

## Revelation 21:1-4

1	Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone.
2	And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.
3	I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.
4	He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

This verse was also originally read years ago at Janet's funeral.

When I was asked to read it, Honestly at first I was real troubled, If you have studied the book of Revelation at all, you may feel this verse is a little out of context for a memorial service.

I had to think about how to "tie it in" for a while, then it hit me. - Granny picked these verses years ago I think because when it said:

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

IT IMPACTED HER.

You see, granny spent her whole life wiping away tears from other peoples eyes, and sometimes her own. She experienced the death of loved ones, she experienced sorrow and crying and pain, but I think she experienced all of that much more than we know. The reason for that is whenever any of her loved ones went through these sorrows that life gives us, she felt it too, she hurt so much for everyone, every time someone was in pain, she was in pain for them, right along side them, and wanted every time to help heal them. I have so many memories of her just sitting beside me, holding my hand and asking how I was feeling, and when she asked, you could always tell that whatever problem you had, she felt it too and she was going to be bound and determined to fix it. Many times with food!

I remember when I was a little boy and school was hard for me, can any of you believe I had a hard time sitting still and fitting in? Granny saw it in my face that things were hard, I am sure she had heard from my mother all about things too, but she was just heartbroken for me, she hurt, I could see it clear s day, I was probably only 7 or 8 years old, but I could really see how much she hurt for me. It impacted me, the way she was so caring and concerned for me at that time. That stayed with me, I think we all can remember similar experiences like that. We all learned a lot about tender heartedness and love from Granny, that impact will always be with us all.

Granny knew that no matter how much effort she gave though, that she was not ever going to truly fix us, she knew that though we may find peace through Christs gift of salvation here on earth that this was still a fallen world and that this fallen world still has pain, death and sorrow. The reason I believe Granny picked

that verse is because she felt it spoke to how through Salvation, someday we will be completely new, completely peaceful with no tears and no sorrow. The thought of us being truly healed. What a big heart she had!

I want to read that part of the verse again

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