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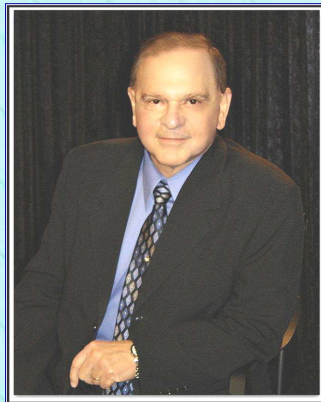
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DON'T GIVE UP—GEAR UP!

By Dr. Henry A. Harbuck / PCAI Int'l President & General Overseer

We entered 2020 facing many struggles as a nation and now are facing more challenges like high unemployment and are engaged in a battle with a plague (Covid-19) that is killing thousands of Americans each month. Though there is continual controversy as to how our government has endeavored to combat Covid-19, we are commanded by Scripture to pray for our leaders, which as president of AEGA, I do. However, we cannot put our hope in the US Government or in any human being to deliver us from fear and misery because this will invariably fail. God's timing is not our timing; God has always used men and women as well as circumstances to accomplish His divine plan, even though few know or understand this profound truth. We do however know this: There is only ONE [True] Deliverer...Jesus Christ and He is coming back for those of us who are watching and waiting for Him. Meanwhile we must realize that our Deliverer has planted in our hearts the hope of achieving the impossible while we eagerly await His Appearing.

How sad it is that many people do not know that Jesus, the Deliverer is coming soon for His faithful ones. As Christians we know our only hope is in Christ and the promise of His return to deliver us when we see Him coming in the clouds of glory! So



GEAR UP 2 PETER 1:3
GET READY
GAME ON

take this to heart and don't be discouraged in this world. Be faithful with what God has put in your hands, don't "give up, but gear up" to fulfill the vision He has planted in you to reach great heights in ministry.

The Appearing (or coming) of Jesus Christ is known as the **RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH**. Talk about words appearing only one time in the Bible, the word "Rapture" isn't found even once in the Bible. Therefore, there is a growing numbers of Christians who dismiss the doctrine of the Rapture altogether because they say, "the word is not in the Bible." BUT, IT DEPENDS ON WHAT BIBLE YOU'RE USING.

- Look at 1 Thess. 4:17, and consider the term "Caught Up."
- The word Rapture is not in our English Bibles, but indeed is in the Latin translations, and is rendered, "RAPTUS."

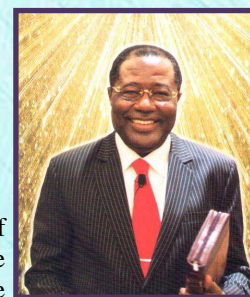
The Greek Word for "CAUGHT UP" in 1 Thess. 4:17 is the word 'HARPAZO.'

- It literally means to be 'taken or snatched away by force.' It's used 13 times in the NT.
- The most accepted words are Catch up, take by force, catch

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How to Escape The End Time Wrath

By Dr. Daniel Agomoh/ Senior Pastor, Author, Writer and Teacher



MANY PEOPLE ARE ASKING QUESTIONS SUCH AS: What is happening in our world today?

Why are we having all these untold hardships: plagues, pestilences, earthquake, famine, governmental shakings, wars and rumors of wars?

Did the Bible say anything about all these events? If so, where can it be found in the Bible? But if not why not, hence the Bible is the only Book of all books.

How can we escape all these impending turmoils? Are there ways of escape? Any place on this planet where one can find refuge?

The answer to this question is emphatically No!

The great tribulation that will come upon this planet earth, can only be escaped through the rapture which God Almighty designed for His faithful children.

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

What did the Bible say about the rapture of the Church? In today's Church world, there are many questions concerning the "Rapture of the Church" or to be more precise, the "Catching up" of the church together to meet Christ Jesus in the air."

SOME OF THE COMMON QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE RAPTURE ARE AS FOLLOWS

1. What is rapture? → **Catching up together.**
2. Will the Rapture precede the great tribulation? → **Yes!**
3. Will the Rapture be in the mid-great tribulation? → **No! (Emphatically)**
4. Will the Rapture take place after the great tribulation? → **Emphatically No!**
5. The subject of Rapture is it biblical or hypothesis? → **It is biblical.**

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From The Heart Of An Evangelist

By Dr. David & Sister Pam Copeland/ Revival Now Int'l Director



During this time, I have been remembering quite frequently one of the great days of my life in the beginning of our ministry. In 1981 while working at a Christian Radio Station in Dayton, Tennessee, the General Manager at that time called me into his office one day and began to pour into me. This was the first time in my young life any minister of the Gospel ever sat me down and talked to me about things I might face in future ministry and shared his heart for the Gospel with me.

This particular day as I sat down across from him he said, "David, it's obvious the call of God is on you and the anointing is definitely on your life. But I must warn you if you don't keep a teachable spirit you will never accomplish what God put you on this earth to do." I knew without a doubt I was hearing from God that day. I remember that day like it happened yesterday. Later, a man that became my spiritual father would tell me the same thing at different times in our working together.

But I want to reverse the question today and ask, how can you know that you don't have a teachable spirit?

First, you can know you do not have a teachable spirit when you are not willing to admit you don't know it all. Proverbs 16: 20-23, *He who heeds the word wisely will*

find good, and whoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he. The wise in heart will be called prudent, and sweetness of the lips increases learning.

Understanding is a wellspring of life to him who has it. But the correction of fools is folly. The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds learning to his lips.

When I read this passage of scripture, the Spirit immediately brought three specific seasons to my mind:

1. When I first began in ministry, I thought I knew it all. I wish I could say I didn't have that mindset, but the truth finally set me free. I look back now with embarrassment at some of the things I said and even different ways I acted in the pulpit and I wonder now, how did anyone get anything out of that message? Thank God for grace for sure. And thank God for patient people who were listening to me preach.

One of the great joys I have at this season of time is I am honored that some younger ministers want me to mentor and disciple them. But one of the frustrations I have is I see many young ministers who have the same mindset I did when I was their age, thinking

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they know it all. They are just waiting and wanting some of us older people to just “get out of the way” and let them show us how it should be done. I can remember in the 2016 Republican primaries one of the candidates that was running for the Presidential nomination even made a similar statement telling the older men who were running for the same office to “...get out of the way, it’s time for the younger folks to lead...”

I love all young people. But I am telling you, you do NOT have all the answers when you are between the ages 16-32. I promise you; your day will come and the sooner you are willing to admit it and be sincere that you don’t know it all, the sooner promotion will come into your life.

2. I realized I didn’t know it all. That was a sad day but a good day. My pride was definitely crushed. Pam didn’t have to pop my bubble, the Holy Spirit got to it before she did. When you truly realize you don’t know it all, it’s not only humbling, but also freeing. This freedom actually opens up your heart to be able to receive from people who have made the same mistakes and learned the hard way. God does not want you to re-invent ministry or family or marriage or raising children. Experience will always teach you what you refuse or fail to learn from a mentor or a spiritual father.

3. Now, I can say in all sincerity, I will never know it all. Instead of discouraging me, this thought keeps me learning, reading, investigating, interrogating, looking for the spirit of wisdom & revelation to speak at any moment to my spirit.

In the coming days, we are going to need each other more than we have ever needed each other in our lives. Many changes are coming for the Body of Christ as we enter the second half of 2020. It will still be A Season of An Open Door. We just didn’t realize it would come in the form of a virus pandemic and racial unrest.

Do you really have a teachable spirit? ♥♥♥

Proverbs 16:20-23

“Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord. The wise of heart is called discerning, and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness. Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it, but the instruction of fools is folly. The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious and adds persuasiveness to his lips.”

Church/Ministry Law & Tax Date to Remember, July/August 2020

If your church or organization reported withheld taxes of \$50,000 or less during the most recent lookback period (for 2020 the lookback period is July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019), then withheld payroll taxes are deposited monthly. Monthly deposits are due by the 15th day of the following month.

Note, however, that if withheld taxes are less than \$2,500 at the end of any calendar quarter (March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31), the church need not deposit the taxes. Instead, it can pay the total withheld taxes directly to the IRS with its quarterly Form 941. Withheld taxes include federal income taxes withheld from employee wages, the employee’s share of Social Security and Medicare taxes, and the employer’s share of Social Security and Medicare taxes.

Note: If a date listed for filing a return or making a tax payment falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday (either national or statewide in a state where the return is required to be filed), the return or tax payment is due on the following business day.

Note: You must use electronic funds transfer to make all federal employment tax deposits. This is generally done using the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, a free service provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury. If you don’t wish to use EFTPS, you can arrange for your tax professional, financial institution, or payroll service to make deposits on your behalf. Failure to make a timely deposit may subject you to a 10-percent penalty.

**“You also, be patient.
Establish your hearts,
for the coming of
the Lord is at hand.”**

JAMES 5:8



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6. Why should God Rapture the Church? → **Because it is in line according to His word.**

Beloved we are living in the very last days of this age. Get ready and be ready for the Trumpet Sound. The prophecies which are to be fulfilled only in the last days are being fulfilled before our very eyes. (Matthew 24:4-8, 37-39 / Acts 2:17-18 / 3:20-21 / 1 Timothy 4:1-3 / 2 Timothy 3:1-5 / 4: 1-5 / 2 Peter 3:3-4)

Believers who are caught up in the rapture will meet the Lord. Anyone who is not ready now puts himself or herself in a terrible situation.

Remain blessed and rapturable,
Yours to reach this generation with the Gospel,

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Acts 3:19-21

*“19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,
20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,
21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”*

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away, pluck, catch, pull up.

- The Rapture refers to that blessed event when Jesus returns to take the church (His people) away to be with Him.

What is the Rapture? The Rapture is that time when Jesus Christ will come without warning to take away His church from earth. We believe, although some have different views, this will happen BEFORE the Great Tribulation period occurs. Paul states in 1 Corinthians 15:51 – “We shall not all die, but we shall all be changed” and I Thess. 4:17 reads, “And we who are alive and remain shall be *caught up* (snatched away) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.” This means: Those in the church who are alive at the Rapture shall not die, but shall be *changed*, that is, *metamorphosized*.

In the following I explain the difference between “the Rapture and the Second Coming of Christ” as they are not one and the same. There is a distinction made in the Bible between the RAPTURE of the church and the 2nd COMING of Jesus Christ.

NOTE: 1.) When the Rapture occurs, this is Jesus coming FOR His saints. 2.) At His 2nd Coming, Jesus is coming WITH His saints.

As I stated before in this article, there is only ONE Deliverer...Jesus Christ and He is coming back to deliver His people. Therefore, be faithful with what God has put in your hands, don't “give up, but gear up” to fulfill the vision He has entrusted you with for your ministry. ♥♥♥

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Annual Credential Renewals

DUE OCTOBER 1ST



TWO WAYS TO RENEW:

- (1) Complete the credential renewal form enclosed in the July 2020 Informer Newsletter.
- (2) ONLINE—you can fill out the renewal form by going to our website: <https://paragonchristianalliance.org/renewals/>

NOTE: Review your monthly giving/contribution and bring to current if you are behind, before we can renew your credential.

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