

A vision of the Holy City¹

I saw a vision; it was last Tuesday at 11 o'clock in the morning.

I was looking down on the city when the fresh blue summer sky broke open above my head and the Spirit of God breathed on my eyes and my eyes were opened. I saw Glasgow , the holy city coming down out of heaven shining like a rare jewel, sparkling like clear water in the eye of the sun, and all the sickness was gone from the city. There were no more suburbs and schemes , no difference between the big houses in Bearsden and the tenements in Maryhills .

I saw the river Clyde flowing with the water of life, as bright as crystal, as clear as glass, and the children of Glasgow swimming in it. And the Spirit showed me the tree of life growing on Glasgow Green .

I looked out and there were no more homeless people,
no more women working the streets,
no more junkies up the alleys,
HIV and AIDS was a thing of the past,
there were no more racist attacks,
there were no more attacks on gay people,
there were no more rapists,
there were no more stabbings,
there was no more Protestants and Catholics ,
no more IRA graffiti and no more Orange marches ,
because there was no more hate.

I saw women walking safe at night, and the men full of passion and gentleness, and none of the children were ever abused because the people's sex was full of justice and joy.

I saw an old woman throw back her head and laugh like a girl.

And when the sky closed back, her laughter rang in my head for days and days, and would not go away. This was what I saw looking out from the Gallowgate , looking up from the city of death, and I knew that there would be a day of redemption.

Then I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God ... He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away ... the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God ... down the middle of the great street of the city. (Revelation 21:2,4 and Revelation 22:1-2)

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