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Welcome back to Part 2 of our Bible Study! If you haven't read Part 1 of this study, we invite you to go back, and catch up on what we covered last week. Just go to www.onug.us, or click the link below:

[BIBLE STUDY: Some Forgotten Truths About The Rapture, The Resurrection, And The Protestant Reformation, That Many Churches Today Don't Want YOU To Remember! \(Part One\)](#)

Let us pray...

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.

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I don't believe you can be led to pray a prayer like we just prayed; and not have God open your eyes and show you His Truth; especially if you are humbly and obediently keeping His

weekly Sabbath Day, Convocating with other Followers of Christ, studying His Word; and most importantly, **Incorporating** what God Gives you, into your life - after God Gives it to you (Matthew 13:12)!

When God Gives you a New Truth, and you put that New Truth into Practice in your life – you are going to Grow and Grow, until eventually you look just like Jesus Christ (John 15:1-17 / 1 John 3:1-2)!!! www.onug.us

Being Jesus' Friend means **Kowing** what Jesus said, and also **Doing** what Jesus Did, Said and Taught us to DO (Matthew 28:18-20 / James 1:22 / Luke 6:46)!!! Our Christ-given Commission is to Preach – worldwide, the Gospel of the Coming Kingdom of God to this earth (John 20:21-23 / Matthew 10:6-20 / Mark 16:15-20). Believing the Gospel, being Baptized in the Name of Jesus for the remission of sins, having hands laid on us after we come up out of that water, and receiving the Holy Spirit of God – inside our mortal flesh – is what saves us from death, and wakes us up from the dust, only at the return of Jesus – in the First Resurrection of the dead (Daniel 12:3-4 / Hebrews 11:13, 39-40 / 1 John 2:25 / Revelation 5:10, 20:6)!!!

Last week, we asked: "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!

In our previous study, we also went back in time over 500 years, to see how the Holy Bible – put into the hands of ordinary people, during the Protestant Reformation, changed the shape of Europe. Ultimately, it was the greater part of the Protestants – rejecting God's True Sabbath Day; that caused the Catholic Church to rightly call them hypocrites...

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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." – From The Catholic Mirror: Official publication of Cardinal Gibbons and the Papacy in the United States, published in Baltimore, Maryland, September 1893.

That is an AMAZING statement by the Catholic Church... and one that I whole heartedly agree with!!! If you are a "Christian" today, and keep the sun day as "your" day of worship; you are ignoring and condemning The Bible; and giving authority to the Catholic Church – and a human Pope, by following "their" worship day (sun day), which is a day they choose to REPLACE God's True Sabbath Day (Romans 6:15-23)! Jesus came to earth to shine Light into darkness (John 1:1-17). Do YOU believe Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ? Are YOU following Jesus Christ or a human Pope (Matthew 4:4 / Luke 4:4 / John 14:6-7)? We can show you God's Truth here today; but unless you follow it, and incorporate it into your life – it is just water off a duck's backside! It is not going to get you wet – and you certainly won't be able to drink any of it (John 7:37-39)!!! www.onug.us

Remember; The Sabbath (Saturday) in the Bible, is Holy to God:

Old Testament Scriptures: 126 Times!!!

New Testament Scriptures: 61 Times!!!

The Four Gospel Scriptures: 51 Times!!! www.onug.us

TRUTH: Jesus NEVER kept any other day Holy; nor did any of His Apostles ever keep or teach any other day Holy to God, other than the SAME DAYS Jesus Christ SPOKE TO MOSES (Leviticus 23:1-44), and KEPT HIMSELF (John 13:12-17), and COMMANDED HIS DISCIPLES TO ALSO TEACH OTHERS through Eternity (Matthew 28:20 / John 14:15,21 / Galatians 1:1-12)!!!

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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 historian Philip Van Ness Myers: "Thus one half of Western Christendom was lost to the Roman Church." The rejection of the Sabbath at the Council of Trent at once crippled the advance of the Reformation. The Protestant Reformers' unfaithfulness toward keeping God's True Sabbath came precisely when the entire Roman Church pivoted toward giving in to the Reformers, and discarding all tradition in favor of God's Truth!!! What a shame!

Soon after the Protestant defeat at the Council of Trent, the Catholic Church recovered and came back even stronger! If you are a Fundamentalist Christian today and believe that a rapture is coming soon; you owe that belief, and many others, to what happened immediately after the Protestant Reformation crashed!

The Truth and Origins of The Rapture in Christianity:

First of all, the word "Rapture" doesn't exist anywhere in the Bible, it is a strictly man-made concept, and it isn't even a very old concept at that! In fact, for more than 1800 years after the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ; the Rapture was an unknown concept, theology, or doctrine in any Christian church!

If the idea of a Rapture isn't even as old as the United States of America; you may be wondering why so many mainstream Christian churches teach the concept from their pulpits today. The simple answer is because many pastors and Bible teachers have relied on religious fabrications, stories, fables, and just plain old lies - handed down to them, by other pastors and teachers. They learned their "religion", and then began teaching it to others, without ever stopping to see if they could prove their concepts from the Holy Word of God, as fact (Matthew 13:10-17)!

"In religion and politics people's beliefs and convictions are in almost every case gotten at second-hand, and without examination, from authorities who have not themselves examined the questions at issue but have taken them at second-hand from other non-examiners, whose opinions about them were not worth a brass farthing" – Autobiography of Mark Twain

May we commit to being examiners, and ask: **Where** and **When** did this "Rapture" theory all begin? www.onug.us

The Rapture has its origins in the Counter Reformation movement of Papal Rome, in the 16th century (after Martin Luther nailed his 95 thesis to the church door in Wittenberg, on October 31, 1517 A.D.).

Pope Leo X authorized three Jesuit Priests to "**reinterpret**" Daniel's 70 weeks of prophecy, and the Books of Revelation and Ezekiel. The goal of these Jesuits was to take the heat of the

Reformation away from the Papacy! The three Jesuits Priests selected by the Pope were:

- Francisco Ribera (1537-1591 A.D.) of Salamanca,
- Luis de Alcazar (1554-1621 A.D.) of Seville, and
- Cardinal Roberto Bellarmine (1542-1621 A.D.). www.onug.us

It was **Francisco Ribera** who was credited with inventing the Rapture Doctrine, and submitting it to the Pope in 1585 A.D. His Apocalyptic Commentary was on the grand points of Babylon and the Anti-Christ. Ribera began a lengthy 500 page commentary in 1585 on the Book of Revelation; his intent was to remove the papacy of the Catholic Church from consideration as the Antichrist (for which they were considered after countering the Protestant Reformation). Ribera's published work was called "In Sacram Beati Ionnis Apostoli & Evangelistate Apocoalypsin Commentari" (Lugduni 1593 A.D.); and you can still find these writings in the Bodleian Library in Oxford, England to this very day! However, Ribera's work was considered "flawed" and "faulty", and was ordered buried in the Church archives, out of sight, by the Pope himself.

Of note, Ribera's proposed that the first few chapters of the Apocalypse (Revelation) apply to ancient pagan Rome, and the rest he limited to a yet future period of 3½ literal years, immediately prior to the Second Coming. During that time, the Roman Catholic Church would have fallen away from the pope into apostasy because of the Reformation cry stating that "the papacy is the seat of the true and real Antichrist." (Martin Luther, Aug. 18, 1520). Then, Ribera proposed, that the Antichrist, a single individual, would:

- Persecute and blaspheme the saints of God.
- Rebuild the temple in Jerusalem.
- Abolish the Christian religion.
- Deny Jesus Christ.
- Be received by the Jews.
- Pretend to be God.

- Kill the two witnesses of God.
- Conquer the world.

To accomplish this, Ribera proposed that the 1260 days and 42 months and 3½ times of prophecy were not 1260 years as based on the year for a day principle (Numbers 14:34 / Ezekiel 4:6), but were a literal 3½ years; thus preventing

- 1) the arrival of the deduction of the 1260 years to be related to the Dark Ages when the papal power was fully established in Rome until its political blow in 1798 A.D., when Louis-Alexandre Berthier, Napoleon's general, captured Pope Pius VI as prisoner in Valence, France, and...
- 2) the Antichrist to be related to the papacy in the minds of discerning Christians.

Two hundred years later, a librarian to the Archbishop of Canterbury, by the name of **Doctor S. R. Maitland** (1792-1866 A.D.) was appointed to be the Keeper of the Manuscripts at Lambeth Palace, in London, England. In his duties, Dr. Maitland came across Francisco Ribera's rapture theology. The Doctor was intrigued by what he read, and had the work republished - simply for the sake of interest in early 1826 A.D. (with additional follow ups published in 1829 & 1830 A.D.). www.onug.us

It is important to note, that at this point in human history, not a single Christian church anywhere, had even a vague concept of a secret rapture up to heaven!!!

Churches were still burying their dead next to the buildings they worshipped in, so that at the Resurrection of the dead, at the Second Coming of Christ; which God himself revealed to His People, thousands of years previously, and foreshadowed each year by God's annual Feast of Trumpets (Leviticus 23:23-25) - the living Christians would join the "sleeping" Christians in a resurrection, just as the Apostle Paul had said (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Zechariah 14:1-5). www.onug.us

About this same time, **The Oxford Movement** (1833-1845 A.D.; which would eventually develop into Anglo-Catholicism) published many tracts, arguing that the Church of England was "too plain". They wanted to reinstate their "lost practices" (rituals) from familiar medieval religions, back into the church (which the people considered to be full of powerful emotional symbolism and energy. See Jeremiah 10:1-5, 8, 10). They also argued that they were one of three branches of the Catholic Church and put much effort into trying to "de-Protestantize" the Church of England of their day (or in other words, to re-paganize it).

Enter **John Nelson Darby** (1800-1882 A.D.) on the stage. Darby was an Anglo-Irish evangelist, and an influential leader among the Plymouth, England Brethren. He too became a follower of S.R. Maitland's prophetic endeavors; and became so persuaded, that Darby dusted off Francisco Ribera's "Rapture Doctrine", polished it up, and made it his own!

In fact, we find no recorded Christian teachings of a Rapture, other than Ribera's original and hidden concept, Maitland's re-discovery and publishing, and Darby's preaching and promotion of it, from the time of Jesus Christ – right up to the 1830's A.D.!!! www.onug.us

If you have grown up, believing in a rapture; whoever taught you the concept, probably never shared these easily verified facts and scriptures along with it!

At one point, Darby was so bold, that he dated the return of Jesus Christ to the year 1842 A.D. Many of his followers separated themselves from the world, and gave away their clothes, books, and furniture as they got closer to the date predicted for Christ's return (Matthew 24:36 / Galatians 1:6-9). The date predicted by Darby, for the return of Christ, obviously, was incorrect (Deuteronomy 18:20-22 / Ezekiel 33:33)!

Despite this, History still considers Darby to be the father of our modern day "Dispensationalism" (a theology consisting of a

distinctive “end-times” perspective, where a pre-millennial and pre-tribulation rapture will occur); but we should know him as a false prophet!!! www.onug.us

Darby would go on to produce a translation of the Bible based on the Hebrew and Greek texts called, “The Holy Scriptures: A New Translation from the Original Languages”.

His influence spread throughout the seminaries in Europe, combined with seven promotional tours in the United States; it had a great impact on the eschatological views (or the so called theological “science”, concerned with “the four last things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell”) of a great many ministers and their congregations for many years following (2 Corinthians 11:1-4, 13-15).

Another contributor to the rapture ideology came through **Emmanuel Lacunza** (1731-1801 A.D.), a Jesuit priest from Chile. Lacunza wrote the “Coming of Messiah in Glory and Majesty” around 1791 A.D. The book was attributed to a fictitious Jewish author, under the assumed name of Rabbi Juan Josafat Ben-Ezra (the author lied about who and what he was!).

Protestant Minister **Edward Irving** (1792-1834 A.D.), a minister in the Church of Scotland (but with strong Catholic leanings), so liked the book by “Ben-Ezra”, that he had it translated into English, and published in London in 1827 A.D. Irving contended that it was the work of a converted Jew and that the book proved that even the Jewish scholars embraced a pre-tribulation rapture line of thought (of course all of this was false!). Irving became enamored with the human gifts of Prophecy and “ceaseless spiritual excitement”! It wasn’t long until he had persuaded others to follow his line of thought, which gave birth to a group known for a time as the “Irvingites”.

Chaotic disturbances arose in Irving's services during the manifestations of these so called "gifts", and the Church of Scotland took action, dismissing Irving from his position as minister in 1832 A.D. www.onug.us

In 1830 A.D. during one of Irving's sessions before his dismissal, a young Scottish girl, named **Margaret MacDonald**, fell into a trance. After several hours of "vision" and "prophesying" she revealed that Christ's return would occur in two phases, not just one. Christ would first come visibly to only the righteous, then He would come a second time to execute wrath on the unrighteous in the nations. This "rapture" was promoted by Irving claiming he, too, had heard a voice from heaven commanding him to teach it! In March 1830 A.D., in Port Glasgow, Scotland, then 15 year old Margaret McDonald made claim of her visions. Robert Norton subsequently published Margaret's visions and prophecies in a book entitled, "The Restoration of Apostles and Prophets in the Catholic Apostolic Church" (London, 1861 A.D.).

Today, half of American Christianity believes in a pre-tribulation rapture, simply because a 15 year-old girl had a demonic inspired delusion in 1830 A.D., and a soon to be fired minister went along with it! All of this reminds me of a recently published book, "Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back".

Forget that Jesus told us otherwise (John 3:13), or that Paul said we must wait, thoughtless, in our graves for the return of Jesus to have life again (Ecclesiastes 9:3-6, 10 / Psalm 146:4 / 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 34-45, 49-58). Only spirit, born again, beings coming up in the first resurrection will see Jesus as He is (1 John 3:1-2, Revelation 1:13-20, Revelation 20:4-6 / John 3:3-13). Satan's strategy is to get us off the track of Truth, just a little bit, then repeat the process, again and again, with each generation until we live and believe complete and utter lies about God's Plan for mankind! This is why God the Father commanded that the Holy Days be kept, throughout our generations – to keep

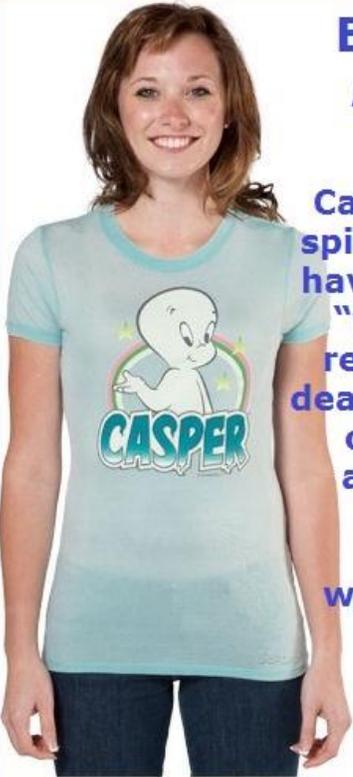
us “on track” with God’s Gospel itinerary (Proverbs 29:18 / John 13:17 / Psalm 1:1-2, 119:2 / Hosea 4:6 / Amos 8:11-12)

In the book, “Heaven Is For Real”, authored by a Nebraska Pastor, who claims to tell the “true story” of his then 4 year-old son, Colton; who during emergency surgery, slips from consciousness and enters into heaven to meet Jesus and His horse, God the Father (Whom Scripture says we humans will not see until Revelation 21:1-8 [Matthew 11:27-30]), the Holy Spirit (which Scripture says is not part of the Godhead of the Father and Son [John 1:1-5] and is a gift [Acts 2:38], and is the power of God [Acts 1:7-8 / Jeremiah 10:12-14 / Genesis 1:1-8] given to those who are baptized in the name of Jesus). www.onug.us

Colton also visits his miscarried sister (Revelation 20:5 / Acts 2:29, 34-36 / Ezekiel 37:21-28 / John 6:35, 40, 50-58) and grandfather. Jesus Himself was extremely clear, ALL people must first EAT Christ’s flesh, or partake of His Body (bread) at Passover – as a converted Christian, and HAVE God’s Holy Spirit within them – received at Baptism; in order to be raised up at the last day!

See our Bible Study: **“Have You Ever Seen A Ghost?”** at www.onug.us, for more scriptural insight into what people are really seeing when they meet and see “dead people”!!!

Today Colton’s father (Pastor and author), in much the same fashion as Irving gave credibility (without any Biblical or Scriptural support) to Margaret McDonald’s delusional trances in 1830 A.D.; leads many ignorant of God’s Truth away from salvation with cute and fancy lies. God has a plan to raise all who have died, in one of two great resurrections. I pray we all heed Peter and Paul’s warning not to be led away with the ERROR of the WICKED, and fall from our own steadfastness to God’s Written Word (2 Peter 3:13-18 / Galatians 1:1-11)! www.onug.us



**Ever Seen
A Ghost?**

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has to say on the matter!**

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Now let's go back again to the 1830's:

The ultimate result of Irving's dismissal was the formation of the Catholic Apostolic Church, which still exists today. Irving's movement grew and diversified further, becoming what is now known to us as modern day Pentecostalism as well.

There is also evidence that John Nelson Darby, the father of modern Dispensationalism; visited Margaret Macdonald in her home during her ecstatic episodes (demonic delusions). **Darby began to modify his Rapture teachings to include two comings of Jesus (the first, a secret coming to collect His followers, followed by another "public" coming where**

Christ would punish Satan and judge the world), specifically as a result of the teachings of a 15 year old girl! Darby embellished the young girl's concept with theological underpinnings (cherry picking scriptures with which to add), which were necessary for the "doctrine" to be considered legitimate! His teachings were then embraced by the Plymouth Brethren. www.onug.us

Lastly, Darby's and Ribera's teachings were embraced radically by **Cyrus Ingerson Scofield** (1843-1921 A.D.). Scofield adopted Darby's / Ribera's school of prophetic thought into the Scofield Reference Bible of 1909, which was heralded at that time as the "book of books". Even today, the Scofield Reference Bible continues to legitimize this false teaching in the eyes of many unsuspecting Protestants, and other Christian denominations!!!

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Rupturing The Rapture Theory! www.onug.us

Today, the "Rapture Concept" is a big money maker, that's why it continues to survive without Biblical support! The "Left Behind" series of 16 books by Tim La Haye and Jerry Jenkins, used exciting drama to promote Christian dispensationalism concepts of the End Times, and focused, not surprisingly, on the Rapture! The series was first published 1995-2007 A.D. by Tyndale House publishers (a firm with a history of interest in dispensationalism!). The books have been adapted into three action movies, radio programs, and even a few home computer video games!

In 2000, Kirk Cameron and Brad Johnson starred in "Left Behind: The Movie", which was promoted by the lead in, "The Biblical prophecy of Armageddon begins when the Rapture instantly takes all believers in Christ from the Earth. A reporter left behind learns that the Anti-Christ will soon take power". The movie rating board more correctly restricted it as "PG-13 (Parental Strongly Cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13 years of age)", and categorized the film as: "Action, Drama, Fantasy".

In 2014, Hollywood returned to this topic with the movie "Left Behind", based on Tim LaHaye's novel, and starring Nicolas Cage. The lead in for this film was "A small group of survivors are left behind after millions of people suddenly vanish and the world is plunged into chaos and destruction". Again the movie rating board correctly restricted it as "PG-13" and categorized it as "Action, Sci-Fi (Science Fiction), Thriller". But with picture promos from the Left Behind film project crew being promoted on the internet, which used images of two men in a field – with one being dissolved and caught up into the sky under the Scripture quote, "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left (Matthew 24:40)"; another has a picture of a dusty bible with the words "Read Me" finger written in the dust on the cover - with the quote "But ye, Bretheren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief (1 Thessalonians 5:4)"; or the quote, "Prophecy is real. Jesus is coming back. Let's

tell the world” – the Truth of God, His Word, and His Plan – are skillfully TWISTED, PERVERTED, and MALIGNED by these people!!! www.onug.us

These films promotional crews dupe ignorant Christians, who have never been taught how to read their Bibles and prove Truth (1 Thessalonians 5:21 / Isaiah 28:9-10) into “Believing” that these Action Movies, Dramas, Fantasy and Science Fiction stories, and Thrillers are really the Word of God; when they themselves know they are nothing but **cow dung** used to entertain and “amuse” (which really means to make “not think”) the masses!!! And successful they are! As most mentally digest and accept the fantasy without ever once comparing it to what Jesus Christ and the First Century Church of God really taught (Galatians 1:6-12)!

The Complete Historical Deception in a Nutshell:

Now YOU Know The Truth (John 8:32)!!! The Rapture theory was a concept invented completely in the minds of men...initially in the mind of a Catholic Priest! It was considered too radical by the Pope, and was rejected, and ordered to be hidden away! Then it was rediscovered, dusted off, polished, and adopted several hundred years later by Protestant Ministers! Finally, a 15 year old girl starts having “ecstatic” and “delusional” trances, and she discovers a unique ability to clarify this man-made delusion into “two more” returns by Jesus Christ to this earth (in essence, contradicting the very Words of Jesus written in the Bible)! The Protestant world embraced this “new” doctrine without question, and ministers began teaching it to their flocks. The rest is history!

Today many believe the “Rapture” is a Biblical fact, dating back to the teachings of Christ and the apostles, and that it is supported by scripture; when in reality, it is a “Big Fat Lie”, designed to obscure the Scriptural Truths of a Holy God’s Plan to redeem mankind and establish His Kingdom forever on this earth!

Regardless of whom one regards as the originator of the Rapture teaching, whether Ribera, Lacunza, Irving, Darby, or Margaret

MacDonald: It is not now, nor has ever been, an Orthodox Christian teaching, validated in the Bible (1 Thessalonians 5:21 / Isaiah 28:9-10)! www.onug.us

Now Let's Read Some Scripture, So We Can See (And PROVE) God's Real Plan!

Proponents of the Rapture try to validate their theory by using the misinterpretations of several Scriptures. Let's read the scriptures they use to support their claim: Matthew 24:37-43 / Luke 17:26-36 / 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17. Do these scriptures show us that Christ will return secretly to collect His followers, and take them up to heaven for seven years as some claim? Do they prove to us that society will suddenly lose lots of Christians one day, without warning, and the world will be left unable to explain where everyone disappeared to?

Can we gain the clarity from these Scriptures that after a seven year secret vacation in heaven, Jesus returns to this earth with His Saints to punish Satan and a sinful world, in His second, Second Coming (this one observable by the whole world)? No! No we cannot!!! These scriptures don't even vaguely hint at this being the case!

Remember, in Part 1 of this study, we discussed how the Apostle Paul told 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 or confused 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 5:1-14, 19-21)! Amen!

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 (like the Rapture) devised in the minds of men? 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! We will now 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!

The Apostle Peter warned us 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; 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, for not getting God's Word right; and especially for those who teach twisted and false versions of God's Truth to others (v:17)!

"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).

Let's take another look at the Scriptures our Rapture proponents quoted above (Matthew 24:37-43 / Luke 17:26-36).

We can see that we are dealing with two groups of people: 1) those who are saved, and 2) those who are lost (i.e.: Noah and his family who were saved or redeemed; and the rest of mankind on the earth at that time which were **lost**, and were **taken**). We are then projected forward in time to The Lord's return to this earth in the future, but the two groups involved have changed slightly. We are still dealing with those who have been saved and chosen but the others are not lost in the same way as those in the days of Noah. Here in Matthew 24:45-51, The Lord tells us who He is referring to. www.onug.us

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Notice the "lost" here, are not the lost as in Noah's days, both groups are the Master's servants. We have wise and faithful servants and then we have evil servants. Evil servants are servants who were once wise and faithful but have gone astray! These people are not the lost as in the unsaved, they are people who were / are called by the Father to His Son, but stop believing. They stop believing and turn on their former brothers and attack them. This is the backdrop to this passage of Holy Scripture and those that are "taken", or separated, from those that are "left" are all servants of The Lord Jesus Christ (both good and bad)! So this passage has nothing to do with separating believers from unbelievers, or the saved from the unsaved.

Rapture supporters have some major errors with these two passages of Holy Scripture!

First, let us look at the context of previous verses where The Lord Jesus Christ sets the tone by mentioning the comparison of the last days with that of those days leading up to the flood, where the wicked were "taken", or The Lord "took them all away". In the Greek manuscripts this word is "*airo*", pronounced "*ah'ee-ro*", which means (from Strong's Concordance): A primary verb; **to lift**, by implication **to take up or away**, figuratively **to raise or remove**. In Luke's account, it uses the word "**DESTROYED**"!!! Either way, the Scriptures mean that The Lord **removed them from His sight**, they were **TAKEN - literally to their deaths!!!**



THEN SHALL TWO BE IN THE
FIELD; THE ONE SHALL BE
TAKEN, AND THE OTHER LEFT.
MATTHEW 24:40

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The Rapture folks want us to believe that the word "taken" means something other than what the clear context is – **"being Destroyed"**. They would have you believe it means that people are secretly lifted up to their mythical heavenly domain. But does the Scripture say this or mean this? Do these scriptures really promise us an eternity in the Third Heaven, with God and Jesus Christ? The answer is, No, they do not. You can try to twist them to say that, but you would just be fulfilling Peter's warning to us not to be led away with your error (remember **2 Peter 3:13-18**). The Truth of God is just the opposite, and in fact is a much better deal for Christians than what this lie promises! www.onug.us

When Christ returns to this earth again, it will only happen after three and a half years of great tribulation (Matthew 24:21-22, 29). Christ's return to gather His Saints will be anything but a secret event (Matthew 24:27, 30-31). Christ's will resurrect His Saints from their graves when He returns (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

The Reward of The Saved Is NOT To Ascend Up Into Heaven. In Fact, We Never Will!!! www.onug.us

The proof comes from the Words of Jesus Christ, Himself. Let us read a scripture we almost never hear read aloud in most churches today: **John 3:13!** When Jesus Christ says "No Man" that is exactly what He means! No person who was ever a human upon the earth - is in heaven, except the very same Jesus who came from heaven!!!

What I find absolutely amazing about this, is that so many "Christians" who can recite **John 3:16** by memory, don't have a clue that verse 13 even exists! Now let's put **John 3:13** in context. Let's read **John 3:9-12**. Jesus is chastising Nicodemus [who was a Pharisee, a ruler of the Jews, a master of Israel (**see verses 1 & 2**)] for not understanding the Plan of God which Jesus was explaining to him. Then Jesus tells Nicodemus because he has rejected the explanation and knowledge of earthly things, Nicodemus would also reject the knowledge of heavenly things if

they were also explained to him (:12). To prove His point, Christ then recites **John 3:13, (or tells Nicodemus about a heavenly thing)** forever clarifying to every human being born since, "that NO ONE is going to heaven"!!! Yet countless millions of professing Christians (and their ministers) fulfill Christ's prophecy by still continuing to NOT BELIEVE the very Words of Jesus Christ! Amazing Indeed! www.onug.us

God clearly tells us in the Bible that His people will inherit the earth (not heaven), and keep it as an everlasting (never-ending, forever) possession. Let's also look at **Matthew 5:5 / Genesis 17:7-9 / Psalm 37:9, 11, 18, 22, 27-28**). Because Satan has truly deceived the whole world, most Christians today, are totally confused about where God says they will spend eternity.

"Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then **I go unto him that sent me**. Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: **and where I am, thither ye cannot come**" (John 7:33-34).

"Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: **whither I go, ye cannot come.**" "And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: **ye are of this world; I am not of this world**" (John 8:21, 23).

"Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, **Whither I go, ye cannot come;**" "Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, **Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards**" (John 13:33, 36).

"And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? **this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall**

so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven” (Acts 1:9-11).

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be” (Revelation 22:12, 5:10, 20:6).

The Plan of God (Luke 4:43 / Matthew 9:35): www.onug.us

- Jesus told us to put God’s Plan (the Kingdom’s Plan) first in our life (Matthew 6:33), to rearrange everything else around it!

- Jesus told us when we pray, we should be asking God that the Gospel be fulfilled; that the Kingdom of God be Established FULLY – on this earth, ACCORDING to The Plan of God (Matthew 6:9-10)!

- The secret Rapture, and going to heaven ARE NOT God’s Plan (This is abandonment theology); they ARE NOT written in the Bible, and WILL NOT Happen (Matthew 24:3-5, 11, 21-31 / John 3:13)!!! Heaven is Satan’s desire! The Kingdom of God on earth is ours (Matthew 5:5 / Psalm 25:13, 37:9 & 11 / Genesis 17:7-9 / Revelation 21:1-4)! Stop Teaching and believing LIES!!!

Millions of sincere people have been deceived by Satan, and by his ministers; simply because they no longer “test and prove”, from the pages of their Bibles, the things that their family, church, ministers, or friends tell them about God’s Plan for this earth and mankind! There is no Santa Claus or Easter Bunny; leprechauns aren’t little men with pots of gold at the end of a rainbow, you don’t fall in love because cupid shot you with an arrow, storks don’t bring babies to their mothers, humans didn’t evolve from apes, there is no secret, “left behind” rapture, sinners won’t be eternally “separated” from God – or roast for eternity in torment in hell fire; and when we die, we don’t float off to heaven! These are all lies, proven to be lies, from the very Word of God; the PROOF is found inside your very own Bible (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)!

- When do the Saints receive the gift of eternal life in relationship to the return of Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 / Revelation 20:1-6)?
- Where do the Saints go after the First Resurrection (Zechariah 14:1-9 / Rev 16:15-18, 19:5-9)?
- Jesus and the Saints defeat the world's armies (Revelation 19:11-21). The beast & false profit burn up and die in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10).
- How does Christ and the Saints fight (Zechariah 14:12-13, 15)?

The Feasts of the Lord were given by Christ (The Word of God) to be kept by God's people (His people = Obedient Christians) throughout their generations – forever! (Exodus 12:14, 24-27 Passover – Tabernacles) The congregation of Israel (and their descendants, v.:47), even the strangers and immigrants to their lands (:48-49)!!!

- What does God say about continuing His Feasts and Holy Days "Forever", when Christ returns to this earth (Matthew 5:17-20 / Zechariah 14:16-21 / Isaiah 66:23-24)?

The Feast Days are commandments of God to His People! They are blessings for God's People, they teach them God's Plan, and give them a good understanding of that plan (Psalm 111:5-8, 10)!

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The First Resurrection From the Dead: www.onug.us

- Paul says our gift of eternal life is connected to a resurrection from the dead. Without this we believe in Christ in vain (1 Corinthians 15:12-18)!

- Christ was the first man to be resurrected to eternal life, and the Saints will only receive eternal life at His Second Coming (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)!

- We will rule with Christ on this earth for 1000 years (Revelation 5:9-10, 20:4, 6-7).

- This is plainly the first Resurrection from the dead; the second resurrection will be 1000 years later (Revelation 20:5).

- The First Resurrection is a SPIRITUAL resurrection. Those who have part in it, have eternal life, and are Holy before God! (Revelation 20:6 / Hebrews 2:9-10 / 1 John 3:1-2).

- Besides those who have already died in Christ (Hebrews 11:13, 39-40); there will be two groups of living Christians that qualify for the First Resurrection, at the Return of Christ:

1) The First Group is comprised of those who follow Christ's admonition (Luke 21:36). They are taken to a place of safety to escape the great tribulation (Revelation 12:1-17 / Psalm 91:1-16). How many people go to this place of safety, and who are they (Revelation 7:1-8)?

2) The Second Group is much bigger. How many are in this group, and what distinguishes them from the first group (Revelation 7:9-17)?

- Christ rules with His Saints for a thousand years, initially locking up Satan during this period, then letting him out for a short time, before casting him forever in the lake of fire. By the end of the 1000 years, ALL authority is subject to Christ (1 Corinthians 15:24-26 / Revelation 20:1-3, 7-10)!

The Second Resurrection from the Dead: www.onug.us

- All of humanity, down through the ages, those that have never heard of Christ, or had His Spirit, will come up in the Second Resurrection, which will be AFTER the 1000 year reign of Christ (Revelation 20:11-13).

- The Second Resurrection will be equally spectacular to the first, except it will be a PHYSICAL resurrection, to flesh and blood bodies (Ezekiel 37:1-8, 11:19, 36:26)!

- After God weaves the bodies back together, He gives them life (Ezekiel 37:9-14 / Hosea 6:1-3) and causes them to have His Holy Spirit, so they can understand God's Plan too!

- God will bring His people back to Judea and Samaria (the land he promised Abraham), make King David their king again, and cause them to once again keep His Holy Days and Statutes (Ezekiel 37:21-24 / Zechariah 14:16-19 / Isaiah 66:23-24). With God, Forever does mean forever!

- How long will resurrected humans live in the flesh after they come up in the second resurrection? What will that physical world be like (Isaiah 65:20-25)?

- This is the "Paradise" Christ spoke to the thief on the cross about (Luke 23:42-43 / Psalm 146:4 / Ecclesiastes 9:5-6). This is the world Lazarus and the Rich man come out of the grave into; Lazarus to eternal life (accepting Christ), and the Rich Man (rejecting Christ – not even mentioning His Name, as we shall see) comes out of his grave in the Second Resurrection, only to finish 100 years of the White Throne Judgement with a "second death", in the Lake of Fire (Luke 16:22-31).

- Paul warned us about believing in false doctrines, such as "when we die, we go to heaven"!!! What was his stern rebuke to those who believed such things (1 Corinthians 15:33-36)?

God's Plan For Mankind (The Real Gospel that Christ came to preach), is that God is going to bring Many Sons To Glory (Hebrews 2:9-10)! God is going to save all of mankind, from all ages; but HE will do this in 2 separate resurrections from the dead, 1000 years apart.

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of

God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years!
(Revelation 20:6).

After the thousand year millennial reign of Jesus on this earth, and after the one hundred years allotted for those who come up in the Second Resurrection; WE STILL DO NOT GO TO HEAVEN!!! Those who do not keep God's Law, after they come up in the Second Resurrection, and live a hundred years, will also burn up and die in the lake of fire (Isaiah 5:24 / 2 Peter 3:7-14 / Luke 3:15-17 / Revelation 2:11, 20:4-6, 14). Those thrown into the lake of fire will die a second time (second death means what God says it means!). They cease to exist, they have perished. They do not feel pain, and are not in torment! They are just Plain dead (Ecclesiastes 9:1-6).

God is going to change EVERYTHING! After the wicked, have burned up in the lake of fire, and have died a second time (Revelation 21:8 / Luke 16:19-31). God is going to replace everything with a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21:1)!

- The reason why we don't EVER go to heaven, is because God says he has something better in store for us (Matthew 5:5 / Psalm 25:13, 37:9 & 11 / Genesis 17:7-9 / Revelation 21:2-5)!!!

"And He said unto me, 'These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to shew unto His servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book' " (Revelation 22:6-7)!!!

Walk worthy of your calling, pleasing God, being faithful in every good work (being Blessed, and INCREASING as we are obedient to what God commands, and INCREASING in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1:10)! www.onug.us

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