



## The Father Heart Of God | Gifting Eternal Life | Revelation 21:1-7 & Romans 8:22-25

1. As you think back over the past 9 weeks of teaching about 'The Father Heart of God', is there one theme or message which has particularly struck you? Why?
2. Are you...a sinner or a saint? A slave or a son/daughter? An orphan or an heir? Captive or free? A citizen of heaven or of earth? Discuss and identify the challenges of each position.

**Read:** Revelation 21:1-7 & Romans 8:22-25

3. What strikes you afresh or for the first time as you read these two Scriptures? What, do you think, is the big message from each Scripture (or from the Scriptures combined)?
4. Is it possible to be so heavenly-minded that you are of no earthly use? Is it possible to be so earthly-minded that you are of no heavenly use? Discuss.
5. Do you and/or Christchurch Baptist Church take seriously all that is described in Revelation 21:2? Do we live like we are leaving?
6. What do you find brings you most hope from the description of Revelation 21:4? Why? What difference (if any) does this truth make today?
7. What does the phrase, "*Behold, I am making all things new*" mean (verse 5)? What is this referring to?
8. Is heaven only a future hope or is it also a present reality? Why?
9. Is there really such a place as hell (or eternal separation from God)? How comfortable to you feel chatting about hell to your friends/family?
10. Do you think it is helpful to think of heaven and hell in geographical terms or is it more helpful to think of heaven relational terms? Would this make your conversations with friends/family any more palatable?
11. Are you able to identify with what Paul says about groaning in Romans 8:22-25? From what Paul says, should we, as Christians, be groaning?
12. Do you agree with what Paul says in Romans 8:24-25? Can you think of a contemporary example/situation from your own life (other than the longing for heaven) which might equate?