

4th & Stewart church of Christ

"...upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
~ Matthew 16:18



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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study9:45 AM
Worship10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service 2:30 PM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

Deacons:

Mike Bannister..... Don Smith

James Thomas

Preacher:

Johnny McCaghren

Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children
Gospel Broadcast Network
Heart of Texas Bible Camp (Bangs)
House to House, Heart to Heart
Mission Printing
Rohan Jones, Africa
The Truth in Love
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Let us know if you want to study
the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.

THE ONLY THING LEFT BEHIND
IN THE LEFT BEHIND MOVIE

WAS THE BIBLE

Once again a "Christian" movie has surfaced that is pushing an agenda that is a far cry from true New Testament Christianity. Unfortunately, the world does not know the difference between Hollywood's version of Christianity and the real thing. As they laugh at and reject Hollywood's Christianity, they reject true New Testament Christianity along with it. This particular movie is based upon the false doctrines of Premillennialism and the Rapture—doctrines that are commonly believed by many of our religious friends and neighbors. With the renewed interest in the subject, let us consider Guy N. Woods' answer to the question, "What is 'The Rapture'?"

Johnny

What is "The Rapture"?

It is the fevered figment which once issued from the labored imagination of a future kingdom advocate, an airy will of the wisp of current Premillennialism, of which there is not only not the faintest hint in the Scriptures but which is therein easily shown to be utterly, completely and forevermore false!

The theory alleges that there are *two* comings of the Lord, at the end of this age, the first of which has him appearing in the clouds, but not to the earth itself, and that at his appearance the saints will be caught up to meet him and to remain with him during "the tribulation," which is envisioned as a time of great trouble here on earth.

The "tribulation" according to this view will last for seven years, following which the Lord will come "with" his saints (the first coming, they say, was "for" them), and the thousand years' reign of Christ begins! This "coming is to be to the earth itself," the "tribulation" having ended. 1st Thessalonians 4:14-17 is the passage relied on by them to sustain their view of the first coming, and they cite Matthew 24:21 in support of their "tribulation" theory.

Matthew 24:21 reads: "...for then shall be great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be." Because a period of "great tribulation" is here predicted to come upon the earth. Premillennialists, with absolute disregard of the context, imagine that his is the *tribulation* of their theory. Even the most casual reading of the chapter shows the utter and complete falsity of their position. (1) In Matthew 24:16 the faithful are told to "flee unto the mountains" during this time of trial for their protection, thus clearly evidencing the fact that they were not in heaven to which they had been raptured as the theory we are reviewing vainly supports. (2) Verse 20 of Matthew 24 informs us that the disciples were told to petition the Father that their flight from the besieged city "be not in the winter, neither on a sabbath," the weather in the first in-

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"Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." 2 Peter 3:11-13



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stance, the locked gates of the city in the second, being a hindrance to their effort to flee to the mountains while “the tribulation” was on. The obvious truth is, Matthew 24 through verse 34 is a detailed discussion of the events attending the destruction of Jerusalem, and thus has no reference to the end of the Christian age. Josephus, the Jewish historian, relates that the Christians did indeed escape from the siege and not one perished in the terrible tribulation which fell upon the Jewish city and state, and the prophecy of our Lord in Matthew 24 through verse 34 finds fulfillment in those events.

Not only does 1st Thessalonians 4:14-17 provide no support for the “rapture” theory, it proves it to be positively false. It tells us that “the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” Before *any* are caught up, faithful saints will arise, and all together will go forth to meet the Lord “in the air,” and thus evermore to be with him. Note, carefully, that Paul explains we shall *ever* be with him – not for seven years only, as Premillennialists urge. Moreover, contemporary with these events, the earth will perish in a mighty conflagration (2 Peter 3:9,10). These significant facts settle the question: (1) The kingdom of Christ was set up in the apostolic age – on the first Pentecost following his resurrection (Mark 9:1; Acts 2:1-4). (2) The Lord will return on the clouds, but not to the earth itself, and the faithful will be caught up to be with him *forever*. (3) There will be no earth here for any reign following this age, because *this* earth is to suffer destruction. (4) The future abode of the saints, in the new heaven and earth, is in that place our Lord went to prepare – heaven (John 14:2).

The sharp contrast which obtains between the Premillennial theory and the clear, decisive teaching of the scriptures is easily seen in paralleling the two positions:

The Premillennial view

- 1. Christ is *not* now reigning.
- 2. Christ will *begin* his reign at his return.
- 3. Christ will establish a kingdom at his return.

The Scriptures

- 1. Christ is now reigning (1 Corinthians 15:25)
- 2. Christ will *end* his reign at his return (1 Corinthians 15:28).
- 3. Christ’s kingdom will terminate at his return (1 Corinthians 15:24)

Events of the last day and their order are:

- 1. The dead, both righteous and wicked, will be raised. (John 5:28,29)
 - 2. The judgment will follow. (Revelation 20:12-15)
 - 3. The saints will be carried to heaven, the wicked sent to hell. (Matthew 25:41-46)
 - 4. Christ will give his kingdom to God. (1 Corinthians 15:24)
 - 5. The earth will disappear in the all consuming fires of the judgment of God upon the wicked world. (2 Peter 3:10)
- (Guy N. Woods, Questions and Answers, Vol. 2 (Nashville, TN: Gospel Advocate Co., 1986), pp. 176-178; 216-217. Emphasis in original.)

Television

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)

Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB

In Search of the Lord’s Way

Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB

Gospel Broadcasting Network

Sunday @ 6:30 am on Dish:267, DirectTV:376

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org

Gospel Broadcasting Network

Gbntv.org and on Roku

God’s Plan for Redeeming Man

Hear Learn the saving message of Christ’s sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).

Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)

Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)

Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)

Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

Bible Reading Schedule

- Oct. 19** Mt. 15; Mk. 7
- Oct. 20** Mt. 16; Mk. 8; Lk. 9:18-27
- Oct. 21** Mt. 17; Mk. 9; Lk. 9:28-62
- Oct. 22** Mt. 18
- Oct. 23** John 7-8
- Oct. 24** John 9:1-10:21
- Oct. 25** Lk. 10-11; John 10:22-42

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
(2 Timothy 2:15)



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **27 contacts** were made.

Special Announcements

- ◆ Service at **3:30 this afternoon at Vicksburg**, as well as our weekly service at **2:30 at CARE**. Come help us with these services. You will bless the residents, but they will be even a bigger blessing to you!
- ◆ We will be beginning a new class on **How To Do Personal Evangelism** on Wednesday evening, November 5th. Be planning for and praying for this class.

In The Area

- ◆ Oct. 25 **Ladies Day @ 9th & Main** (San Angelo) - "Prov. 4:23: Footsteps of the heart, Leaving Footprints of Truth" Gina Braswell
- ◆ Nov. **9-12 12th Annual Schertz Lectures**— "Studies in the Minor Prophets"
- ◆ Nov. 15-16 **1st Annual TheGospelRadioNetwork.org Lectureship @ Mt. Vernon & via Internet**—"The Good News..."
- ◆ Nov. 21-22 **Marriage Seminar @ Dripping Springs**—"Put Your House in Order" David & Tracie Shannon (Preregistration required at <http://dschurchofchrist.com/marriage-seminar/>)
- ◆ Nov. 23-26 **Gospel Meeting @ Bangs**—"The Church Moving Forward" Tom Moore

**People will not
be in Hell
because
God did not
want them,
but because
they did
not want God.**

John 3:16
"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." KJV

Celebrate

"Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)

October Birthdays: Lisa Greer (5), Eian Stewart (6), Matthew Churchwell (7) Joe Manger (12), Sarah Evetts (12), Hank Wheeler (13), Tina Barnum (14), Cassie Freeman (23), Phyllis Hooper (26), Lucille Stout (29).

October Anniversaries: Aaron & Tori Stewart (21), Stormy & Juanita Barnum (25), Mike & Patti Bannister (27).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Oct. 5, 2014	Oct. 12, 2014
Bible Class	54	43
AM Worship	76	53
PM Worship	50	38
Wednesday PM	41	39
Contribution	\$2,134	\$1,668

	This Week: 10/19/14	Next Week: 10/26/14		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	October 2014 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Tom & Carol Wilcox Clean Building: Jack & Judie Turner Keep Grounds: Tom Wilcox November 2014 Make Announcements: John Barnum Prepare Communion: Gene & Barbara Bannister Clean Building: John Barnum Family Keep Grounds: James Fuller	
Greeters	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich	John Barnum Family		
Opening Prayer	Joe Dennis	James Thomas		
Communion	Gene Bannister*, James Fuller John McCaghren, Hank Wheeler	Allen Griffith*, Don Smith Tom Wilcox, Joe Dennis		
Closing Prayer	Allen Griffith	John Barnum		
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell	Caleb Dennis		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox	Song Leader: Ken Maninger		
Opening Prayer	John Barnum	Gene Bannister		
Scripture Reading	Don Smith	James Fuller		
Communion	Gene Bannister	Allen Griffith		
Closing Prayer	Ken Maninger	Hank Wheeler		
Wednesday Devotionals:	October 22 Allen Griffith	October 29 Singing Night	November 5 Tom Wilcox	November 12 Don Smith

Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Studies for the week of October 19, 2014

Sunday Class Acts 1:6ff
 Wednesday Class Mark 16:16ff

The Battle for the Mind of Men

- I. Worldview - the way someone thinks about the world.
- II. The battle is many sided.
- III. The battle is being waged on many fronts.
- IV. Education is the avenue to the minds of men.
 - A. We must love God with all our minds (Mt. 22:37)
 - B. We must make a test of all things, hold firm the right and true, and turn from all forms of evil (1 Thess. 5:21,22)
 - C. The mind needs to be renewed (Rom. 12:1,2)
 - D. God holds us responsible for our mental activity (Mt. 12:34,35; Phil. 4:8,9)
 - E. The greatest example of mental activity is the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:1-11)
 - F. The issue is clear – absolute loyalty to the Christ (2 Cor. 10:5)
 - G. The heart of man (the intellect, the will, the emotions and the conscience) is all involved in the crucial issue before us.
 1. The imagination and thoughts of the heart may become evil (Gen. 6:5).
 2. The thoughts and intents of the heart may be wrong (Heb. 4:12).
 3. The emotions of the heart may be stolen (2 Sam. 15:6).
 4. The heart may condemn (1 Jn. 3:12).
- V. The battle has gone on since the beginning.
 - A. The battle was waged in the Garden of Eden.
 - B. The battle confronted Cain and Abel.
 - C. The battle was faced by Moses and the children of Israel (1 Cor. 10:1-13)
 1. Israel failed as she permitted her mind to become corrupted.
 2. The history of Israel is an example for all.
 - D. King Saul lost the battle (1 Sam. 13:1-14; 15:21-24; 26:21)
 - E. King David had to be restored
 - F. King Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes to point out the way to fail and the way to succeed.
 - G. Paul cautions against having the wrong mind set and fighting on the wrong fronts (1 Cor. 1:18-3:23).
 - H. Paul shows the sure way to fail in the battle (Rom. 8:5-8)

Conclusion

- I. The battle for the mind continues throughout the life of a Christian.
- II. If we succeed in the battle, we must use every resource available (Eph. 6:10-20).

The Vision of the Lord God: "A Man Clothed in Linen" (Daniel 10:1-11:1)

- I. **Prelude: Introduction of the vision – "A great conflict" (1-3)**
 - A. **Daniel is still in Babylon** "in the third year of Cyrus king of Persia." (1)
 - B. **Daniel's affirmation of the authenticity of the revelation.** (2)
 1. **The word is acknowledged as true** because the message is difficult.
 2. The "struggle" with which the prophet has to do is that which is within the revelation itself. (cf v.2)
 - C. **Daniel's assertion of understanding** the revelation.
 - D. **Daniel's anguish** acknowledged at this time. (3)
- II. **Pre-incarnation: Identity of the envisioned "Man clothed in linen" (4-9)**
 - A. **His appearance.** (4-8)
 1. The "linen clothing" refers to a heavenly visitant. (4-5)
 2. The appearance is that of almost indescribable majesty, magnificence and dazzling splendor! (8)
 - a. In many aspects this reminds us of Ezek 1 (the glory of the Lord).
 - b. Note the following "physical" descriptions; "A man":
 - 1) "a bell of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist" – the gold from Uphaz was noted as the very finest gold available; normally worn by kings
 - 2) "His body was like beryl" – a beautiful, transparent stone
 - 3) "His face like the appearance of lightning" - i.e. dazzling; brilliance
 - 4) "His eyes like flaming torches" – carries the idea of being able to see right into the heart; all is revealed before him
 - 5) "His arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze"
 - 6) "The sound of his words like the sound of a multitude"
 3. This majestic personage seems to be none other than the Lord Jesus Himself. Notice John's vision in Rev. 1.
 - B. **His voice.** (9) – At the sound of His voice Daniel fell into unconsciousness.
- III. **Pronouncement: Heavenly Being exhorts Daniel to "understand the words" (10-14)**
 - A. **His touch.** (10)
 - B. **His tone.** (11-12)
 - C. **His task.** (13-14)
 1. His mission is to make Daniel understand what is to "happen to your people in the latter days..." (14)
 2. The messenger announces that he was delayed in coming because of being "withstood" by the "prince of the kingdom of Persia" twenty-one days.
 3. "I (Messenger – the Lord) came to make you (Daniel) understand..."
- IV. **Perception: Daniel receives strength to understand the fullness of the vision (15-11:1)**
 - A. Daniel's helplessness. (15-17)
 - B. God's helpfulness. (10:16-11:1)

Note: Truly, **God our Lord rules and over-rules in the affairs of men!**