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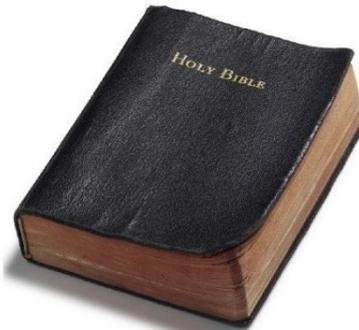
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Join us today with an open Bible, as we investigate the Scriptural TRUTH and History of the Kingdom of God; and then compare what we discover to what YOU have been taught!

"A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the government, the principles, the truths, the history which belong to the nation that sets it forth."

– Henry Ward Beecher

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Brides of Christ (Matthew 25:1-13), and this world for The Return of Jesus Christ; One Bible Study At A Time!!! Join Them! www.onug.us

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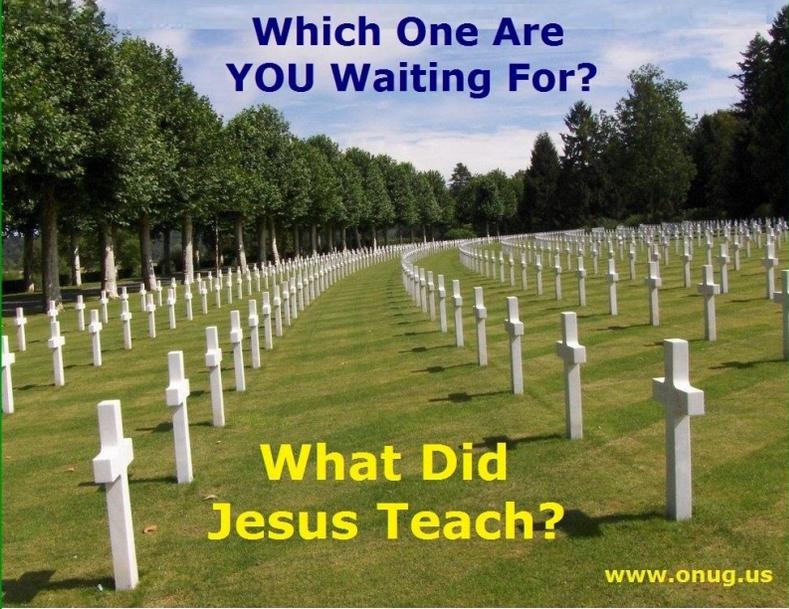
Let us open today in prayer...

Father God, we thank you, Sir, that You have opened our eyes today, to show us your Truth. Your Truth is not a natural truth, and no natural man, no human man can understand Your Truth, unless You give us that ability – through Your Spirit, by Your Power, to understand it. We thank You LORD for Blessing our eyes that they can see today, and we thank You LORD for blessing our ears that they can hear today the things You will reveal to us; that we may follow You and worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Take us Father, from darkness into Your Light; from Satan's power to deceive us, into Your Power to reveal to us Truth, and enlighten us to know Your Word. We ask that you teach us, Father; to be obedient followers of ALL that You reveal to us here today. Teach us to truly forgive those who have wronged us, as You forgive each one of us - of our sins against You, Oh Most Holy God. We Praise You now our Heavenly Father, for today's opportunity to study Your Word; for setting us apart as a holy people, for teaching us how to love You and how to love our fellow man, and most of all - for offering to us, because it pleased You, an eternal inheritance in the Kingdom of The Most High God - by the cleansing blood of your Son! We ask these things of You our Father, we praise You, and we thank You, all in the name of Your Son, our soon coming King; Jesus the Christ. Amen. www.onug.us

How many of us use a thoughtful mind when presented with the concepts of "The Rapture" and "The Resurrection"?

Do we know what their Biblical and Historical origins are? If you do, congratulations! Because most people simply have no idea! The majority doesn't know, that they don't know! Blissful ignorance to God's Truth is the common state in most churches

today; but a Faithful God is calling some to shatter the myths and embrace His Truth. Are YOU up to the task?



**The Rapture
or
The Resurrection?**

**Which One Are
YOU Waiting For?**

**What Did
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The Rapture and The Resurrection:

Is one, or are both of them, just a big vacuuming up of people, by God, into heaven? Who gets to go, and who has to stay? Have you taken the time to form a "well researched" opinion on the matter? Or do you simply believe what the Pastor, Priest, church, or your Grandmother told you? Do YOU know where to find actual Scriptures to support YOUR belief? Do you know what role the Protestant Reformation played, over 500 years ago, in forming YOUR opinions on these very important subjects? You NEED to

know; but more importantly you need to PROVE that what you “know” is the TRUTH of our Great God (1 Thessalonians 5:21)!!!

As with a national flag; do we know what are the symbols and / or insignia that God says He uses to designate His Kingdom and His People? Have we researched and committed to memory, the principles, the Truths, and the history of the Government of God... and the Scriptures that prove that these things are so?

Please allow us now, in this Two-Part Study to take you back in time several centuries, to an epic religious battleground called the Protestant Reformation. We will look at what the battle was over, where the battle lines were drawn; and how a stinging defeat by the Protestants, forever tainted how most “Christians” worship God, and what they believe the Rapture and Resurrection are really all about! TRUTH is stranger than fiction – as we shall soon see!

What Is TRUTH?

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Pontius Pilate asked Jesus this very question (John 18:38). Today, we have the benefit of reading the Word of God, so we all should know the correct answer to that question:

“Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy WORD is TRUTH” (John 17:17).

God’s Word is ALWAYS TRUTH! Regardless of what your church or your government, or even what your parents and teachers tell you; God’s WORD is the First Truth – upon which everything else must either be built upon – or stripped away! Almighty God sanctifies or separates people into different categories by how much of His Truth they embrace or reject! Don’t take my word for it; read for yourself the very Words of Jesus Christ (Revelation 3:1-22, 2:5, 16:15, 22:7, 19:7-9)!!! www.onug.us

Do you believe that God’s Word is Truth? Is it one hundred percent Truth, and nothing but the Truth? I certainly believe that it is!!! And I hope and pray that you do too!

When Pontius Pilate asked Jesus Christ, "Are you a king then?" Jesus answered him, "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness unto the Truth. Every one that is of the Truth heareth my voice" (John 18:37).

Jesus Christ said He came into this world, to bear witness of God's Truth! If we would listen, and could hear, the very Words of Jesus, we would know God's Truth! Well, the Words of Christ were written down for us; so today you can read them aloud and hear them, and hear the ACTUAL TRUTH OF GOD! How awesome is that?!

So I now ask you; do YOU know God's Truth (Psalm 119:29-35, 151, & 160 / Ecclesiastes 12:9-10, 13-14 / John 8:31-32)?

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THE TRUTH ABOUT:
- THE RAPTURE
- THE RESURRECTION
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Is the Rapture a Scripturally sound doctrine? Where does the Bible speak of who will partake of such an event, and when will it occur? Did Jesus weigh in on the matter, and if so, where can I find these Scriptures? We must also ask these very same questions about the Resurrection of the dead. Your fate and your future may very well depend on how you CORRECTLY answer!

Before we begin to get into some hotly debated Biblical topics, I am going to ask for your agreement on a few more Scriptures; (2 Timothy 3:16-17 / John 1:1-5 / John 3:19-20 / Psalm 119:105 / Luke 8:11-15 / Psalm 1:1-3 / 2 Timothy 4:2-5 / Psalm 119:9-11 / John 15:3 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-14 / Luke 24:45 / Acts 26:17-18).

Is The End of This World Coming?

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The Bible certainly tells us that EVERYTHING in this world will eventually be completely destroyed! Let's read a few scriptures and prove this for ourselves (2 Peter 3:7, 10-12 / Psalm 102:26 / Isaiah 24:19, 34:4, 51:6 / Micah 1:4 / Matthew 24:35, 43 / Luke 12:39 / 1 Corinthians 1:8 / Revelation 3:3, 6:14, 16:15, 21:1).

The Apostle Paul tells us that although it is God's Plan - to bring sudden destruction upon all of mankind, like a thief in the night; it is also God's plan to keep His Saints or called out ones, up to speed on His Plans, way in advance, so that they are not surprised with any of the coming end-time events, or God's Plans to end this world once and for all, and usher in His Dominion - worldwide, forever! (1 Thessalonians 5:2, 4)! Amen!

Are You Fulfilling Biblical Prophecy? Have you ever met someone who fulfilled Bible Prophecy? I have met plenty of people who have! But before you think I have lost my mind, you should read how the Apostle Peter foretold that many of us, living today, would certainly meet these people in the "last days" (2 Peter 3:3-4).

With the popularity of Satan's theory of evolution, many believe the world is billions of years old, instead of the few thousand years old that it actually is. These "scoffers" misinterpret God's Patience, and His adherence to His Gospel Plan's timetable, as

proof that God does not exist (2 Peter 3:4-12). Boy, are they going to be surprised one day, real soon! www.onug.us

Do we look forward to Christ's Second Coming, "according to His promise" (2 Peter 3:13-14), or would we rather imagine God doing things exactly the way we think they should be done, regardless of what the Bible says? Do we scoff at the Words of Jesus Christ, and instead believe tales devised in the minds of men? Be extremely cautious with your answers, and be ready to back up your responses with actual Scriptural Authority!!!

Peter admonished us to account God's patience, in sending Christ back to this earth, as God's desire to Save MOST of mankind! You see, our God has a Plan firmly in hand, and He is not going to divert from it, simply because you or I disagree with how things should get done! Peter told us to heed the Godly Wisdom of Paul in this matter as well (2 Peter 3:15); and so we shall! In the Scriptures that follow, we will obediently examine Paul's words on coming end-time events, and we will compare them to the words of Jesus Christ, and the prophets. God's Truth about the Rapture and the Resurrection will be presented to you; proven from the very Word of God!!! www.onug.us

Do you believe Peter; that the Biblically uneducated (the ignorant), and also the spiritually unstable (those who love to make, and tell, lies about God's Truth) would "twist" or pervert God's Scriptures to make them say something they were NOT intended to say or mean? Peter warns us that these things "ARE SO", especially in regards to Paul's epistles, so we better WATCH OUT!!! These corrupters of Truth do so unto their own destruction (2 Peter 3:16)!!! Make no mistake, there is a penalty for not PAYING ATTENTION to what God says, and or not getting God's Word right; especially for those who teach twisted and false versions of God's Truth to others (2 Peter 3:17 / 1 Corinthians 15:33-34, 12-18)!!! Paul is telling us quite plainly here, that when a person dies, **they must remain in the earth** (usually as dust); **until a RESURRECTION from the dead** – until then, **you are PERISHED!!!** Paul also says, **that if you teach anything OTHER than that there are TWO RESURRECTIONS from the**

dead (God's actual Scriptural Plan to raise all who have died to life and conscious thought); then you are a FALSE WITNESS of Christ!!! www.onug.us

Many have gotten extremely upset with me over the years, for making the above statements! If the shoe fits; wear it!!! **You CANNOT be a Teacher or a Follower of Jesus Christ if YOU Do, Say, and Teach DIFFERENT THINGS than He DID (Luke 6:46 / 1 John 2:3-6 / Galatians 1:8-9)!!!**

"But GROW in Grace, and in The Knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be Glory, both now and for ever!!! Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).

Jesus Christ said perilous times were coming to those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. He warned us to **PAY ATTENTION** to His Words – so that no one would, or could, deceive us (Matthew 24:1-4)!!!

So let's go back to The Words of Christ, and TAKE HEED (Matthew 24:5-14)!!!

Did you SEE it? Jesus said those who endured until the end (Galatians 5:22-25 / Matthew 7:16-20, 24-27), and who were Obediently Preaching The Gospel of God's Coming Kingdom, as a Witness - the SAME shall be Saved; THEN shall The End Come (Revelation 22:1-7)!!! www.onug.us

Twisted Scriptures, or the Inspired Truth of God's Gospel Plan? www.onug.us

Where will the followers of Christ be when the end spoken of by Jesus comes? Will they be on the earth or in heaven? Do they get raptured up to heaven, if they are alive on earth, when Christ returns? Does this happen only before, during, or after the Great Tribulation? What about the dead? Do they go to heaven immediately upon dying, or do they have to wait in their graves, and if so, for how long? There are so many twisted and competing theories out there about the rapture and the

resurrection; that for most people, it is difficult to know which ones to believe, and which ones to reject!!!

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Satan HAS Deceived The Whole World (Revelation 12:9)!!!

Take a minute to muse on the above Scripture, Spoken by The Word of God – or Jesus Christ Himself!!! Jesus is NOT Saying “some of the world”, or “most of the world”; Jesus Christ – Our LORD and SAVIOR – is Saying that “Satan has deceived EVERYONE!!!”, meaning THE ENTIRE WORLD!!!

If this Scripture really means what Jesus says it means, then we should Reject ALL religions, all theories, and all concepts, all forms of worship - that CANNOT BE PROVEN to be God-Breathed, from the pages of The Bible, Itself (2 Timothy 3:13-17)!!!

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Do you follow Timothy's advice?

If we know that evil men will grow worse and worse, and that their deceptions will increase, from the time of Christ until our present day; what are we doing about it?

Are we continuing diligently in the **Apostles' Teachings?** Or have we grown up following a cunningly devised, **Counterfeit Gospel**, and don't even know it? Have we carefully applied the Holy Scriptures, which can make us Wise unto Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ; and compared Them to "our" concepts of salvation, God's Plan, and "our" church's teachings?

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I say shame on you, if you have not!!! Don't trust anyone, even a minister or priest, unless you can prove what they are saying is GOD'S TRUTH from the pages of your very own Bible! Start carrying a Bible at ALL TIMES! Today you can put one on a smart phone or tablet. Then LEARN to USE your Bible, and LEARN to PROVE everything you hear, read, or see from The Word of God! **Start from scratch and Re-Prove EVERY concept, EVERY opinion you have about EVERYTHING, from The Bible ALONE (Sola Scriptura – Latin for "by Scripture alone)!!!**

Remember that for the last Five Millennia, Satan has constructed human societies, and their religions, to deceive the Children of God about their history, their inheritance, and the Father's Plans for His Kids!!! **Don't allow the devil to pull the wool over your eyes any longer! Take off your wig!!!**

Back in the day, in the 1600 -1700's, when "self-imposed" men would make themselves seem "important", by the wearing of gray or white wool wigs (Leviticus 19:32); it was rather easy to pull one of these wigs, with a simple tug, over the eyes of a pompous fool! That IS NOT possible when one has ONLY his or her natural hair! Why wear a wig in church? Why not come before God with your natural head of hair? Why subscribe to "fake

Truth"; when The TRUTH of God, is so easily available to you...
once YOU Know WHEN, WHERE, and HOW to look for It?

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Been Deceived?

**When YOU Study
The Bible **The Way**
Jesus Taught Us To;
Nobody Will Be Able
To Pull The Wool
Over Your Eyes,
Ever Again!!!**

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There is an old Chinese saying that says, "The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago; the second best time to plant one is today!"

If you have always believed things that sound like The Truth, but never verified their source, or more importantly their validity according to the Holy Scriptures of God; start today! Let's plant a tree! Compare everything you think, say, do, and most importantly – BELIEVE; to what the Bible has to say about those very same things (1 Thessalonians 5:21)! www.onug.us

Millions of Christians today believe that the concept of the Rapture is part of God's Plan; that it is written in their Bibles, and that the church has always believed in it. But this simply IS NOT SO! **In Fact, the concept of the rapture was unknown in the church until the late 1500's A.D.!!!** www.onug.us

The Printing Press, God's Sabbath Day, the Protestant Reformation, and the Council of Trent (1545-1564):

If we could go back in time to the Europe that existed in the 1400's, we would find only scattered handfuls of the followers of Christ, who were still obediently keeping the Lord's seventh day Sabbath (Hebrews 4:1-11 / Matthew 16:18-19). The Roman Catholic Church had done a good job for the previous thousand years of punishing Christians who attempted to keep God's commanded Sabbath Day (Exodus 31:13 / Leviticus 23:1-4 / Isaiah 66:23). www.onug.us

The Council of Laodicea (365 A.D.) gives us a good example of the prevailing attitude that still existed in Europe in the 1400's, and the Catholic Church's aversion to keeping God's Fourth Commandment. This council took place soon after the conclusion of the war between Rome and the Persian Empire, and attempted to regulate the conduct of church members. The council expressed its decrees in the form of written rules or canons. Of the 59 laws decreed that year, Number 29 stated:

"Christians must not Judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honouring the Lord's Day; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any shall be found to be Judaizers, let them be anathema (set apart, banished, denounced, exiled, or excommunicated) from Christ" - from the Percival Translation.

God's Grace:

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"And The Gospel must first be published among all nations"
(Mark 13:10 / Matthew 24:14)!!!

Around 1440 A.D., Johannes Gutenberg in Mainz, Germany, invented the printing press, a major improvement of the currently existing screw press. He also created metal, movable type setting, which led to the first mass production of books in post-flood history. Books by bestselling authors and The Bible were sold by the hundreds of thousands of copies!

Mass Printing spread and within several decades, it had reached over two hundred cities, in a dozen European countries. By 1500 A.D., there was over 20 million volumes being produced; and by 1540 A.D., there was an estimated 150 million-plus, mass produced books floating around the continent.

In just over a hundred years, Sabbath-keepers could be found all over Europe! ...What happen? The Bible happened! God's written Word had become the best-selling book again; and almost everyone had one! People like Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli called for a reform in the church based on what they read in the Bible. The preaching of these Reformers spread like wildfire, because people all over Europe now had access to the Holy Scriptures in their native tongues. Everyone seemed to be developing a zeal for pure Bible-based religion!

As lay people, and lesser known preachers, began reading "their" Bibles, they discovered God's True Sabbaths (Exodus 31:12-18 / John 13:12-17 / Matthew 11:29 / 1 Peter 5:1-6 / 1 John 2:1-6)! It was right in the pages of the Bible, spoken of and kept by Jesus Christ, the Prophets, and The Apostles! It was the Fourth Commandment, and was still as plain as the nose on their face! It is amazing what happens when ordinary people read their own Bibles, without the interference of ministers "telling" them that what they read, means something other than what the Creator God plainly says!!! www.onug.us

However, the famous reformers were not amused! They wanted folks to read their Bibles for themselves, they wanted folks liberated from the tyranny of Catholic legalism, they wanted the Catholic Church to reform itself; but they DID NOT want anyone keeping God's Sabbath - amazing as that may seem (2 Timothy 3:1-9)!!! For most of the major Protestant reformers, obeying God's Fourth Commandment was going too far! Men like Luther, Calvin, and Zwingli became fanatical opponents of True Sabbath Keepers (Matthew 7:15-20)!

Luther (1483-1546) translated the Bible from Latin into everyday German, which the people could read without relying on priests to translate the Scriptures for them. People could now see for themselves, that many things the church was teaching WAS NOT in the Bible; with some things being in direct contradiction to what the Holy Scriptures commanded. This had a tremendous impact on the German culture and the church! Luther's teachings challenged the authority of the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church, by teaching that the Bible is the ONLY source of divinely revealed knowledge. Yet in another breath, Luther turned around and called preachers who taught True Sabbath Keeping: "unlearned", "foolish", "apes", and "Judaizers" (1 Corinthians 2:14)!

John Calvin wrote that Sabbath keeping preachers who were following the Biblical examples of Jesus, "went thrice as far as Jews in the gross and carnal superstition of Sabbatism" (1 Corinthians 1:19-27). Really?

Both Luther and Calvin adopted the dark practices of the Catholic Church, which they criticized so fiercely; and began using the death penalty to fight "Sabbatizers" who dared to worship exactly as the Bible directed. Within a few decades of this intense prosecution, appreciation for the seventh day Sabbath largely disappeared throughout Europe; forcing God's true followers to flee into more remote areas. www.onug.us

Today, it is interesting to ponder how both of these men came to be regarded with such high honors in the Protestant churches, as

intense promulgators of Biblical purity (1 John 2:4). We may be fooled today, by what these early reformers really did; but the Catholic Church wasn't about to let the pot call the kettle black!!! Many of the Reformers were guilty of the very same things they had accused the Catholic Church of... **"not using the Scriptures alone as the only standard of faith and worship, and adopting man-made traditions and practices in their stead" (Matthew 15:9 / Mark 7:5-13)!!!** www.onug.us

Why The Protestant Reformation Failed!

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children" (Hosea 4:6).

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the Commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12).

"Blessed are they that DO His Commandments, that they may have Right to The Tree of Life, and may Enter in through the gates into The City" (Revelation 22:14)!!!

Mainstream Christianity has no idea how important God's Holy Sabbath Day has been in church history; and STILL IS today! If they did, they would still be Keeping IT, Exactly as Jesus told us to (1 Corinthians 10:1-4)!!! www.onug.us

Are you aware of how big a part the Sabbath played in the Reformation? The Reformers paid a terrible price for their rejection of the seventh day Sabbath, and for their refusal to accept it as an article of revolt against the Catholic Church. They flatly *rejected* God's Sabbath Day of Rest (sabot) as we are Commanded to, in The Scriptures; and God Rejected them (Revelation 3:15-16)!!!

Although the Reformers claimed to “only” follow the written Word (the Bible), and to refuse to adhere to the traditions of the Catholic Church (and of men); they kept Sunday (the first day of the week – the Sun God day) as their “Lord’s Day” (Matthew 12:8). **Sunday is completely and exclusively a tradition of the Roman Church, without even one example of Scripture authority to use it as a weekly Sabbath day!** www.onug.us

We invite you to read the following Bible Studies (at www.onug.us) or click the links below, for more information on observing Sabbath, or keeping Sunday:

[BIBLE STUDY: Do You Have The Sign Of God?](#)

[BIBLE STUDY: What The Bible Really Says About Christians Worshipping On Sunday](#)

By now you should know that Martin Luther was NOT the staunch advocate of truth that many suppose. Although he was highly praised for claiming to follow “only” Scripture, and for stating that he was discarding all tradition; that only lasted until his claims (and those of the other reformers), were challenged at the termination of the Council of Trent, by the Archbishop of Reggio!

Archbishop Reggio said all of the Reformers’ claims of discarding tradition were “false”, so long as they retained Sunday as their day of rest!!! And He was RIGHT!!!

The rejection of the Seventh day Sabbath, was a “tradition” first instituted by the Catholic Church; a tradition that the Reformers adopted from the Catholics, without any Scriptural authority! Now Archbishop Reggio was rightly, and publicly, calling out the Reformers on their hypocrisy to the very Word of God they claimed to follow!!! The Sabbath change to Sunday, as a day of worship, is nowhere to be found in the Holy Scriptures!!!

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Sabbath Truth Presented, But Rejected by Luther:

Almost unknown to most Christian literature is the name of Andreas Rudolph B. Carlstadt, a great advocate of obedience to God's seventh day Sabbath. He was born in Carlstadt, Bavaria, in 1480 and died in Basel, Switzerland, on December 25, 1541, at the age of 61 years. Carlstadt was a personal friend and co-worker with Martin Luther, but strenuously opposed him on the Sabbath issue. Carlstadt not only observed the seventh day Sabbath, but also taught its observance to many others.

D'Aubigne wrote that Luther himself admitted that Carlstadt was his superior in learning (Fifield's History. Reference book ten, page 315).

To quote another authority, Dr. White, Bishop of Ely: "The observance of the seventh day was being revived in Luther's time by Carlstadt" (Treatise of the Sabbath, page 8). And from Sears' Life of Luther, page 402: "Carlstadt held to the Divine authority of the Sabbath from the Old Testament."

Indeed Luther says (in his book Against the Celestial Prophets): "Indeed, if Carlstadt were to write further about the Sabbath, Sunday would have to give way, and the Sabbath—that is to say, Saturday—must be kept holy."

Carlstadt said: "In regard to the ceremonies of the Church, all are to be rejected which have not a warrant in the Bible."

Luther asserted on the contrary, "Whatever is not against the Scripture is for it."

"Not so," said Carlstadt. "We are bound to the Bible, and no one may decide after the thoughts of his own heart" (Sears' Life of Luther, pages 401-402). www.onug.us

"It cannot be denied that in many respects Carlstadt was in advance of Luther, and doubtless the Reformation owes him much good for which he has not the credit" (McClintok and

Strong's Cyclopedic, Volume 2, page 123). References in the following paragraph are taken from History of the Sabbath by Andrews. See third edition, 1887:

"From the Catholic (Roman) teaching of justification by works of penance, etc., Luther went to the opposite extreme of justification *without* works. This idea caused him to deny that the Epistle of James was inspired, because James said, 'Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone (James 2:14-26)' This attitude made Luther spurn the true Christian Sabbath."

With The Hard Fought Protestant Victory Almost Won; It Was Then Suddenly And Forever Lost! www.onug.us

Now in dealing with the Council of Trent (held in northeast Italy, and lasting from 1545 to 1563 A.D.), we must quote another well-versed writer, G.E. Fifield, DD, in his tract, Origin of Sunday as a Christian Festival (Published by American Sabbath Tract Society, Seventh Day Baptist Church). To quote Dr. Fifield: "At the council of Trent, called by the Roman Church to deal with questions arising out of the Reformation, it was at first an apparent possibility that the Council would declare in favor of the reformed doctrines instead of against them, so profound was the impression made thus far by the teachings of Luther and other reformers."

The Pope's legate actually wrote to him that there was "strong tendency to set aside tradition altogether, and to make the Scriptures the sole standard of appeal." The question was debated day by day, until it was fairly brought to a standstill. Finally the Archbishop of Reggio *turned the Council against* the Reformation by the following argument: "The Protestants claim to stand upon the written word only; they profess to hold the Scriptures alone as the standard of faith. They justify their revolt by the plea that the Church has apostatized from the written word and follows tradition. Now the Protestant's claim that they stand upon the written word alone is not true."

Why The Lutheran Claim Was Not True: www.onug.us

"Their profession of holding the Scriptures alone as the standard of faith is false. Proof: The written word explicitly enjoins the observance of the seventh day as the Sabbath. They do not observe the seventh day, but reject it. If they truly hold the Scriptures alone as the standard, they would be observing the seventh day as it is enjoined in the Scripture throughout. Yet they not only reject the observance of the Sabbath as enjoined in the written word, but they have adopted, and do practice, the observance of Sunday, for which they have only the tradition of the (Catholic) Church."

"Consequently, the claim of Scripture alone as the standard fails; and the doctrine of 'Scripture and tradition as essential' is fully established, the Protestants themselves being Judges." See The Proceedings of the Council of Trent, Augsburg confession and Encyclopedia Britannica, article "Trent, Council of."

At this argument, the party that had stood for the Scripture alone (Sola Scriptura) surrendered, and the Council at once unanimously condemned Protestantism, and the whole Reformation. It at once proceeded to enact stringent decrees to arrest its progress. **The entire reformation failed because of Sunday observance!!!** After this council, great persecution followed against Protestantism, as now the Catholicism felt truly justified in removing the heresy of this sect. www.onug.us

A Modern Update By The Catholic Church on Protestants in America:

A little over a hundred years ago (1893 A.D.), a Catholic magazine, The Catholic Mirror, under the supervision of Archbishop James Cardinal Gibbons, published the following quote:

"The Catholic Church for over 1,000 years before the existence of a Protestant, by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day [of

worship] from Saturday to Sunday... In the Old Testament, reference is made 126 times to the Sabbath, and all these texts conspire harmoniously in voicing the will of God commanding the seventh day to be kept, because God Himself first kept it, making it obligatory on all as 'a perpetual covenant.' Nor can we imagine any one foolhardy enough to question the identity of Saturday with the Sabbath or seventh day, seeing that the people of Israel have been keeping Saturday from the giving of the law 2514 BC to the present... Examining the New Testament from cover to cover critically, we find the Sabbath referred to 61 times. We find, too, that the Savior invariably selected the Sabbath (Saturday) to teach in the synagogues and work miracles. The four Gospels refer to the Sabbath (Saturday) 51 times. . . . Hence the conclusion is inevitable . . . that of those who follow the Bible as their guide, the Israelites and the Seventh-day Adventists, have the exclusive weight of evidence on their side, whilst the biblical Protestant has not a word in self-defense for his substitution of Sunday for Saturday. . . . They have ignored and condemned their teacher, the Bible . . . and they have adopted a day [instituted and] kept by the Catholic Church." *Official publication of Cardinal Gibbons and the Papacy in the United States, published in Baltimore, Maryland, September 1893.*

Results of the Reformation:

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In Summary, what were the results of the Reformation? Let us hear what historian Philip Van Ness Myers says in the book "World History" (1904 A.D.):

"The outcome of the revolt, very broadly stated, was the separation from the Roman Catholic Church of the Northern, or Teutonic nations, that is to say, of Northern Germany, parts of Switzerland and the Netherlands, and of Denmark, Norway, Sweden, England and Scotland. The Romance Nations, namely, Italy, France and Spain, together with Celtic Ireland, adhered to the old Church."

Of the spiritual results of the revolt, Myers says: "In a spiritual or religious point of view, this severance of the Northern nations of the bonds that formerly united them to the ecclesiastic empire of Rome meant a transfer of their allegiance."

The Protestants, who claimed the Bible as their only source of religious practice, were proven to be hypocrites, by the Catholic Church! The cost of hypocrisy according to Myers: "Thus one half of Western Christendom was lost to the Roman Church."

The rejection of God's True Sabbath Day at the Council of Trent at once crippled the advance of the Reformation, and further fragmented a world divided by the ignorance of God's Word. Protestants and Protestant reformers will be held responsible on their Judgment Day for their unfaithfulness at a time when the entire Roman Church pivoted toward discarding all tradition, and embracing only the written Word of Almighty God (Matthew 4:4 / Luke 4:4 / Deuteronomy 8:3 / John 4:23-24 / Isaiah 66:23-24 / Zechariah 14:16-19)!!!

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We invite you to join us next week for Part Two of this Study, when we will examine more forgotten church history, and discover just how and when "the Rapture" became a common theme in many Christian Churches. We will also see what the Bible, and the very Words of Jesus Christ, say regarding the belief that the Followers of Christ will be caught up, into the third heaven, to live with Jesus Christ and their long lost relatives.

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15).

Jesus is coming very soon to REWARD and to BLESS those who carry the Sign of the Creator God (Matthew 16:24-27 / Revelation 22:11-14)!!!

May we all COPY CHRIST; and LIVE!!!

The First Century Church of God is still alive and well; and we are still about our Father's Business! We would like to Thank You for joining **One Nation Under God Ministries (www.onug.us)** today in the Study of God's Word, and hope that you will continue on with us next week as we look at how the rapture theory became more and more accepted in mainstream churches, and how the two Resurrections from the dead, of which Jesus Christ often spoke of; became more and more forgotten! We so enjoyed having you study and fellowship with us!!! Please stay in touch!

In Jesus Christ's Mighty Name, Peace!

- submitted by Pastor R. C. Brown III

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If you have never faithfully kept God's seventh day Sabbath holy or God's Holy Days, the way Jesus Christ did – in the flesh, and in the fellowship of other followers of the Son of Man (Hebrews 10:25); we invite you to obediently enter into God's rest today, and to keep the Feasts of the LORD (Hebrews 4:1-11 / Leviticus 23:1-44)! Contact us to find out where we fellowship and worship God, in your area, on His Sabbath Days (Exodus 31:12-18). We would love to hear from you and help get you started!

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"But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one" (John 10:26-30).

Christians must learn to read the Bible, interpret the scriptures according to Biblical principles (**Isaiah 28:9-10, 13**), and begin to apply the precepts they learn in their walk with God. Individual study is essential; coupled with fellowship times of group study, worship, and discussions of personal insights and observations.

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Notes:

Is the Rapture a Scripturally sound doctrine? Where does the Bible speak of who will partake of such an event, and when will it occur? Did Jesus weigh in on the matter, and if so, where can I find these Scriptures? We must also ask these very same questions about the Resurrection of the dead. Your fate and your future may very well depend on how you CORRECTLY answer!

Before we begin to get into some hotly debated Biblical topics, I am going to ask for your agreement on a few more Scriptures; (2 Timothy 3:16-17 / John 1:1-5 / John 3:19-20 / Psalm 119:105 / Luke 8:11-15 / Psalm 1:1-3 / 2 Timothy 4:2-5 / Psalm 119:9-11 / John 15:3 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-14 / Luke 24:45 / Acts 26:17-18).

Is The End of This World Coming?

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The Bible certainly tells us that EVERYTHING in this world will eventually be completely destroyed! Let's read a few scriptures and prove this for ourselves (2 Peter 3:7, 10-12 / Psalm 102:26 / Isaiah 24:19, 34:4, 51:6 / Micah 1:4 / Matthew 24:35, 43 / Luke 12:39 / 1 Corinthians 1:8 / Revelation 3:3, 6:14, 16:15, 21:1).

The Apostle Paul tells us that although it is God's Plan - to bring sudden destruction upon all of mankind, like a thief in the night; it is also God's plan to keep His Saints or called out ones, up to speed on His Plans, way in advance, so that they are not surprised with any of the coming end-time events, or God's Plans to end this world once and for all, and usher in His Dominion - worldwide, forever! (1 Thessalonians 5:2, 4)! Amen!

Are You Fulfilling Biblical Prophecy? Have you ever met someone who fulfilled Bible Prophecy? I have met plenty of people who have! But before you think I have lost my mind, you should read how the Apostle Peter foretold that many of us, living today, would certainly meet these people in the "last days" (2 Peter 3:3-4).

With the popularity of Satan's theory of evolution, many believe the world is billions of years old, instead of the few thousand years old that it actually is. These "scoffers" misinterpret God's Patience, and His adherence to His Gospel Plan's timetable, as

proof that God does not exist (2 Peter 3:4-12). Boy, are they going to be surprised one day, real soon! www.onug.us

Do we look forward to Christ's Second Coming, "according to His promise" (2 Peter 3:13-14), or would we rather imagine God doing things exactly the way we think they should be done, regardless of what the Bible says? Do we scoff at the Words of Jesus Christ, and instead believe tales devised in the minds of men? Be extremely cautious with your answers, and be ready to back up your responses with actual Scriptural Authority!!!

Peter admonished us to account God's patience, in sending Christ back to this earth, as God's desire to Save MOST of mankind! You see, our God has a Plan firmly in hand, and He is not going to divert from it, simply because you or I disagree with how things should get done! Peter told us to heed the Godly Wisdom of Paul in this matter as well (2 Peter 3:15); and so we shall! In the Scriptures that follow, we will obediently examine Paul's words on coming end-time events, and we will compare them to the words of Jesus Christ, and the prophets. God's Truth about the Rapture and the Resurrection will be presented to you; proven from the very Word of God!!! www.onug.us

Do you believe Peter; that the Biblically uneducated (the ignorant), and also the spiritually unstable (those who love to make, and tell, lies about God's Truth) would "twist" or pervert God's Scriptures to make them say something they were NOT intended to say or mean? Peter warns us that these things "ARE SO", especially in regards to Paul's epistles, so we better WATCH OUT!!! These corrupters of Truth do so unto their own destruction (2 Peter 3:16)!!! Make no mistake, there is a penalty for not PAYING ATTENTION to what God says, and or not getting God's Word right; especially for those who teach twisted and false versions of God's Truth to others (2 Peter 3:17 / 1 Corinthians 15:33-34, 12-18)!!! Paul is telling us quite plainly here, that when a person dies, **they must remain in the earth** (usually as dust); **until a RESURRECTION from the dead** – until then, **you are PERISHED!!!** Paul also says, **that if you teach anything OTHER than that there are TWO RESURRECTIONS from the**

dead (God's actual Scriptural Plan to raise all who have died to life and conscious thought); then you are a FALSE WITNESS of Christ!!! www.onug.us

Many have gotten extremely upset with me over the years, for making the above statements! If the shoe fits; wear it!!! **You CANNOT be a Teacher or a Follower of Jesus Christ if YOU Do, Say, and Teach DIFFERENT THINGS than He DID (Luke 6:46 / 1 John 2:3-6 / Galatians 1:8-9)!!!**

"But GROW in Grace, and in The Knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be Glory, both now and for ever!!! Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).

Jesus Christ said perilous times were coming to those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. He warned us to **PAY ATTENTION** to His Words – so that no one would, or could, deceive us (Matthew 24:1-4)!!!

So let's go back to The Words of Christ, and TAKE HEED (Matthew 24:5-14)!!!

Did you SEE it? Jesus said those who endured until the end (Galatians 5:22-25 / Matthew 7:16-20, 24-27), and who were Obediently Preaching The Gospel of God's Coming Kingdom, as a Witness - the SAME shall be Saved; THEN shall The End Come (Revelation 22:1-7)!!! www.onug.us

Twisted Scriptures, or the Inspired Truth of God's Gospel Plan? www.onug.us

Where will the followers of Christ be when the end spoken of by Jesus comes? Will they be on the earth or in heaven? Do they get raptured up to heaven, if they are alive on earth, when Christ returns? Does this happen only before, during, or after the Great Tribulation? What about the dead? Do they go to heaven immediately upon dying, or do they have to wait in their graves, and if so, for how long? There are so many twisted and competing theories out there about the rapture and the

resurrection; that for most people, it is difficult to know which ones to believe, and which ones to reject!!!

Satan HAS Deceived The Whole World (Revelation 12:9)!!!

Take a minute to muse on the above Scripture, Spoken by The Word of God – or Jesus Christ Himself!!! Jesus is NOT Saying “some of the world”, or “most of the world”; Jesus Christ – Our LORD and SAVIOR – is Saying that “Satan has deceived EVERYONE!!!”; meaning THE ENTIRE WORLD!!!

If this Scripture really means what Jesus says it means, then we should Reject ALL religions, all theories, and all concepts, all forms of worship - that CANNOT BE PROVEN to be God-Breathed, from the pages of The Bible, Itself (2 Timothy 3:13-17)!!!

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Do you follow Timothy’s advice?

If we know that evil men will grow worse and worse, and that their deceptions will increase, from the time of Christ until our present day; what are we doing about it?

Are we continuing diligently in the **Apostles’ Teachings?** Or have we grown up following a cunningly devised, **Counterfeit Gospel**, and don’t even know it? Have we carefully applied the Holy Scriptures, which can make us Wise unto Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ; and compared Them to “our” concepts of salvation, God’s Plan, and “our” church’s teachings?

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I say shame on you, if you have not!!! Don’t trust anyone, even a minister or priest, unless you can prove what they are saying is GOD’S TRUTH from the pages of your very own Bible! Start carrying a Bible at ALL TIMES! Today you can put one on a smart phone or tablet. Then LEARN to USE your Bible, and LEARN to PROVE everything you hear, read, or see from The Word of God! **Start from scratch and Re-Prove EVERY concept, EVERY opinion you have about EVERYTHING, from The**

Bible ALONE (Sola Scriptura – Latin for “by Scripture alone)!!!

Remember that for the last Five Millennia, Satan has constructed human societies, and their religions, to deceive the Children of God about their history, their inheritance, and the Father’s Plans for His Kids!!! **Don’t allow the devil to pull the wool over your eyes any longer! Take off your wig!!!**

Back in the day, in the 1600 -1700’s, when “self-imposed” men would make themselves seem “important”, by the wearing of gray or white wool wigs (Leviticus 19:32); it was rather easy to pull one of these wigs, with a simple tug, over the eyes of a pompous fool! That IS NOT possible when one has ONLY his or her natural hair! Why wear a wig in church? Why not come before God with your natural head of hair? Why subscribe to “fake Truth”; when The TRUTH of God, is so easily available to you... once YOU Know WHEN, WHERE, and HOW to look for It?

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