Of Heaven Filled With The Spirit!

What Does A Resurrected Life Look Like?

This Is A Person Who Brings Life To Other People;

A Person Who...Restores; Blesses; Helps Other’s Flourish;

A Person Who’s Work Matters & Goes Forward! We Come

From A People Who Held All Life As Sacred; Who Had A

High View Of Women, Children, Families, Slaves, Sexuality,

Protection Of The Weak, Strangers, Foreigners,

The Vulnerable & A Care For Creation!

**Romans 8:5-17(NLT)** Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control

your mind leads to life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God’s laws, and it never will. <sup>8</sup>That’s why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) <sup>10</sup>And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. <sup>11</sup>The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. <sup>13</sup>For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup>For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup>And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

What If Holiness Is More A Matter Of Whether We

Bring The Life Of God To Somebody Or Not?

Are Others More Alive After Interacting With Us?

### \*The World As It Will Be Forever!

We Can Be Sure That In Heaven-We Will Be Even Closer To

Jesus! -We Will Be Surrounded By A Transformed Creation!

-Everything That We Have Done For The Kingdom Here Will

Carry On Into The Kingdom Forever! -We Shall Be In That

Transformed Creation With Resurrected Bodies Along With

The Resurrected Body Of The Lord Jesus!

We Will Have Restored Relationships With God & People!

“If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this.”—C.S. Lewis



# JOIN US TODAY

Sunday, February 5th, 2017

Opening  
THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

Welcome

COME LORD JESUS (EVEN SO COME)

MIRACLES

Prayer

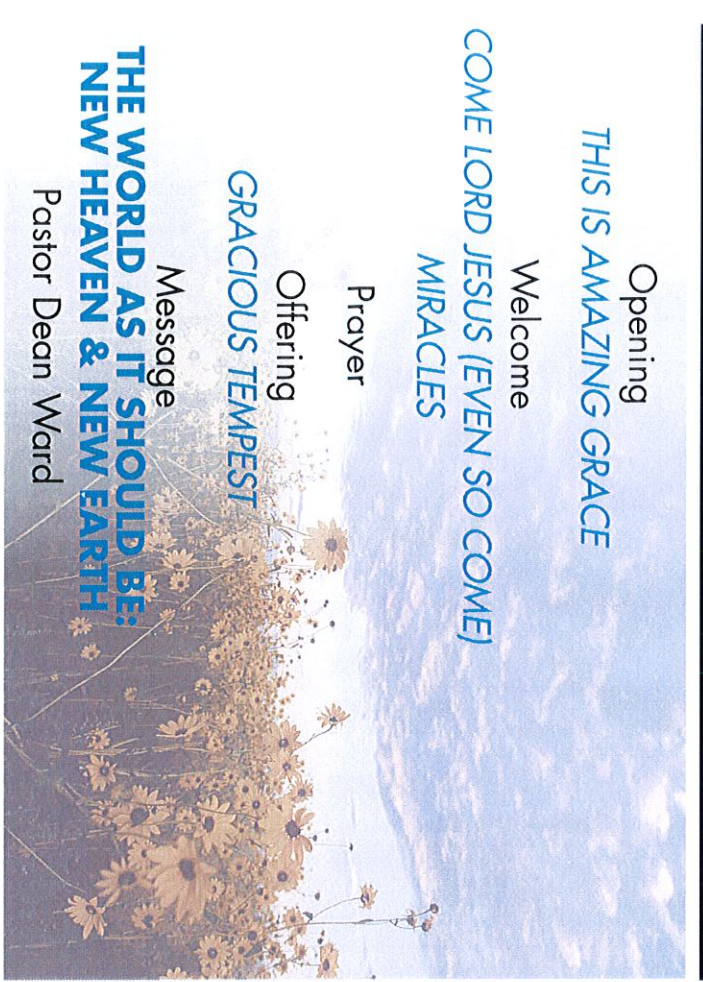
Offering

GRACIOUS TEMPEST

Message

THE WORLD AS IT SHOULD BE:  
NEW HEAVEN & NEW EARTH

Pastor Dean Ward



CURRENT SERMON SERIES

PART 5

REFRAME  
Connecting Faith & Life



## GIVING BACK TO GOD

Giving back to God, cheerfully and sacrificially, is part of our worship. It's our way of putting God first in our finances and supporting the mission of The River throughout the year. The combined totals for both The River New Kensington and The River New Heights are listed.

	\$7,150.00 Needed Weekly	Attendance
January 8th	\$3,581.00	297
January 15th	\$7,334.70	280
January 22nd	\$5,023.35	250
January 29th	\$4,992.62	266

## UPCOMING EVENTS

This Week		Next Week	
Sunday February 5	Services 9:30am & 11:15am	Sunday February 12	Services 9:30am & 11:15am
Wednesday February 8	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm Wednesday Night Live! 6-8pm	Wednesday February 15	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm Wednesday Night Live! 6-8pm
Thursday February 9	MOPS 9:30-11:30am Bible Study 6:30-8pm	Thursday February 16	Bible Study 6:30-8pm
Saturday February 11	Kids Closet Public Event 10am-1pm	<b>Like! us on Facebook</b>	

MARCH 18

REVERSE THE CURSE MEN'S CONFERENCE  
@ SAXONBURG MEMORIAL CHURCH 8AM-3PM

MAY 13

REFRAME INTENSIVE DAY  
WITH STEVE GARBBER - LOCATION & DETAILS TO COME



STAY CONNECTED! CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR EVENTS  
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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Family ♦ Fellowship ♦ Faith

6:30-8pm  
Beginning January 11th

See faith differently

A powerful 8-week film-based exploration of what it means to follow Christ in the modern era.

BRING THE KIDS!  
Nursery & Preschool programs are available  
Good MEN'S NEWS  
Open to kids in grades K-6

## RIVER'S EDGE YOUTH GROUP

Open to youth grades 7-12  
Youth Pastor Brian Baker 724-594-7394  
Every 2nd and 4th Sunday, the youth are encouraged to attend the 11:15 service. After the offering song, the youth will go into the Youth Room for their lesson.

Wednesdays 6-8pm