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WHO SAID "RAPTURE" ??



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There is a big difference between the "RAPTURE" and the "RESURRECTION." There are thousands of people who think the "RAPTURE" idea - with driverless cars and crashing airplanes - is nothing but an emotion packed made up story with no Bible basis. But all Christians agree there will be a "RESURRECTION" in the future. The sensational display of the terror filled tribulation really has nothing to do with when the "RESURRECTION" will take place. We are convinced the Bible teaches the "RESURRECTION" will take place at the end of the tribulation, not before it.



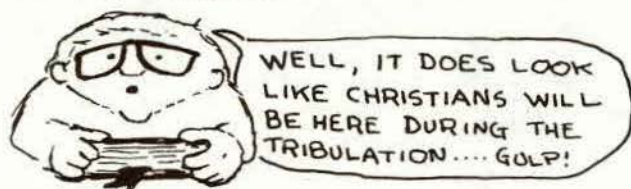
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He said, "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou should keep them from the evil." (John 17:15)

CHANGE YOUR MIND

Thousands of Christians are changing their minds about the "rapture" of the church. We used to think the "rapture" would take place before the tribulation. Now, we see the Bible shows the resurrection will be at the end of the time of trouble.



But not everyone agrees. Some denominations still hold strongly to their traditions about the "rapture" in spite of all the Bible evidence to show it will be at the end of the tribulation. Some people know more about prophecy from listening to a quartet sing "I'LL FLY AWAY" than from Bible study, but things are changing. I found there are many Bible students who believe the resurrection will take place at the end of the tribulation. But I was shocked to find that a few people actually count us as their enemy after we changed to believe the Bible, not their tradition.

After many years I discovered that nearly all Bible students believe the "rapture" takes place after the tribulation and that some people mistakenly believe it takes place before. Then I discovered that people hate each other and fight each other because

of their disagreement about the "rapture." Brothers, this should not be!



The most shocking thing this study has shown me is that Christianity is presently divided over issues which are important but not important enough to make Christians hate each other. Now I have seen that everyone in my city who names the name of Jesus Christ is my brother and is in the "real Church" no matter what he believes about the rapture.

However, I have now seen that denominationalism is a great enemy to the cause of Christ. People who think their own denomination is "the greatest" are badly deceived and they do much to hurt real Christianity.

To be real Christians we must get our eyes off our rules of discipline and doctrinal statements and put our eyes on Jesus Christ. Jesus told us the way to know if a person is a Christian and a brother, is by our love toward each other. When you see "Christians" hating each other and hurting each other then you know they are very immature, like children.

The other two things which are enemies to the cause of Christ are the traditions and commandments of the church. People mistakenly think that what the "church" said is what Jesus said - but there is a big difference. I did not know this until I started to study the "rapture question," and now I see it applies to a whole lot more beside rapture.

WHAT JESUS SAYS AND WHAT THE CHURCH SAYS ARE OFTEN TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THINGS....



There will not be a **RAPTURE** before the tribulation; the **RESURRECTION** will be at the end of the trouble. Let us get this straight: There is no scripture anywhere that proves the rapture is first. The notes in the Scofield Bible are the biggest offender and have done the most to project the error. I changed my mind, after Bible study (not Scofield note study), and began to teach Christians to get ready for trouble. 37

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God never promised to send Christians his wrath (wrath is for the unbeliever) but He did promise to send us tribulation.

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BENDERS
OF LIFE.



IN THE WORLD YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION... JOHN 16:33.

Some of our friends did not like the idea of going through the tribulation, so they began to wonder if we who believe in a post-tribulation resurrection were really saved. Now look; salvation does not depend on what you believe regarding the rapture or tribulation. Salvation has to do with believing on Jesus Christ and following Him, and I am saved in spirit, I am being saved in soul and by the grace of God I will be saved in body, all through Jesus Christ! Furthermore, this does not question your salvation, either.

One denomination will not extend the right hand of fellowship to you unless you agree with them in their mistaken idea about the rapture. Now I see that many Christians really believe their leaders are infallible and their denominations can't make a mistake.

SALVATION COMES BY FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST NOT FAITH IN A PRE, MID, POST OR PAN TRIB' RAPTURE THEORY (AS IMPORTANT AS THIS SUBJECT IS.)



Some evangelicals hand out a newspaper type tract showing shocking pictures of horror and havoc after a supposed rapture, but the paper is repulsive to Bible students because no scriptures are given to prove the ideas. Some people who had dreams or visions of the rapture were so completely disarmed by the barrage of newspaper tracts and their visions that they retaliated with rage. This shows me that present Christianity must go through more changing and come into love, not hate.

We have to come to the idea that every one who names the name of Jesus Christ is a Christian, no matter what they believe concerning the rapture. We have let our different denominational leaders brainwash us into thinking that unless everyone agrees with our group, they are in danger. Really, the person who is in danger is the one who thinks he is right and has not changed much lately.

WE'VE LET OUR DENOMINATIONAL LEADERS BRAINWASH US.



A great churchman, Dr. OSWALD J. SMITH (TORONTO), said, "Now, after years of study and prayer I am absolutely convinced that there will be no rapture before the tribulation, but that the Church will undoubtedly be called upon to face the Antichrist, and that Christ will come at the close of, not at the beginning of, that awful period." He said, "I have always held (in the past) the view that the Rapture precedes the Revelation by some seven years." Something changed the mind of that great Bible student and preacher.

He went on to say, "I believed the other theory simply because I was taught it by W.E. Blackstone in his book 'Jesus is Coming,' the Scofield reference Bible and and Prophetic Conferences and Bible Schools; but when I began to search for the scriptures for myself I discovered that there is not a single verse in the Bible that upholds the pre-tribulation theory, but that the uniform teaching of the Word of God is a post-tribulation rapture." Search the scriptures for yourself and your mind also will be changed.

MATT. 24:40. TWO IN A FIELD: ONE WILL BE TAKEN... ONE LEFT.



MATT. 13:24-43 AND MATT. 24:37-39 MAKE IT CLEAR THE EVIL WILL BE TAKEN FIRST.

AFTER THE TRIBULATION

Jesus placed the sign of His second coming "immediately AFTER the tribulation of those days." (Matt. 24:29) The Bible DOES NOT say the Christians will be raptured FIRST when two are in the field, one taken and one left. (Matt. 24:40-41) However, it is clear that the children of the wicked are taken FIRST from reading MATTHEW 13:24-43.

SUPERNATURAL PROTECTION

Noah was not raptured out of the flood water; he went through the water. God said, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers,

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they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." (Isaiah 43:2) Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego saw the fourth man and went through the fire. They were not raptured out. Daniel was not raptured out of the Lion's den; he went through it.

God has established a pattern of providing supernatural protection for His people so they have had the power to go through the test, not out of it. Why would He change His pattern for the last great Tribulation?

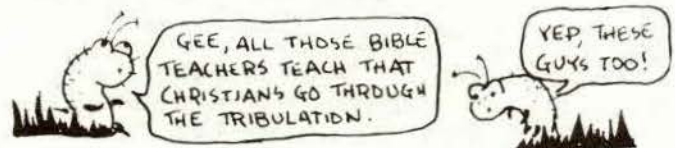
FAMOUS CHURCHMEN AGREE

Dr. Henry W. Frost, former Home Director of CHINA INLAND MISSION, wrote a book "MATTHEW 24 AND THE REVELATION." In it he argues conclusively for a **POST**-tribulation rapture.

A man from England, Edmund Shackleton, wrote a book, "WILL THE CHURCH ESCAPE THE GREAT TRIBULATION? Anyone who reads either book will be convinced that there will be no rapture before the tribulation.

Rev. Pat Robertson, a famous radio and TV personality, has spent many hours on his own stations telling his audience they would go through the tribulation, not out of it.

Here is a list of Bible teachers who have written to show that we will go through the tribulation: David Baron, Dr. Bergin, Dr. Horatius Bonar, Charles T. Cook, Charles R. Erdman, W. J. Erdman, Bishop Frank Houghton, Dr. Campbell Morgan, Dr. Adolph Saphir, Dr. A. B. Simpson, H. W. Soltan, Dr. J. W. Thirtle, Henry Varley, Nathaniel West, Lennard Darby, Norman S. Mac Pherson.



Other famous men who have taken this position are George Muller, John B. Scruby, Norman Douty and George Ladd (Fuller Theological Seminary), J. Barton Payne... (Wheaton College).

HISTORY OF THE RAPTURE THEORY (FALSE)

Mr. Edmund Shackleton opened his book with the statement, "All who held the pre-millennial Coming of Christ were... of one mind on the subject.... (until circa 1830) About that time a new view was promulgated that the Coming of Christ was not one event, but that it was divided into stages, in fact, that Christ comes twice from Heaven to earth, but the first time only as far as the air. The first descent, it is said, will be for the purpose of removing the Church from the world, and will occur before the Great Tribulation under Anti-christ... This they call "The coming for His Saints" or "Secret Rapture." The second part of the Coming is said to take place when Christ appears in glory and destroys the Anti-christ. This they call, "The coming with His saints."

Mr. H. A. Baker wrote, "For eighteen centuries the fundamental principle of tribulation to glory was the universal belief of the truly born again members of the Church."



GOD HAS ESTABLISHED A PATTERN...

God said, "Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. There shall no evil befall thee." (Psalm 91) A mighty supernatural deliverance was wrought by God by protecting all His children in Egypt.

THROUGH, NOT OUT

They went through the last **SEVEN** plagues but Israel did not suffer from them. (Exodus 8:22-23, 9:4)

When we study how God poured out his wrath in Egypt during the **LAST SEVEN** plagues we notice an amazing parallel to when God will pour out his wrath during the **LAST SEVEN** vials of wrath (also seven trumpets) of the book of Revelation.

Just as God protected His people from His wrath in Egypt. He will also protect His people from His wrath in the end time. But it should be noted, his people always go through it, not out of it.

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Dr. Oswald J. Smith said, "The new pre-tribulation rapture teaching was first proclaimed as a direct revelation by a woman in Edward Irving's church, and then taken up by John Nelson Darby (and the Scofield Reference Bible) in direct contradiction to the teaching of the Church for eighteen hundred years."

H.A. Baker said, "Beginning with the Irvingite woman, then propagated by John N. Darby about 1830, this new... doctrine... has come down to us until it has become popular. George Muller opposed it; so did Benjamin Wills Newton; so did Dr. S.P. Tregelles and other Brethren."



I JUST NEVER READ THE HISTORY OF THE RAPTURE THEORY... IT'S FASCINATING!

I blindly followed my denominational teaching by proclaiming that it would be first the rapture then secondly, the appearance of the Anti-christ. But I discovered that the scripture really says, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." (II Thes. 2:3) The scriptures say plainly, **FIRSTLY** the Anti-christ... then **SECONDLY** the resurrection. The word "rapture" cannot be found in the Bible. Look it up and see! We have added that to our Christian vocabulary; God did not put it in His word.

CHURCH IS NOT READY YET

Jesus Christ is going to present a glorious church without spot, or wrinkle. (Eph. 5:27) It is obvious that the church is not ready for His coming according to that standard. There is yet much perfecting of the church to do first, before Jesus comes.



OH, OH... WHAT TOOLS DO I NEED FOR THAT?

IT'S NOT THE BUILDING THAT NEEDS PERFECTING. IT'S THE PEOPLE.

It is a very grave error to promise Christians an escape instead of preparing them for the tribulation.

MORE BIBLE TRUTH

In studying II Thes. 2:7, Dr. Oswald J. Smith said, "He who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way," I learned from the Greek that the second 'he' is the Anti-

christ, and that the Greek does not say... 'taken out of the way,' but 'revealed in the midst.' In other words, lawlessness will be restrained until the appointed time for the lawless one, the Anti-christ to appear. There is no mention of the Holy Spirit at all. That is a Scofield Bible assumption. The Holy Spirit and the church remain to the end of the age."

SUPPER FOR SEVEN YEARS

Some people mistakenly teach that after the rapture we will all go to the marriage supper of the Lamb and will be there for seven years, eating and enjoying ourselves while God punishes the world. A close analysis of the scripture in I Thes. 4:17 shows that the word "meet" was only used in two other places, in scripture. In both places it means "returning with" and not "remaining at" the place of meeting. There is no scripture anywhere in the Bible that says we will remain for seven years in the air.

CAN THIS BE THE CHURCHES' DESTINY?



NO, NO MORE FOOD... PLEASE!

I'M A SICK

SIX YEARS TO GO.

OOH, I'M STUFFED.

I have been taught that the Greek word "parousia" always referred to the rapture and that other words were used for the coming of Christ in glory after the tribulation. But I found that this also is not true. "Parousia" is used for the coming in glory in II Thes. 2:1.

I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION

I believe the spiritual bodies of the dead saints will be raised at the end of the tribulation & we who are alive will meet them. I Cor. 15:35-44. Since the resurrection occurs after the tribulation, then every born again believer in Jesus Christ needs to be awakened to this truth. They need to prepare and perfect themselves, through the word, by the Holy Spirit. Your hope of being taken out and away from the bad things may let you down and you may not have the power (Holy Spirit) to go through the trouble. Of all the people I know, not one person has ever found a single scripture that says we will be raptured before the tribulation. Have you?



NOW THAT I UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE RESURRECTION I'M GOING TO REALLY STUDY THE BIBLE AND LEARN WHAT I NEED TO GO THROUGH TRIBULATION VICTORIOUSLY.

When scripture conflicts with traditions,
which should we believe? Change your
mind like I did! □

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SCRIPTURE

Matt. 13:39 - the harvest is the end of the world (age); and the reapers are the angels.⁴⁰ As therefore the tares are gathered & burned in the fire, so shall it be at the end of this world (age).⁴¹ The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend and them which do iniquity:⁴² And shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ **THEN SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER**, who hath ears to hear let him hear.

Matt. 24:29 - Immediately after the tribulation of those days.... shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven.

Matt. 24:37 - But as the days of Nōē (Noah) were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (The wicked were destroyed and the good left.)

Prov. 2:22 - For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.²² But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

Prov. 10:30 - The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

Rev. 5:10 - hast made us unto our God kings and Priests: and we shall reign **ON THE EARTH**.

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WHAT'S YOUR POINT OF VIEW?

HE'S ABLE...BUT IF HE WILL

The thought of going through tribulation is not a pleasant one when we look at it from our human temporal point of view. It's no wonder Christendom has come up with the ingenious theory of the rapture. After all, it would be much more pleasant to be removed from the earth before trouble starts than it would be to stay here and see it through.



Did you ever have doubts about your ability to face tribulation or wonder if God would really deliver you from trouble? Well, if you did you're in good company.

Remember Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego from Sunday School days? They had their doubts too. They didn't doubt that God was **ABLE** to deliver them from the fiery furnace but they just weren't sure if He **WOULD**.

You know, God let them walk all the way up to the fire and be thrown in without knowing for sure He'd save them. Here's what they said to ol' Nebuchadnezzar when he asked who would save them.

AT TIMES
GOD LETS
YOU FALL
RIGHT IN
THE POT.



"IF IT BE SO, OUR GOD WHOM WE SERVE **IS ABLE** to deliver us.... **BUT IF NOT**, BE IT KNOWN TO THEE, O KING, THAT WE WILL NOT SERVE THY

GODS." (DAN. 3:17-18)

You are not going to learn faith on the way to the fiery furnace... Our full body salvation is sought for by **HOPE**. If this is not the chosen generation, if we all die, it does not change the message of the Bible one bit. God is **ABLE** to deliver us. We believe that by faith but we cannot force God's hand. We **HOPE** this is the time He has appointed for us to receive our adoption, to wit, the redemption of our bodies. (Romans 8)

When Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego went into the fire they were bound. In a similar manner we're bound by traditions and circumstances of life. In the fire they met a fourth man, like unto the Son of God. They were loosed in the midst of the fire by the brightness of His glory. Their point of view was changed from the temporal to the eternal. That fire, stoked to seven times its normal heat became like a cool summer breeze. Nothing could harm them or bind them in His presence.

* VIEW IT FROM THE ETERNAL *

If you have doubts as to whether God will deliver you in the midst of a tribulation it's only natural. God is able to deliver us like He did S.M. & A. But, remember, He never told them He would. They didn't know for sure until they were literally thrown into the fire and saw their tormentors being burned up. They knew He was able but they weren't sure He would until He did.

We **KNOW** we're going to live through the tribulation. We **KNOW** God is able to deliver us in the midst of it. Let's learn to change our point of view from the temporal to the eternal and be loosed from our bonds and go through the hot spots unharmed.

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Dear Friends in Christ:

At the end of each lecture I usually hold a question and try-to-answer period. To me, this is a very interesting and informative section of our get-together. Likewise, I have been going over some of my questions and answers that we have handled by mail and I believe that they will be equally as interesting to you.

Q. Do you believe we are headed for nuclear war, as does Hal Lindsey, by the year 2000?

A. There is some indication in the Bible that we may be headed for a nuclear war. Acts 2:19 describes the atomic cloud called vapors of smoke in the N.T. and pillars of smoke in the O.T., but literally translated from the Hebrew "palm trees of smoke"-which indicate an atomic bomb.

However, I personally hope that the 1945 explosions on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were a fulfillment of that prophecy. If they were a fulfillment - then it won't be necessary for us to have another nuclear war.

Q. What's so bad about Rothschild issuing paper gold? The U.S. Monetary System works this way. So do private citizens financial basis (i.e. checking accounts).

A. It is true that the U.S. Monetary System works this way (no metal backing). However, it was not true in 1932 when money was backed by gold and also it was not true in the 1940's when money was backed by silver - but you're right, it is true now and that's what's so bad about it. Many years ago the dollar was stable when it was backed by metal. The bad thing now is that the instability of the dollar is directly traceable to removing the metal backing. The thing that is so bad about Rothschild writing checks to create paper gold is that there is nothing in the Rothschild account to back the checks. It is like giving you the power to write all the checks you want to when you do not have anything in the bank to cover your checks.

Q. What is the engrafted Word? Is it what you have memorized or what you understand or what you have heard?

A. The engrafted Word is the Word (Bible) that has been moved upon by the Holy Spirit and results in an attitude change rather than just a memorized word or an understanding. The engrafted Word technically is when the LOGOS becomes RHEMA.



Q. What is Godliness? How will I recognize it? How can I achieve it?

A. The best expression of Godliness that I can find is a constant awareness of His presence. Technically, the Greek has it "fear" but I don't like the word "fear" because of its negative connotation "fear of God." I would substitute the word "awe" for "fear" the way Godliness is a reverent awe -- constant knowledge of His constant presence.

Q. I have been praying and searching for the Lord's truth concerning WATER BAPTISM. Will you share what the Lord has taught you through His Word concerning this?

A. Thank you for your nice note concerning water baptism. As you know, water baptism has been a very argumentative subject for many years among Christians. One day I made a Bible study and found 14 different modes of baptism in scriptures. Remember that they were baptized into Moses in the cloud in the Red Sea and none of them got wet.

However, in regard to water baptism, the scriptures clearly sets forth a pattern in regard to being buried with Him in baptism and raising again into newness of life. For this reason I prefer emersion in reference to water baptism, but I think that any of us should not be adamant on the subject. Jesus never baptized any and Paul could count the number he baptized on his fingers, so there must be something more important than the actual act. However, since it has become a standard Christian practice among church members, I believe it should be followed.

In Matthew 28 baptism is an emersion in teaching and in Acts 2:38 baptism is an emersion in water.

Basically, I think it is good advice to follow your peace in this matter and go the direction which will bring the most "righteousness, peace and joy" in your life.