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## READING

We believe that regular Bible reading is the most important step we can take to grow spiritually. If you need a tool to help you be consistent, check out the options at the Resource table in the foyer.

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## PRAYING

This information is intended to help you pray for specific needs in our congregation and the world. Updates to prayer requests for individuals will be added as information is provided.

Though troubles assail, and dangers affright,  
Though friends should all fail, and foes all unite,  
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,  
The promise assures us, the LORD will provide.

- E. M. Bounds

### For Our Mission

- Pray for individuals with specific ministry gifts to be recognized, to grow in faith and engage in this local expression of the kingdom.
- Pray for grace to grow in community. No group of people escape the need for forgiveness.

### For Our World

Winter is a dreadful time to be homeless. Pray for all levels of government and the local organizations which can work together to address the need for affordable housing.

### For Our Congregation

- Ed Allen is struggling with some health issues related to pneumonia
- Dana Orchard is currently receiving dialysis at Vic. Hospital. She is not sure how long she will be there, but will, at some point, be transferred back to Parkwood
- Jill Wilson is recovering at home after having had surgery on both of her feet
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# WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

February 4, 2018

Speaker: Dr. Deven K MacDonald

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## HEARING:

### Awaiting New Creation

Revelation 21 (pg. 1252 )

### Two Errors in Dealing with The End Times:

1. Wild Speculation:
2. Shoulder-Shrugging Indifference:

Regardless of your view on Revelation, You must:

1. **Remember that it's \_\_\_\_\_ literature.** The bible is one book, but has many different forms of literature: Poetry, Proverbs, Historical Records, Personal Letters, Biographies, Laments, and Apocalyptic Literature. It's a type of genre that uses evocative images, symbolism, and numbers to communicate.
2. **Remember that every generation has had weird views on Revelation and thought they were living the book out in real time** (i.e. the Pope was the Antichrist, Blood Moons, Saddam Hussein is the Anti-Christ, all kinds of crazy!).
3. **Understand that the Lamb Wins.** There are many views on Revelation. But, don't read it and fail to be led to worship. Jesus Wins! That's the whole point! The Lamb that was slain triumphs over the evil serpent and brings about New Creation. The Lamb is on the throne and can't be stopped. That's the point.

## New Creations Await New Creation: Revelation 21

### 1. God doesn't give up on his \_\_\_\_\_ .

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### 2. Creation and the Physical Matters.

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### 3. Jesus' ministry \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ New Creation.

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### 4. We are fulfilling God's eternal plan here and now.

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## DEEPENING

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## APPLYING

It's one thing to hear God's Word, it's another to apply it! Answering the questions on your own before your group meets will help you be fully engaged in the discussion.

### Community Group Questions

1. Have you ever read through the book of Revelation? What did you think at the time? What did you find interesting or puzzling?
2. Look at the "Two Errors in Dealing with the End Times" from the sermon notes. Which of these two do you think you default to more?
3. Why is it so important to have our hopes set on New Creation (which is biblical) rather than the typical (and unbiblical) way that the afterlife is pictured (clouds, harps, ethereal/spiritual)?
4. Read again through Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27. What, in this passage, makes your heart joy-filled? What do you long for that you see in these verses?
5. What did you learn or how were you encouraged or challenged from points 1 through 4 in the sermon notes? Share what God taught you through his Word.

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## CHURCH PLANT

Summerside is planting a church. We are passionate about seeing disciples made. Stay up-to-date with the church plants at [www.chelseagreen.church](http://www.chelseagreen.church) or find them on Facebook.

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## REMEMBERING

Memorizing is one of the best ways of making truth stick. You can memorize something if you repeat it enough times. Try reading the verse 5 times a day until it sticks! Choose a part of it for your kids if needed.

"Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, ..."

Revelation 21:1 <sup>(NIV)</sup>