



God's Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17

Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6

Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10

Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matt 10:32-33

Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

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Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

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Schedule of Events

Gospel Meeting with Jason Jackson November 12-15



Think on These Things

Philippians 4:8

³And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

John 17:3-4 (NKJV)

Our Family News

Pray for / Danesa Nicholson, Kelli Riley, Emily Hatley, Peggy Beebe, Traveling: George and Joy, The Kelly's (Nov11-25), Eddie and Susan (Mid Nov) Those going through difficulties, pray for one another.

Today's Scripture

¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (NKJV)

Wisdom for Today

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Psalms 45:6 (KJV)

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"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Rapture

By Dub McClish

The war between Hamas and Israel, the unrest in the middle east, and the attacks on US bases in Syria carry the real concern that a wider war will break out in the middle east. A wider war will almost certainly involve American troops, which runs the risk of other groups joining in. So many religious people are wondering if we are about to enter the "end times". One of the major false doctrines that almost always accompanies "end times" preaching is the doctrine of the "Rapture". The following article was written by a member of the church named Dub McClish and was sent to me by Ed and copied from the bulletin from the Chandler church of Christ in Oklahoma. It is a timely article that will give you a brief introduction into this misuse of scripture and some passages to help you discuss this with any of your friends who have fallen for it.

Thoughts on the "Rapture"

A bumper sticker reads: "In case of the rapture, this car will be driverless." The Rapture refers to an event that will allegedly occur at the "first second coming" of Christ. Its basic features are as follows:

- Jesus will initially return secretly and hover above the earth.
- At this appearance, only the righteous dead will be raised.
- He will take up the raised saints with the living ones (drivers, pilots, secretaries, etc.) into the clouds to be with Him for a period of seven years.
- Afterward, Jesus will descend with His saints and establish His earthly kingdom in Jerusalem.

To those enthralled by dispensational premillennialism (perhaps 98% of Protestantism), the Rapture is the next pivotal event on God's prophetic calendar. Is the Rapture Biblical fact or theological fiction?

First, the Bible knows nothing of more than one return of Jesus Christ or of various "phases" of His return. It is a one-time "coming again" ([John 14:3](#)), at which time all of the material universe will disintegrate ([2 Pet. 3:4-10](#)) and the universal Resurrection and Judgment will occur ([John 5:28-29](#); [1 Cor. 15:22-23](#); [Mat. 25:31-46](#); [2 The. 1:7-10](#)).

Second, the Bible says nothing of a "secret coming," known only to the righteous. Rather, one of the passages the Rapture advocates try to claim refutes the "secret coming" theory. It declares that the Lord's coming will be accompanied with "a shout, with the voice of the arch-angel, and with the trump of God" ([1 The. 4:16](#)). When He comes in the clouds, "every eye shall see him" ([Rev. 1:7](#)). These words describe anything but a "secret" coming.

Third, the Bible speaks no more of a two-phased resurrection than it does of a two-phased second coming. Jesus will raise the dead "at his coming" ([1 Cor. 15:22-23](#); [1 The. 4:16](#)). This resurrection will include both good and evil at the same hour (time) ([John 5:28-29](#)).

Fourth, the Bible mentions nothing of a seven-year "holding pattern" of the righteous with Jesus in the clouds. Again, the very verse the Rapture advocates try to claim ([1 The. 4:16](#)) refutes their doctrine. The righteous will not go to be with the Lord seven years, but to "ever be with the Lord" (emph. DM). This passage speaks of our going to Heaven for eternity, not floating in the clouds for seven years (cf. [1 Cor. 15:22-24](#)).

Fifth, the Bible knows nothing of an earthly kingdom of Christ ([John 18:36](#)).

Sixth, the Bible does not contain either the word Rapture or the concept of that theological scheme.