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Will There Be A **RAPTURE** Before The Big Trib ?



Unfortunately many people know more about prophecy from listening to a quartet sing songs like "I'll Fly Away" or "I Wish We'd All Been Ready" than from Bible study. One topic that has been given much popular attention but has no Biblical foundation is the "RAPTURE". Jesus did not say that the church would be raptured out of the tribulation. He said, "I pray not that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from evil (John 17:15).

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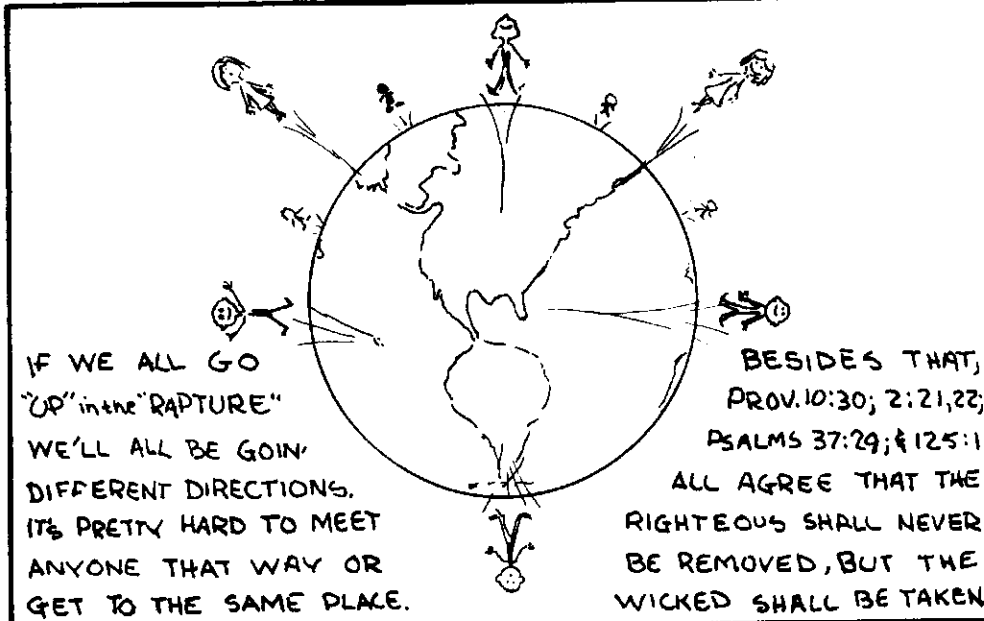
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RAPTURE

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Christians His wrath (wrath is for unbelievers, I Thes. 5:9) but He does say we will have tribulation (John 16:33). His people always go through times of trouble they are not taken out of them.



Noah was not raptured out of the flood water; he went through it. God said, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you." (Isaiah 43:2) Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego went through the fire. They were not raptured out. Daniel was not raptured out of the lions den, he went through it.

Tribulation brings about patience (Romans 5:3). It has a purpose in God's plan. A spoiled and pampered child usually has great difficulty dealing with responsibility, it is hard for them to ever really grow up. How can we expect to rule and reign with Christ without having been tried and tested through tribulation. A person gains character and understanding when he goes through trying experiences victoriously.

Some people mistakenly teach that we will be raptured and go to the marriage supper of the Lamb; there we will be eating and enjoying ourselves for seven years while God punishes the world. A close analysis of the scripture in I Thes. 4:7 shows that the word "meet" was only used in two other places in scripture. In both it means "returning with" not "remaining at" the place of meeting. There is no scripture anywhere in the Bible that says we will remain for seven years in the air.

I have been taught that the Greek word "parousia" always referred to the rapture and that other words were used for the coming of Christ in glory after the tribulation. But I found that this also is not true "Parousia" is used for the coming in glory in II Thes. 2:1.

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We believe that a correct understanding of this will open your eyes to much more Bible truth and help you start seeing the difference between tradition or men's ideas and what the Bible actually does teach. Although it is very important we do not believe it is worth arguing about. All who name the name of Jesus Christ are of one spirit. We are all brothers and should be able to search the scriptures together in love rather than rearing up in hatred when our favorite doctrines are seen to be something other than Biblical. So, if we're wrong (we truly believe a sincere study of the scriptures will prove us right) you can tell us all about it on the way up.

Jesus placed the sign of His second coming "immediately AFTER the tribulation of those days." (Matt. 24:29) The Bible DOES NOT say the Christians will be raptured FIRST when two are in a field, one taken and one left. (Matt. 24:40-41) It says plainly in the preceding verses that it will be as in the days of Noah. Verse 39 says, "They did not understand until the flood came and took them away, so shall

the coming of the Son of Man be." Now we know the evil were removed from the earth in Noah's day and not the righteous. Also, it is clear that the children of the wicked one are taken FIRST from reading Matt. 13:24-43.

God has established a pattern of providing supernatural protection for His people so that they had the power to go through the test, not out of it. Why would He change His pattern for the last great tribulation?

God said, "Only with your eyes shall you behold and see the reward of the wicked. There shall no evil befall you." (Psalm 91) A mighty supernatural deliverance was wrought by God by protecting His children in Egypt.

They went through the LAST SEVEN plagues but Israel did not suffer from them. (Ex. 8:22-23, 9:4).

When we study how God poured out His wrath in Egypt during the LAST SEVEN plagues we notice an amazing parallel to when God will pour out His wrath during the LAST SEVEN vials of wrath (also seven trumpets) of the book of the Revelation.

Just as God protected His people from His wrath in Egypt; He will also protect His people from His wrath in the end time. God never promised to send us

SAILING & SAILING



NOAH WENT THROUGH THE WATERS.

(HE WASN'T "RAPTURED" OUT OF IT.)

MATTHEW 24: 29-31

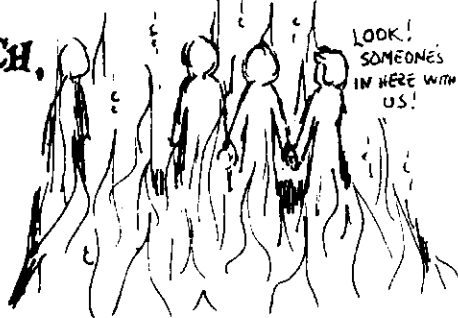
Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

II THESSALONIANS 2:13

Now.. with regard to the coming of our lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to him, that you may not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit, or a message, or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the lord has come. Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will NOT COME UNLESS THE APOSTASY COMES FIRST..

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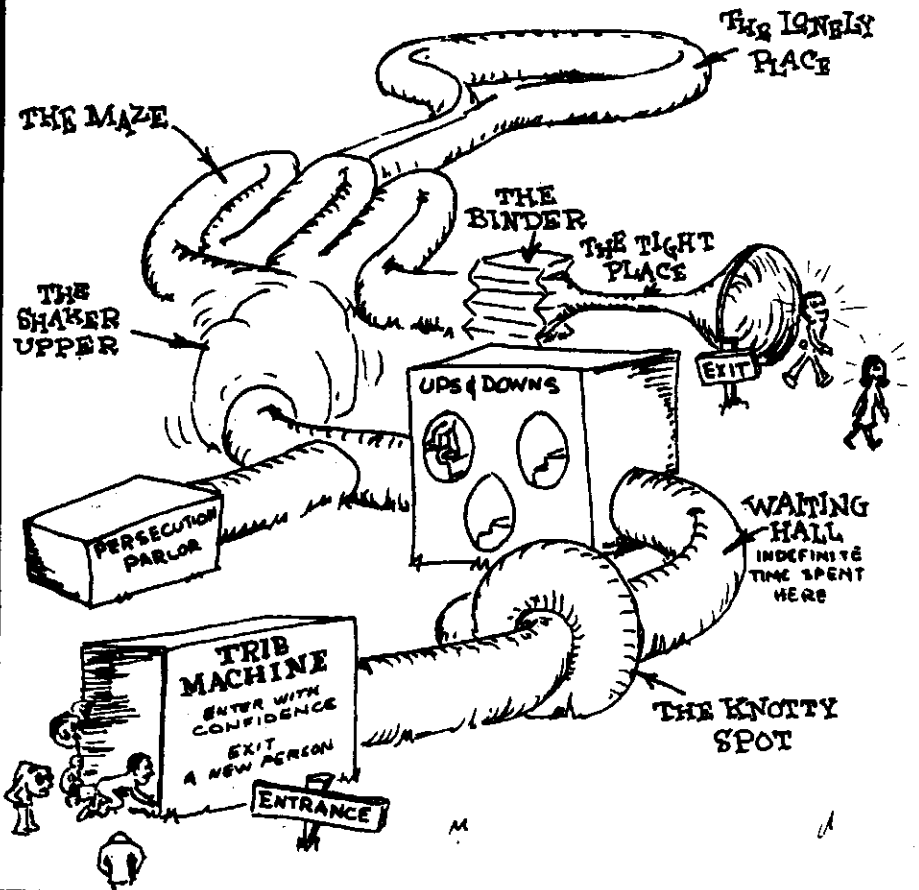


TRIBULATION HAS A PURPOSE

I believe that the dead saints will be resurrected at the END of the tribulation and we who are alive will meet them. Since the resurrection occurs after the tribulation, every born again believer in Jesus Christ needs to be awakened to this truth. They need to prepare and perfect themselves through the word, by the Holy Spirit. Your hope of being taken out and away from the bad things may let you down and you may not have the power (Holy Spirit) to go through the trouble. Of all the people I know, not one person has ever found a single Bible verse that says we will be raptured before the tribulation. Can you?

My Cocoon was kind of a tribulation experience.

But look at me now!
I CAN FLY!



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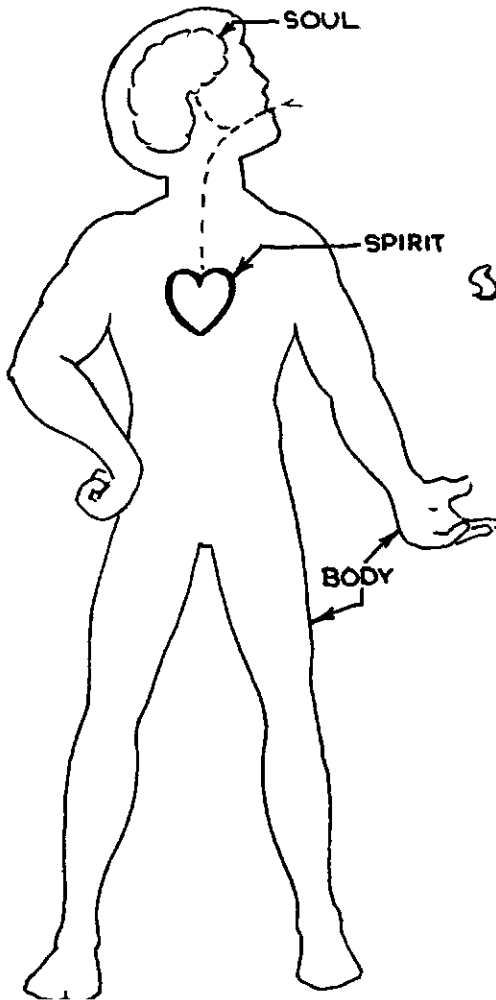
We would say "definitely yes" to the first question. In fact, only the Bible can tell us the difference. The Bible says of itself, "For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the DIVIDING asunder OF SOUL and SPIRIT" (Hebrews 4:12).

The answer to the second question is that it helps us to understand ourselves and to understand the words of Jesus and the Bible. There have been age old arguments in the church that have not been resolved because we have not identified scriptures that refer to SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY. Denominations have tried to make them fit one or two categories when actually there are three. We will say YOU ARE A SPIRIT, YOU HAVE A SOUL AND YOU LIVE IN A BODY. The Bible and the whole dynamic of your Christian walk will make more sense to you when you find the difference.

It is quite obvious that the terms spirit and soul are used in the Bible. But because of traditional usage and translation difficulties it is now hard to understand the difference in their meanings.

First we will look at the spirit. The spirit is the eternal part of man I Corinthians 6:20 indicates that both the spirit and the body are possessed by God, but it leaves out the soul. Ecclesiastes 12:7 tells us that upon death the body returns to dust and the spirit returns to God who gave it. In Matthew 10:28 Jesus says that the soul and the body can be destroyed in hell, but not the spirit.

THE SPIRIT 
IS THE
ETERNAL PART OF MAN



NO, THIS IS NOT A BLUEPRINT FOR A BIONIC MAN. IT'S AN ILLUSTRATION PORTRAYING THE CONCEPT OF:
SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY
THAT IS FOUND IN THE BIBLE.

JUST LOOKING AT THE DIAGRAM IS NO DOUBT RAISING SOME QUESTIONS IN YOUR MIND, LIKE HOW COME THE SOUL IS IN ONE PLACE AND THE SPIRIT IN ANOTHER? OR WHAT ARE THOSE DOTTED LINES ALL ABOUT? WELL, JUST READ THE INSIDE ARTICLE AND YOU'LL NOT ONLY FIND THOSE ANSWERS BUT YOU MAY JUST FIND THE KEY TO SOLVING A WHOLE LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE OR YOUR OWN CHRISTIAN WALK.

SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY

Is it possible, through studying the Bible, to tell a difference between spirit and soul? And if it is why would anyone want to?



THE BIBLE
SEPARATES
SPIRIT & SOUL

SPIRIT, SOUL + BODY

The heart and the inner organs such as the bowels of man are symbolic of the spirit (John 7:38-39). The spirit is manifested through speaking or talking (Matt. 10:20; 12:34; Luke 6:45; Rom. 10:9-10). God is a spirit and we are to worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

The salvation of our spirit took place in the past. The blood of Jesus Christ has become a covering for our past sins. Jesus is (was) the saviour of our spirit. When Stephen was stoned he cried out "Lord Jesus, receive my SPIRIT" (Acts 7:59). Also, after the crucifixion, Jesus went to preach to the SPIRITS in prison (1 Pet. 3:18-19).

When Jesus died on the cross He said, "It is finished," and now He is at the right hand of the Father until all enemies are made His footstool (Heb. 10:13). This indicates that He is not going to do any more until someone else finishes the job. He said, "I give you power to lay hands on the sick, cast out devils, and over all power of the enemy" (Luke 10:19; MARK 16:18).

Our salvation begins with our spirit. This salvation is by faith (Eph. 2:8), and it cannot be lost. Jesus has done a complete and perfect work in us. We see through certain Biblical principles that God works with us from the inside out: first the spirit, then the soul and finally the body.

If you have accepted what Jesus Christ has done for you then the scriptures urge you to go on: "Therefore, leaving the elementary teachings of the Christ let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God... and this we shall do if God permits" (Heb. 6:1).

There is a second salvation that the scriptures speak of, the salvation of the soul. James was

JESUS	HOLY SPIRIT	GOD
PASSOVER	PENTECOST	TABERNACLES
SPIRIT	SOUL	BODY
DOOR	OUTER VEIL	INNER VEIL
PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
CIRCUMCISION	BAR MITZVAH	MARRIAGE
EGYPT	WILDERNESS	PROMISED LAND
FAITH	FAITH & WORKS	HOPE

THIS CHART SHOWS A DEFINITE PATTERN THAT IS FOUND THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE. ACCORDING TO THESE PRINCIPLES WE SEE THAT GOD WORKS FIRST WITH OUR SPIRIT, NEXT OUR SOUL AND THEN OUR BODY. THIS IS ONLY A PORTION OF A MUCH LARGER CHART. IF YOU SEE THE PATTERN WE'RE SURE YOU CAN ADD MORE THREE STEP PROCESSES THAT LEAD TO COMPLETION AND FULFILLMENT.

writing to people that already had their spirits (not souls) saved for he said, "Receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your soul" (James 1:21). Soul salvation is always spoken of in the present progressive tense, that is our soul is presently being saved.

The word soul is "psyche" in the Greek (the language the New Testament was written in). From it we get the words psychiatrist, psychology, psycho, etc. which all have to do with the mind. The word "psyche" has been translated soul, life, and mind in the New Testament.



THE SOUL IS THE MIND, WILL, ATTITUDES & EMOTIONS.

An analysis of the word "psyche" as it is used in the N.T. shows that it has to do with the mind, will, and emotions. The salvation of our soul pertains to the renewing of our mind.

The method of the salvation of the soul is given in 1 Peter 1:22, "seeing that you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit." Peter says that purification of the soul is through the spirit by obeying the truth. The Bible tells us "Thy word is Truth," so to obey the truth is to obey the word of God. We also notice that the word or truth of God must be obeyed through the spirit. The letter kills but the spirit gives life.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PRESENTLY SAVING YOUR SOUL.

We see in the scriptures that as Jesus brought salvation to our spirit the Holy Spirit brings salvation to our soul. Heart belief brings Jesus Christ into our spirit first and then head belief brings the Holy Spirit to our mind.

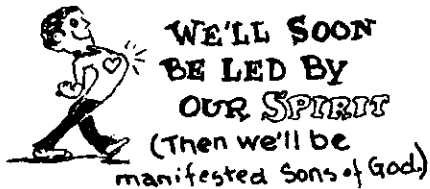
The Holy Spirit works on our mind. Jesus said, "But the comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance.

SPIRIT, SOUL + BODY

IF YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE IT'S 'CAUSE HE ISN'T FINISHED WITH YOU YET.

We see from Philippians 2:12 that it is possible to work out our own salvation, because this salvation refers to a second work, after the salvation of our spirit.

It is very important then that we be familiar with the Bible (words of Jesus) because the Holy Spirit usually only acts upon that which we have already heard.



It can now be understood why, after receiving Christ, we can still have stupid thoughts. It is because our mind is still being changed and renewed by the Holy Spirit. Although our spirit is saved and we want deep down inside to do the right thing, our mind is in control and we often times end up doing what we don't want to do, or what we know is wrong. The Holy Spirit just isn't finished with us yet.

There is still a further salvation spoken of in the Bible. This salvation is for the **BODY**. It is a future salvation and it is brought about by **HOPE**, not faith or works.

God works on us from the inside out. He saves our spirit which affects the salvation of our soul which in turn affects the salvation of our body.

1. **OUR SPIRIT MUST BE SAVED.**

2. **THIS MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR OUR SOUL (mind, will & emotions etc.) TO BE RENEWED.**

3. **THE RENEWING OF OUR MIND TRANSFORMS OUR BODY.**

In Romans 12:1&2 we are told to present our **BODIES** as a living sacrifice to God and not to be conformed to this world but to be transformed by the renewing of our **MIND**. We see that our body is transformed (the Greek word is "metamorphosis" from which we get metamorphosis, the change that a caterpillar goes through to become a butterfly) as our thoughts and attitudes (soul) become renewed.

We have now seen there is a definite difference between spirit and soul and that our whole concept of salvation is effected by it. We have seen that God is interested in our total being: spirit, soul and body. The Bible speaks about salvation of the whole man. Paul's prayer in I Thes. 5:23 is that God might preserve our whole spirit, soul and body complete, without blame at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In I Cor. 1:10 we find a past deliverance, a present deliverance and yet a future deliverance all through Jesus Christ. This clearly shows that there are three salvations spoken of in the scriptures: **SPIRIT** (past), **SOUL** (present), and **BODY** (future).

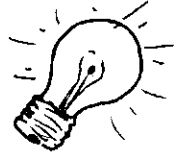
God wants to save you completely. There is a generation that will be alive and remaining at the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. We want to be candidates for this generation and overcome the last enemy which is death (I Cor. 15:26).

The scriptures tell us we are to seek immortality (Rom. 2:7) and that Jesus brought immortality to light (II Tim. 1:10). This teaching excites us. It opens up

many possibilities and a great hope for a complete salvation.

FIND OUT NOW! Has your spirit been saved? Is your soul being saved? Are you a candidate for the salvation of the body?

JESUS CHRIST BROUGHT IMMORTALITY TO LIGHT



We want to overcome death. The scriptures say death is an enemy, (I Cor. 15:26) it's the last enemy to be overcome. We believe the time has come for our complete deliverance: spirit, soul and body.

Daniel read the scrolls of Jeremiah for many years before he discovered when Israel was going to be freed from captivity. He saw it only when it was about to occur (Dan. 9:2). Complete deliverance has always been a part of the Bible but only now are men seeing it. Peter said that this deliverance would be revealed from heaven in the **LAST DAY** (I Peter 1:3-5).

We hope this message has brought you a new hope and a new insight into what God is doing with us. We want all that God has for us and we're sure you do to. If you would like more information we have tapes and a really good book available on the subject of **SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY**. As you see they are featured in this months special offer.