* Heaven is where God the father dwells, where Christ is now, and where Christians go, apart from their bodies, when they die.
* Heaven as: ”the place where God most makes known his presence to bless”
  + Good and sinless place – better than the world we know now
  + Experience Christ’s presence and respond in worship
* But away from bodies, away from physical being.
  + Not how we were meant to be!
  + How will we offer our entire selves?
* Morning’s main topic: new creation (new heaven, new earth)
* End of John’s vision: after return, judgement, final defeat, comes resurrection
  + John sees the new creation
* ‘Heaven’ so far is only temporary – not final, not ultimate
* We were created to be physical embodied, heaven now is disembodied.
* Long to be with Christ in heaven (which will be better)
  + but ultimate hope is new creation
  + Both with Christ and in the body
  + Promise of the bible

8:17am – Flip over, 3 passages on new creation [divide up], question.