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## PREVIOUS MESSAGES

- The Generation before Christ's Return – 2 part series
  - A generation without character, conviction and conscience.
- What has the 2nd Coming of Christ to do with regular church attendance
  - Not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together
- Be Occupied till Jesus Comes
  - The Thessalonians did not cease the work of faith, labour of love and the patience of hope

## INTRODUCTION

- "Rapture" is not a Biblical word but its meaning is found in scriptures

(Matthew 24:36; 40-44)

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

(Luke 17:34-36)

34 I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. 35 Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. 36 Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left."

(1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

16 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. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

## CONSIDER ENOCH

(Genesis 5:23-24)

23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

(Hebrews 11:5-6)

5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

(Jude 14)

14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." (Jude 14, 15)

- A summary:
  - He was the 7th generation from Adam and a prophet-preacher that spoke of God's judgment
  - He walked with God and was taken by God at the age of 365, (Gen. 5:23; Heb.11:5 ) when men lived longer than 900 years - Adam lived 930 years (Gen. 5:5)
  - A man of faith who pleased God

## ENOCH'S HIS GENERATION

(Genesis 6:5-7)

5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

- Summary
  - An immoral permissive generation
    - Crime and lawlessness prevailed
    - Polygamy was a lifestyle
  - A godless generation
    - Secularism ruled the day
    - "Kingdom now" rather than the Kingdom of God
  - Science, technology and knowledge as means of progress without God and God's Word
  - Occult, animist and spirit worship rather than God of creation

## GOD'S GRACE WAS SUFFICIENT

- Grace follows God's Peace
  - When you are at peace with God, the grace of God is available and sufficient.
  - GRACE can be defined in the form of an acrostic.
    - **G**od's **R**iches **A**t **C**hrist's **E**xpense
  - Grace is not by merits or the riches of mankind, through the mercy of God
  - The source of salvation is GRACE
  - The strength of salvation is PEACE.
  - Peace opens the door for God's power to work
- Enoch was victorious because of God's grace and peace.
- The Bible says, "He pleased God"

- Obedience is the way to please God.
- It takes faith to obey.
- Obedience is faith in action!
- Why you can't obey God without faith
  - God's ways are higher than man's ways.
 

(2 Samuel 22:31)  
As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him."

(Proverbs 14:12)  
There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death."

(Psalm 27:11)  
"Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies."

Examples of God's ways:

    - God told Joshua to march around the walls of Jericho
    - Jesus said to the servants at the marriage in Cana to serve the guests after they put water in the jars.

CONCLUSION: The 2nd Coming of Jesus has two advents

- The first is said to be the Rapture
  - When Jesus comes, we will meet Him in the air.
 

(1 Thessalonians 4:17)  
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.

    - Just as Enoch was translated, we will be raptured when Jesus comes
- The second is the return to earth as the angels said at the time He departed
 

(Acts 1:9-11) At Christ's ascension  
"9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

(Zechariah 14:4) His feet will stand on Mount of Olives  
"And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south."