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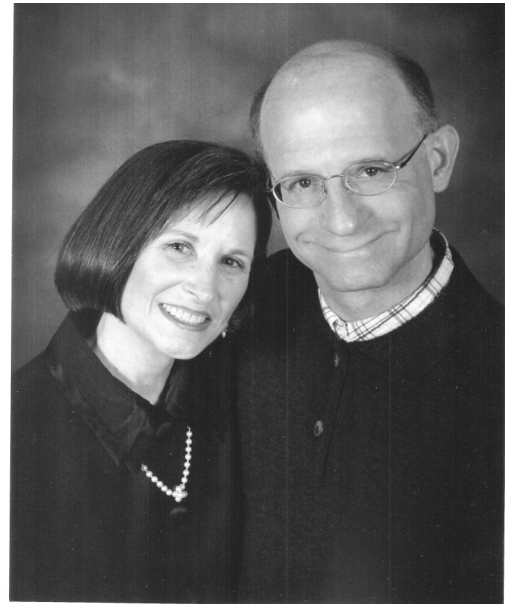
Behold I am Coming Quickly!

A recent caller declared that we, the Church, should be 'fighting against those in power and working for a great revival and spiritual renewal.' I said that, Scripturally, the Church will continue to run headlong into apostasy and that the 'great revival' will only occur during the Tribulation, after the true Church is removed before that terrible time.

As soon as I mentioned the Rapture... Boom! That really set him off... 'Hal Lindsey, along with Tim Lahaye and Jerry Jenkins are all idiots! They're demon possessed!'

I didn't take the bait or argue with him... there was no point... his choosing to believe, or disbelieve something Biblical, is not my problem but his reaction was interesting. Over the years, I've recognized that, generally speaking, those who understand and believe in the truth of the Rapture, what Paul and John refer to as, 'our blessed hope,' are content to rest in that hope without having the need to fight and snarl at those who do not. On the other hand, those who refuse to believe what God's Word clearly teaches regarding the End Times and fulfilled prophecy, often tend to become angry and defensive, hurling invective, as if their belief or disbelief is somehow personal and the one whom they oppose is their enemy.

People often say, 'There are many different beliefs concerning the End Times,' as if that means we shouldn't contend for the truth of God's Word. There may be many different understandings, but there is only one truth... Now... I don't know about the intelligence or demon possessedness of Lindsay, Lahaye and Jenkins; Hal Lindsay may have predicted some things that did not materialize when



*He has committed to
us the word of
Reconciliation.*

*Therefore, we are
Ambassadors for Christ.*

2 Corinthians 5:19,20

he thought they would and Tim La-haye's and Jenkins' problem was that they over abundantly padded their books, stretching them out over some 16 volumes in order to keep the money flowing... imagine: 16 novels to cover what Jesus told John in only 22 chapters... but all in all, I believe their understandings of *Eschatology, the study of last things*, have been relatively accurate.

He stated that the Rapture, etc, were only invented 200 years ago by John Nelson Darby. I asked him if he believed that the understanding of our being saved by Grace and faith alone was invented by Martin Luther.

The Catholic church had buried the truth of 'saved by God's Grace' but God gave the '*reunderstanding*' to Luther, beginning the Reformation. The same is true of the Rapture, etc. God opened the eyes of Darby and others to that old truth which had also been buried by Catholicism.

Let's recall some of God's comforting Words to His children: Jesus said, 'Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go

to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, ***I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*** ⁴And where I go you know, and the way you know.' Jn 14:1 Jesus was giving a picture of the ancient Jewish Wedding. After the betrothal, the groom would leave His bride in her parents home while he went back to His father's house to prepare a special bridal chamber. Then, at a time known only to his father, he would return to the bride's home, shout for joy and take his bride to his father's house to live with him.

'Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.' 1 Cor 15:52

'For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the

dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.' 1 Thes 4:15

'Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.' 1 John 3:2

'...we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,' Tit 2:12

In Revelation chapters 2 and 3, the Lord Jesus Christ dictates, to John, 7 letters to different churches; they are all actual churches of that time. The 7 churches also represent the various progressive and historic epochs of the life of the Church. The final two are: the church of Philadelphia, the true and faithful remnant Church, today, and the church of Laodicea, also representing our time now in the final days of the history of the Church on Earth. Laodicea

represents the failing, liberal, modern church which is fast falling away from the truth of the Gospel, into apostasy. Jesus said, 'So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' — and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.' This illustrates much of the Church today. There will be no revival; the Church will only sink further into apostasy.

'Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him (Rapture), we ask you not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away

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comes first,' 2 Thes 2:1

The true Church, the faithful remnant of believers in these Last Days, is represented by the Church of Philadelphia: 'See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name... Because you have kept My command to persevere, ***I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world (the Tribulation)***, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly!' (the Rapture) Rev 3 Some believe that the Church must go through the Tribulation in order to be purified. Nothing could be further from the truth of God's Word. The Tribulation has nothing, whatsoever, to do with the Church. 'For God did not appoint us to wrath (the Tribulation), but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,' 1 Thes 5:9

In Daniel 9, God gives a marvelous prophecy concerning Israel: '***The 70 weeks of Daniel***,' in which God pinpoints the very day on which Jesus would present Himself as King in His 'Triumphal Entry.' Then, between that, the end of the 69th 'week' of years and the beginning of the 70th week (the 7 years of the Tribulation) there is a gap of time, the previously unknown 'time of the Church.' Before that 70th week begins, the Church is removed so God

can then recommence and complete His promises and chastisement of His chosen nation, Israel.

The true Church has no need of *purification*; that was accomplished and completed by Jesus' finished work on the Cross: 'But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering ***He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.***' Heb 10:14 That is us; we, the true Church, have already been completely perfected by His death and resurrection.

We are the Bride, chosen by the Father, before the foundation of the World, as His gift of love to His beloved, Only Begotten Son. He loved His Son so much that He chose to create for Him a perfect and glorious Bride. The Son loved us so much that He was willing to give His Life to redeem and purify His Bride. The Father loved us so much that He sent His Son to redeem His Bride and one day, very soon, the Son will leave His Father's House, shout for joy, sound the trumpet of God and come down into the clouds to gather us up to Himself and take us back to His Father's House into the place He has prepared for us and so shall we ever be with the Lord. '***Comfort one another with these words.***'

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