

# PBC Growing in Christ

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# Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The cross is silhouetted against a sky with soft, golden light from a setting or rising sun. The clouds are scattered and catch the low light, creating a serene and contemplative atmosphere.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

# Growing in Christ

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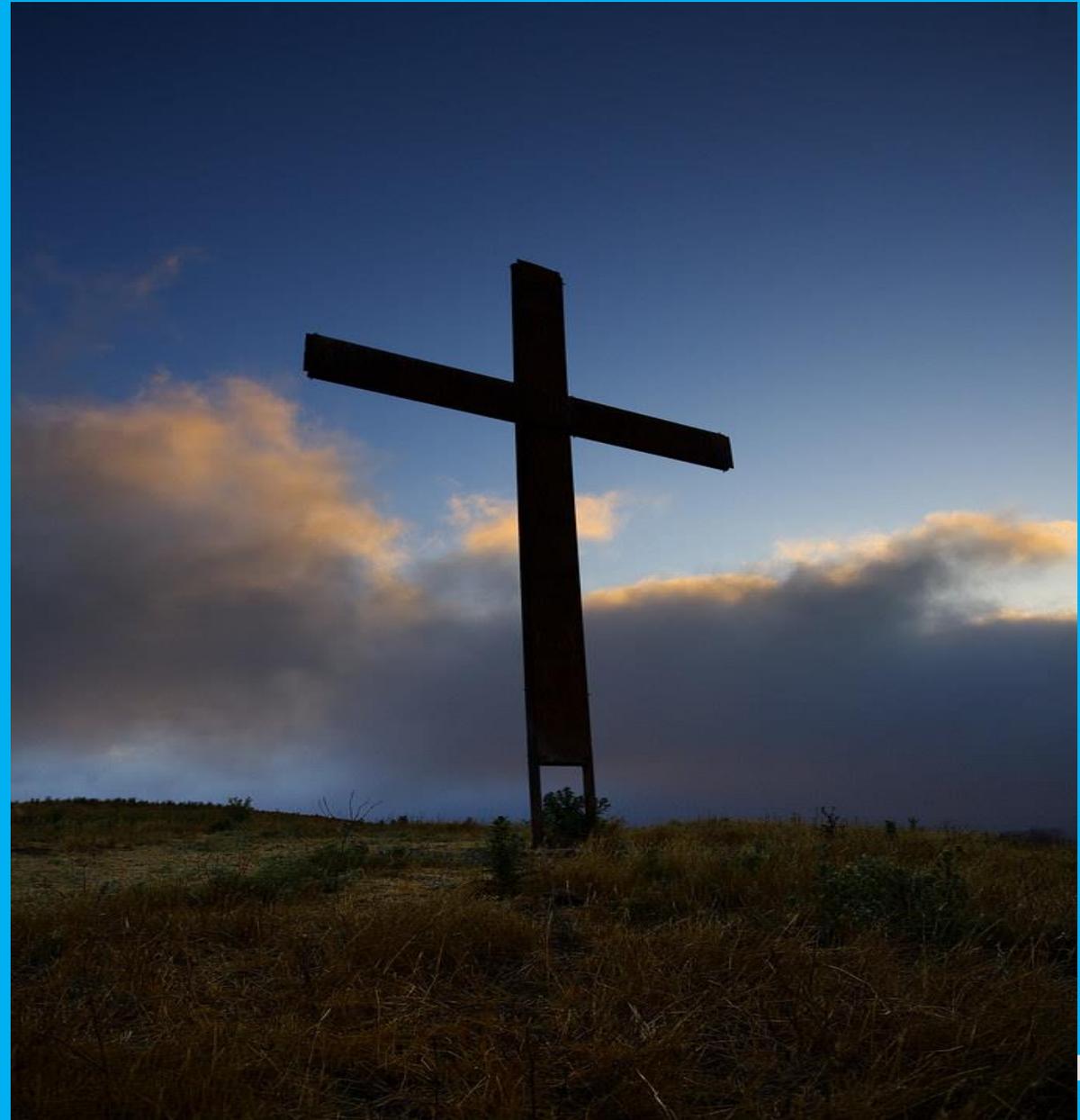
- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



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*To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)*





# Eternal Life

## Revelation 21:1-8; 22:1-5

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If you could live  
anywhere in the world,  
where would it be?

# Scripture

## REVELATION 21:1-5

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 I also saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. 3 Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look, God's dwelling is with humanity, and he will live with them. They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and will be their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away.

5 Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new." He also said, "Write, because these words are faithful and true."



# Eternal Life

## Revelation 21:1-8; 22:1-5

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**What are some ways our culture expresses the concept of heaven?**

**Why is it significant that God will dwell with His people?**

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# Eternal Life

## REVELATION 21:1-5

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Heaven is a place.

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” John 14:3



# Eternal Life

## REVELATION 21:1-5

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**No death.** Our new home in heaven will be a place of total victory. John wrote previously that death would be thrown in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:14).

**No grief.** No sin, regret, or loss will remain to cause us to grieve or mourn.

**No crying.** Since grief will exist no longer, we will have no more cause for crying.

**No pain.** Since the sin that led to the fall will have been removed completely, all pain will be gone.

# Scripture

## REVELATION 21:6-8

6 Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely give to the thirsty from the spring of the water of life. 7 The one who conquers will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son. 8 But the cowards, faithless, detestable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars—their share will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”



# Eternal Life

## REVELATION 21:6-8

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**“How do the promises in these verses reflect God’s character?”**

***What do these verses teach us about God’s intention for our relationship with Him?***



# Eternal Life

## REVELATION 21:6-8

I will freely give.

I will freely give to the thirsty from the spring of the water of life.” We must admit we are thirsty and believe that Jesus is the only One who can quench that thirst.

“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink” (John 7:37).

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled” (Matthew 5:6).



# Eternal Life

## REVELATION 21:6-8

God is preparing an amazing place

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**We can live forever in the presence of God. the one who perseveres.**

The one who conquers will inherit these things.” We are conquerors when we stand strong and faithful to Christ, and we overcome and are victorious through Him. We overcome only when we rely on Jesus.

**Reemphasize the only requirement to receive eternal life.** God is preparing an amazing home where we will live eternally, but it will only be available to those who believe in Jesus Christ.

He is “the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father” (John 14:6) and His eternal home without looking to Jesus as the only way.

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# Scripture

## REVELATION 22:1-5

1 Then he showed me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the city's main street. The tree of life was on each side of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations, 3 and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 Night will be no more; people will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever.



# Question

## REVELATION 22:1-5

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In what ways does knowing how the story ends change your everyday life?

Which image found in these verses catches your attention?



# REVELATION 22:1-5

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**We will worship God.** We will certainly declare His praises, but worship is far more than the words we sing or speak. In eternity, our worship and service will be perfect because we will be unhindered by sin.

**We will serve God.** We're not told what our service will entail, but keep in mind that as we serve there is a third thing we will do.

**We will reign with God.** God is the sovereign and supreme Ruler over all creation, yet He will grant us the privilege to reign with Him.



# GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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**Focus on heaven.** As a follower of Christ, your citizenship is in heaven (Phil. 3:20).

Make a list of things that are consuming you in your life?

“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” (Col. 3:1-2).

# Final thoughts about Eternal Life

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**Look to Christ.** If you have not trusted Christ, place your faith in Him. He desires for you to come to Him and live with Him for eternity.

**Focus on heaven.** As a follower of Christ, your citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). Don't let the temporary things of life consume you, but "seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on earthly things" (Colossians 3:1-2).

**Invite others to heaven.** Identify specific people you know who have no hope of eternal life because they have not placed their faith in Christ. Pray and seek opportunities to tell them how they can have an eternal life in heaven with Christ.

# Final thoughts about Eternal Life

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The Bible concludes with God's creation of an eternal paradise called heaven. **It will be the reward for those who have placed their faith and hope in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.**



# Resources

John 4:10-14, 14:3

Genesis 1:1, 3:22-24

Romans 8:19-22

Revelation 13:1, 19:20

Isiah 55:1

Revelation 7:17

2 Samuel

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Zechariah 14:8

[Bible.com](http://Bible.com)





Next Week: June 21, 2020  
**Love**

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“Let love permeate every relationship.”

**What foods do you like best straight out of the oven?**

John 15:9-14

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