Subject: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by wishing34 on Thu, 03 Oct 2013 14:56:23 GMT
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If the living believers will be changed in twinkling of an eye at the LAST TRUMP (I Cor 15:51-52)

and if . . .

if the LAST TRUMP is when when Jesus returns (end of trib) and raises the righteous dead (I Thess 4:15-17, Mat 24:31)
this is definitely AFTER the trib - Mk 13:24-27

and if . . .

if we which are alive at the rapture shall not precede (prevent in KJV) the righteous dead (I Thess 4:15)

then . . .

how can we preach an "overcomer/manchild" rapture at any time prior to the end of the trib?

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Remember that a big part of our pride, elitism, and "specialness" 30 years ago was because we were the overcomers - a special class of believers being raised up to deliver groaning creation after the "overcomer's rapture." If the overcomer's rapture was a wrong teaching then our entire self definition was wrong, and a major, major focus of our teachings was wrong.

Also we were content to not worry ourselves about the missing signs ans wonders because they were not for today (sounds very denominational doesn't it). They were to be part of the future "greater works ministry" that we said would occur after the overcomer/Manchild rapture.

Also we expected to be raptured out of the 7 yr trib
(Rev 3:10 does not have to mean this. Could just mean kept safe.)
If we ever find ourselves in the trib we would be shocked and possibly doubting things.

Jman

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Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by james on Thu, 03 Oct 2013 19:05:38 GMT
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Here is a link to an interesting teaching on the Manchild-Latter Rain Doctrine/Movement. It gives some background on the history of the teaching of both the "Manchild", "Overcomers", as well as "Latter Rain". I'm not promoting or condemning the teacher, just thought it would be good reading for those who are interested in this discussion. Also not to 'correct' Jman, just found it very much

like what I 'remember' Bro. Freeman teaching...without being able to compare it.

http://www.bibleanswerstand.org/manchild.htm

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Gary on Thu, 03 Oct 2013 20:18:35 GMT
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Isn't there a group that believes in the later rain movement that is into heavy doctrinal error? Or is it the latter day movement? It was one of the prophetic movements out west.

Its interesting what the guy is saying here but I wondered about lumping the two movements together like this.

I don't know if we were considered to be a manchild company movement but I guess someone could classify it that way.

Just thinking out loud here!

Gary

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Gary on Thu, 03 Oct 2013 20:28:25 GMT
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One more thing, I think the teaching on the Manchild company is a valid teaching.

Who else could the manchild be but someone who is caught up to the throne before the rapture. The church system teaches this is Jesus, but we know He was not caught up to the throne as soon as He was born.

Whether anyone is a part of this group or not, the teaching showing all the scriptures point to the fact it is a group who were committed to Jesus Christ and leaves before the rapture.

Gary

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Thu, 03 Oct 2013 23:56:40 GMT
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wishing,

Just a comment regarding `the last trump,` of 1 Cor. 15: 51 & 52
& `the great trumpet ` in Matt. 24: 31.

A `trumpet,` in scripture refers to God speaking. (Rev. 4: 1)
Then we look at who He is speaking to - `the great trumpet` (Matt.) is God`s word going out to Israel, the elect (also) of God. Jesus is speaking to the people of Israel about the time that He will come again to them as a nation. They rejected Him but God will restore them again & this `great trumpet,` is referring to God speaking forth & sending the angels to bring the people of Israel, who had scattered in the tribulation, back to their land after the persecution of the Anti-Christ.

Now the `last trump,` (1 Thess.)is again God speaking but this time it is to the Body of Christ & the last time that He will speak thus to them for after they hear `Come up hear,` they will be in the throne room & no more need the prophetic voice of God but will hear clearly.

As regards to `the wrath.`

The Holy Spirit clearly says that the Body of Christ will not only be delivered from the wrath to come but is not even destined for the wrath of God. (1 Thess. 1: 10 & 5: 9)
The wrath of God is poured out on the rebellious. Whereas Salvation means we are saved from the wrath of God. That is why Christ died - for our sins & thus we will not be punished for our sins like those going through the tribulation.

As 2 Peter 1:3 - 7 says that to be made like Christ is through dying to self & working with the Holy Spirit to have Christ`s divine nature outworked in us. Physical suffering through the tribulation will make many repent but it does not refine our spirits. That is the work of the Holy Spirit now.

Hope that helps.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by wishing34 on Fri, 04 Oct 2013 01:36:24 GMT
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Hi Marilyn,

Everyone here calls me "Jman"

Thanks for responding.

You said Quote:A `trumpet,` in scripture refers to God speaking. (Rev. 4: 1)

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking
with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

How does this verse cause you to say that the trumps of the rapture/2nd coming verses (that I referenced above) are voices instead of trumpets?
This Rev 4:1 voice resembled a trumpet - this does not mean trumpets elsewhere are voices.

Jman

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Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Fri, 04 Oct 2013 04:07:15 GMT
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Hi Jman,

A good question, & one I hope to clarify.

{Quote}
`I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.`
`How does this verse cause you to say that the trumps of the rapture/2nd coming verses (that I referenced above) are voices instead of trumpets?
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{Unquote}

(Other scriptures for people reading, were for the Body of Christ 1 Cor. 15: 51 & 52 & 1 Thess. 4: 16 and for Israel Matt. 24: 31)

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Also, God always gives His meaning to His symbols so as it is not up to our interpretation. Thus the voice AS a trumpet clearly shows that in the heavenly realms it is actually the voice of God declaring by His authority what has to happen.

Jesus Himself said concerning the final coming forth of the dead,(not in the Body of Christ) at the very end of time, that the authority of His voice will bring them forth.

`Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming & now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; & those who hear shall live.
For just as the Father has life in Himself, even as He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; & He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.

Do not marvel at this: for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, & shall come forth:.....`(John 5: 25 - 29)

Hope this helps.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Fri, 04 Oct 2013 04:57:05 GMT
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jman.

This section was on the e-mail that came to me but I can`t see it now on your comment. Anyway I will give a comment.

I said this...
Quote:
`The Holy Spirit clearly says that the Body of Christ will not only be delivered from the wrath to come . . .`Unquote

You said...
Quote.`Must "delivered from the wrath to come" be a rapture? Could God not deliver a group via Divine protection while they remain in earth during the trib?  Rev 12 "woman" for example.` Unquote.

Yes we know God is all powerful & can does all things after His will. And that is the Key. Too often we look at the things happening or what we think should happen but without understanding WHY God is doing such & such. The WHY understanding leads clearly to WHAT is happening.

Just talking about God could do this & that, yes He could but He has eternal purposes & they are that in each realm of His great kingdom all authority will come under Christ. In each realm evil has come & there has to be a cleansing & putting in place authority under Christ.

Thus for the Body of Christ to go through the tribulation does not make sense for they are the court that will bring judgment on the world system & the fallen angels. The Apostle Paul told us this -

`do you not know that the saints will judge the world (system)?`
and `Do you not know that we shall judge angels?` (1 Cor.6:2&3)

Then through
out Revelation we see the 24 elders (representative of the Body of Christ) on thrones (Rev. 4: 4) with authority promised as King Priests & in Rev. 11: 16 - 18.

The prophet Daniel saw this court, though he wasn`t told who they were, as the Body of Christ was hidden purpose of God at that time.

`I kept looking until thrones were set up.....The court sat..
But the court will sit for judgment.....` (Da. 7: 9,10 & 26)

And now to the Man child. But I think I will leave that for another time.

Good talking with you, jman.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by wishing34 on Fri, 04 Oct 2013 11:12:09 GMT
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Hi Marylin,

Thanks for responding.

Your method of interpretation of the Scriptures is not literal enough for my tastes.

You seem to add a layer of meaning on top of the literal God-breathed words -> maybe a theoretical symbolism, or an assumed motive of "why" God said it, or a logical analysis regarding to whom a Scripture was meant.

Then, with this added layer of meaning, you are able to arrive at interpretations for the text that are different from the interpretation one has from only the literal text.

Here is what you want to do to quote something -

on this link

http://overcomersonline.com/FUDforum2/index.php?t=help_index
&section=readingposting&S=3dae9ab80ba1d4775bbb956d9a f8c085#style

do a word search for "Hello world"
(half way down the page)

Jman

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Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Fri, 04 Oct 2013 17:32:33 GMT
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Hi Jman.

Thank you for the help regarding the quote/boxes. Gary also showed me but obviously I`m not doing it right, but will read up & try again.

Now concerning our discussion. I was surprised with your statements. What makes them difficult is that you have not given any evidence to back up your claims. To have an honest discussion we need to try & explain & back up what we say so that we work our way to understanding each other & hopefully come to understand the truth.

So specifically what is not literal with my comments -

THE BODY OF CHRIST -

- judges the world system. (1 Cor. 6: 2)
- judges fallen angels. (1 Cor. 6: 3)
- are King Priests on Christ`s throne. (Rev. 3: 21 & 4: 4)
- are the court on thrones. (Dan. 7: 9, 10 & 26)

These are just what is written in God`s word. How have I not taken them literally? What is you explanation? evidence?
We can all make statements but if we are to learn the truth then there needs to be scriptural explanations backing up what you are saying otherwise it is just your opinion & we all have those.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by wishing34 on Fri, 04 Oct 2013 18:01:56 GMT
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Hi Marylin,

Thanks for responding.

I will leave our exchange where it is.

We could go back and forth mucho and eventually agree to disagree.

Too frustrating for both of us.

Jman

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Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by wishing34 on Fri, 04 Oct 2013 18:14:59 GMT
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Marylin,

I had a post above only about Rev4:1 trumpet concepts.
On that post I originally had other comments that I deleted.

Someone emailed you the deleted comments that were deleted after about 5 minutes.

Who sent you that email?

thanks

Jman

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by william on Fri, 04 Oct 2013 21:00:51 GMT
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I think what happened is that whenever a post is actually posted some people opt to be notified by email... the email goes out immediately and if you edit it later the only place that is effected is the post on the board.

Apparently she saw the comments in the initial email that was automatically sent.

I usually need to go back and edit my notes to correct spelling, etc., but alas, my initial ignorance has already been propagated! <grin>

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Fri, 04 Oct 2013 22:29:28 GMT
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Jman.

Actually I don`t believe in `agree to disagree.` I do respect that you hold different views than me & will not get into controversy, wrangling with words. However it was disappointing to see that you think you can `accuse,` a person without evidence or bringing forth the truth. We are told to

`diligent to present yourself approved of God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.` (2 Tim. 2: 15)

This is why we discuss here. And

`be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth.`
(2 Tim. 2: 24 & 25)

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Gary on Mon, 07 Oct 2013 06:01:04 GMT
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Hi Marilyn,

I will try to show you again how to do the brackets. Below will be a quote but without these brackets, [ ]

(quote) Let us give Thanks (/quote)

This is the way you isolate a conversation you want to comment on but use the square brackets instead of the curved ones I am demonstrating with ( ) , here is what the square brackets look like on your keyboard: [ ] So the word quote will have the square brackets instead of the rounded brackets in the quote above.

I hope this is easier to understand, pay attention to the brackets and what I said, and may the Lord help you as well to understand.

After trying this scroll down and hit preview message, then scroll back up and see if the comment is captured in a box. Once you hit submit reply the brackets disappear and a box is set around the message you are trying to isolate.

Quote:Trumpets are earthly things & not of the spirit world. It is a perishable object of this world & not an imperishable object that is of the heavenly realms.

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Okay I see what you are saying in this verse and I agree with it. The scripture is quite clear that the voice sounds (as it were),like a trumpet, but it is literally the voice of God. I cannot imagine a literal trumpet talking to someone.

BTW the term "agree to disagree" actually came from two well known Christians who both could not come to agree on certain doctrines that caused division between their groups. In fact someone just told me the other day that it became so bad between these Christian groups that it came to literal fist fights.

I could probably list ten subjects that are very divisive doctrines in Christianity. I have seen whole churches split in half over doctrines. Close friends acting totally unchristian towards one another because they thought they were defending God's Word.

Its a bad situation that I don't see it ever leaving while we are on this earth. Why? Doctrine is divisive. For now we have to hold fast to that which is good until the Lord establishes His Kingdom on the earth.

I don't know how it is in Australia but here in America we have just learned to live with it. I have friends in other churches who our differences in life are over Bible doctrines. Sad commentary but that is the state of the church in these end times.

I was in a coffee shop this weekend and noticed a world map on the wall. I was surprised to see that Australia is almost as big as America in land mass, I always pictured it as being quite smaller. Then I googled Australia with google earth and for the most part our countries are no different. Australia looked like the typical American cities.

I find this interesting.

I am thinking we are probably not to far different in our view of the scriptures, I am willing to take a serious look at what is shared if it differs from what I believe but I can see it in the Bible I will choose to believe what the Bible says.

I have noticed over the years when people become indoctrinated they refuse to look at the scriptures if it does not line up to their view and is different in content. I think there is a sense of security in holding on to certain doctrines.

For instance on the Baptism of the Spirit I know people who say its not for today and will not take a serious look at the Bible to see if it is true or not. I am trying not to fall into this snare of men's souls, which Jesus calls seeing they see but cannot see and hearing they hear and cannot hear.

I know this for sure its good to have doctrine but to be Spirit led and Spirit taught is a whole different ball game.

Now mind you, I don't have a opinion on this here.

Anyway I hope this new information about the brackets helps.

Gary

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Mon, 07 Oct 2013 06:52:50 GMT
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Thank you so much for being patient with a `learner,` driver here, Gary. So here goes....

Quote:I am thinking we are probably not to far different in our view of the scriptures, I am willing to take a serious look at what is shared if it differs from what I believe but I can see it in the Bible I will choose to believe what the Bible says.

`Voila,` there it is, a 1,000 thankyou`s as my brother would say.
And I totally agree & if we still can`t for any reason not understand each other I know that the Lord will in time help us to come to the full knowledge of Him, whether here on earth or with Him. And you are so right, fancy letting doctrines divide families, but as I`m saying that I do realise that it is the wrong attitudes that divides as James 3: 13 - 18.

Interesting about USA & Australia. And yes we do copy you in lots of areas but still have our `Aussie,` flavour, culture, `She`ll be right mate!` etc

You must be up early? Or having half time as hubby & I say when we get up in the night. I tell you something scary. My birthday was yesterday on the 6th & guess what age...yes 66, mmmmmm
Is that a sign? No only kidding.

Have a good day/night

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Gary on Mon, 07 Oct 2013 09:39:30 GMT
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Happy belated Birthday!

You should of put that in brackets. Quote: 666 Hopefully everyone would of saw the humor in it.

Yes my wife was having a bad dream and woke me up, and it took a while to go back to sleep

My mothers birthday was on the 5th. I think she was 78 she's a good Christian lady who loves the Lord.

May the Lord bless your week,

Gary

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Gary on Sat, 19 Oct 2013 05:08:23 GMT
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Quote: Jman wrote: how can we preach an "overcomer/manchild" rapture at any time prior to the end of the trib?

I think its "before" the trib that the manchild is raptured. God gives the woman the wings of an eagle to fly into the wilderness where "they" will feed her for 3 and a 1/2 years. She is taken out in the middle of the trib at least that is how we were taught it.

Quote: Marilyn wrote: And now to the Man child. But I think I will leave that for another time.

Not expecting a reply here but glad your leaving this on the back burner for now.

(I also hope you can understand all of my American use of colloquialism's with words), like; you know "on the back burner".

Anyway I have some more thoughts on this manchild and this woman mentioned in scripture.

Two signs appear in heaven: This woman clothed with a garland of twelve stars.

I think this can be none other then the church of Jesus Christ in the world today and who has the teachings of the twelve apostles on her head.

The second sign in heaven is of a great dragon who stood before the woman who was to give birth to this manchild. If you notice his tail drew a third of the stars from heaven. We know that satan drew a third of the angels from heaven.

Why at the beginning of the tribulation would the dragon single out this woman and goes forth to make war with her. This can be none other then the church world which we see today who are complacent towards the things of God.

This manchild is going to rule the earth with a rod of iron. Where do we see this in scriptures?

Quote: 24 â€œNow to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. 25 But hold fast what you have till I come. 26 And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nationsâ€”

27 â€˜He shall rule them with a rod of iron;They shall be dashed to pieces like the potterâ€™s vesselsâ€™

as I also have received from My Father; 28 and I will give him the morning star.

29 â€œHe who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.â€•â€™

This manchild when he is born is caught up immediately to the throne of God.

Quote: And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

The woman then flees to the wilderness for 3 and a 1/2 years where "God" has a place prepared for her.

Quote: 6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Notice in this place that it says "they" should feed her in this wilderness.

So we have this sign of a woman appears in heaven, God is there helping the woman and allows her to flee to a wilderness place of safety and He has someone called "they" who are feeding this woman and taking care of her during the 3 and 1/2 years of tribulation.

This one small section of scripture concerns a woman, a child, and the dragon.

I believe the woman is the church and that satan will come against the church at the beginning of the trib, why? she will probably be resistant to receiving a mark in the arm and the forehead. Plus she gave birth to this manchild.

Reading further a war takes place in heaven and the dragon is cast down to the earth then we see:

Quote: 13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. 14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

God helps this woman so the dragon goes off to make war with her offspring, who keep the commandments of God.

Anyway Marilyn just some thoughts on this woman will share more later, not expecting a reply if you want to keep this before the Lord here. Will share more later on this.

Gary

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Michael R on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 02:23:58 GMT
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I'm not sure how this affects the question posed at the beginning of the thread, but some time ago when I read 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 I was wondering when the "we will be changed" was supposed to happen. (I assume this refers to the assumption of the spiritual nature and the shedding of the physical nature, but I'm speculating.)

The verse says "at the last trumpet." Out of curiosity I went to the last chapter of Revelation and started browsing backward for the last mention of a trumpet being sounded. I don't know whether this is a reasonable correlation or not, but consider the following three references:

1 Corinthians 15:51-54,
"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changedâ€" in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: â€œDeath has been swallowed up in victory.â€•"

Revelation 10:6-7,
"And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, â€œThere will be no more delay! But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.â€•"

Revelation 11:15-19,
"The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

â€œThe kingdom of the world has become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah,
and he will reign for ever and ever.â€•

And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying:

â€œWe give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
the One who is and who was,
because you have taken your great power
and have begun to reign.
The nations were angry,
and your wrath has come.
The time has come for judging the dead,
and for rewarding your servants the prophets
and your people who revere your name,
both great and smallâ€"
and for destroying those who destroy the earth.â€•

Then Godâ€™s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his

covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm."

Someone might question whether Paul could be referring to something written (probably later in the future) by John, but it was the Holy Spirit speaking through both of them, so that question is basically void.

I do see some similarity between what is mentioned in Corinthians and what is mentioned in the Revelation. For example,

"in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet." (1 Cor 15:51)

"There will be no more delay!" (Rev 10:6)

and

"Listen, I tell you a mystery...
...then the saying that is written will come true: â€œDeath has been swallowed up in victory.â€•" (1 Cor 15:51)

"the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets." (Rev 10:7)

"Then Godâ€™s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant." (Rev 11:19)

and

"For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." (1 Cor 15:52)

"The time has come for judging the dead,
    and for rewarding your servants the prophets
and your people who revere your name,

both great and smallâ€”
and for destroying those who destroy the earth." (Rev 11:18)

I may just be gushing ignorance, but I hope it's at least food for thought.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by GWB on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 05:59:31 GMT
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Sounds like great hope to me!!!

I still believe in The Manchild.

I have turned Rev 12 upside down. You know, like negative numbers! Lol

I just can't get around there not being one.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 07:42:56 GMT
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Hi Michael,

A wonderful hope we have.

Now many people have read scripture & come to the conclusion you have. I would like to present to you what I have been taught.
We know that God wrote the scriptures & that there are various `keys,` to interpretation. For instance we need to know who is speaking & then to read in context, as we do in everyday reading, we need to read all the other scriptures on a specific topic etc. These are general common sense keys.

Now God has included other `keys,` that we may not be aware of. The main one being that Jesus is the centre of His word. (Luke 24: 44) Another important key concerns the 3 groups - The Body of Christ, Israel & the Nations. (1 Cor. 10: 32) We need to know which group God is dealing with & what His promises are to them otherwise we misinterpret His word.

So concerning the `last trump,` in 1 Cor. 15: 51 - 54, this is God`s call to the Body of Christ to come up to the third heaven where they will rule & reign with Him. (Rev. 3 : 21)

The 7th, the last trumpet in Revelation 11: 15 - 19 concerns God`s call to Israel & the nations, declaring that Christ is the ruler over the kingdoms of the earth. This happens when Christ returns to the earth with His angelic army at Armageddon. (Rev. 19: 11 - 21)

The `trumpet,` is a symbol of God`s voice. (Rev. 4: 1)
`the first voice which I heard, like the sound of a trumpet....`

Hope this gives food for thought.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Gary on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 11:49:26 GMT
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Quote:Michael Wrote:
I'm not sure how this affects the question posed at the beginning of the thread, but some time ago when I read 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 I was wondering when the "we will be changed" was supposed to happen. (I assume this refers to the assumption of the spiritual nature and the shedding of the physical nature, but I'm speculating.)

Secondly:
I may just be gushing ignorance, but I hope it's at least food for thought.

Hi Michael,

What you shared is good and always worth contemplating.

I have always heard our glorified bodies will be like Jesus, and the body He returned to earth in. I don't know if there is a scripture for this off the top of my head.

But I do know the Lord said: 29 Jesus answered and said to them, â€œYou are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

From this we can know that whatever happens we will be like the Angels in heaven.

When this takes place; I believe literally at the rapture or maybe when death occurs and we cross over to the other side. These bodies are corrupt from the fall of man and God will give us a new body.

We can only glean from scriptures the nature of these bodies. In one place in Revelations it says: they will not feel heat, also I think we will recognize one another as the disciples recognized Moses and Elijah on the Mount of transfiguration, at least somehow they knew who they were having never seen them before, if that makes sense.

Unless someone has scripture I do not know if we will have a body exactly like Jesus as He is God, but I do know we will be as the angels in heaven.

Gary

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Gary on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 12:06:57 GMT
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Quote:Marilyn Wrote: So concerning the `last trump,` in 1 Cor. 15: 51 - 54, this is God`s call to the Body of Christ to come up to the third heaven where they will rule & reign with Him. (Rev. 3 : 21)

Hi Marilyn,

I don't know if this is all conclusive and that is the statement: "the body of Christ will rule and reign with Him".

If you read this verse in Revelations it says; to Him who "overcomes" will they rule and reign with Him.

I don't believe all believers who make up the body of Christ are overcoming in all things.

This is why it says the dragon will make war with this woman and she will be given the wings of an eagle and will flee to the wilderness.

Whoever this woman is, We know:

1. The dragon is wroth at her and tries to destroy her.
2. God helps this woman get to the wilderness where He has a place prepared for her for 3 1/2 years.
3. Someone the scriptures call "they" will feed her for these three and a half years.
4. In Daniel it mentions the antichrist or world leader will make war with the saints of God for three and a half years.
5. We also see that those who "overcome" in all things will rule with a rod of iron, during the 1000 year reign of Christ some will rule with a rod of iron.

When the mother of Zebedee came to ask that her sons would set on the left and right side of Jesus while on His throne, the Lord told her this is not mine to give.

Some will be ruling and reigning with Christ who have paid the price and made themselves ready for this.

Does it say specifically anywhere that the whole body will reign and rule with Christ?

There are many believers in the world today who are not totally sold out to Jesus. I think the Bible says some will be saved by fire and their works that were wood, hay, and stubble will be burned up but they will be saved.

This woman in scripture I believe is the church at large who will go through the first part of the tribulation.

Why else would the dragon be wroth with this one woman who appears in Revelations?

Gary

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by wishing34 on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 14:21:51 GMT
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Hi Marylin,

Consider . . . .

A person walks into a home that has gigantic ceiling to floor picture windows that look out upon a woods.

On these windows a very gifted artist has painted realistic looking trees, birds, people, and animals.

Outside on the deck the person admires the woods.

He walks inside and when he looks through the window he sees the woods with the artist's people, animals, etc. superimposed into the woods. But the people/animals are actually merely painted on the glass of the windows.

"Oh, now I see the woods differently. There is a fox .. and a yellow bird in that tree . .. and a man in that far place."

The person actually believes he sees the fox/bird/man but they are not real. It is because he is looking at reality through windows that add things to what is seen.

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Okay. With that idea in place. . . .

The woods stands for God's word and the images painted on the glass are extra things that are not really in God's word.

Marylin, when you put into your Bible analysis things like

symbolism meanings
"The `trumpet,` is a symbol of God`s voice. (Rev. 4: 1)"

or keys
"Now God has included other `keys,` that we may not be aware of. The main one being that Jesus is the centre of His word. (Luke 24: 44)
Another important key concerns the 3 groups - The Body of Christ, Israel & the Nations. (1 Cor. 10: 32) We need to know
which group God is dealing with & what His promises are to them otherwise we misinterpret His word. "

you are painting new art images on that glass window. Now when you look through the window at the woods (God's word) you sincerely see
things that are not really in the woods.

Without realizing it you are changing the meaning of what the Scriptures literally say.

Jman

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Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Gary on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 17:00:06 GMT
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Jman,

You seemed to be looking out the same window with your own paintings on it. If you remember you started this post stating the man child was leaving at the end of the trib so you ask is this a wrong doctrine.

Quote: If the living believers will be changed in twinkling of an eye at the LAST TRUMP (I Cor 15:51-52)

and if . . .

if the LAST TRUMP is when when Jesus returns (end of trib) and raises the righteous dead (I Thess 4:15-17, Mat 24:31)
this is definitely AFTER the trib - Mk 13:24-27

and if . . .

if we which are alive at the rapture shall not precede (prevent in KJV) the righteous dead (I Thess 4:15)

then . . .

how can we preach an "overcomer/manchild" rapture at any time prior to the end of the trib?

Your window seems to have some odd paintings on it as well.

We can preach it because it is before the tribulation.

Gary

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by wishing34 on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 20:44:35 GMT
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Hi Gary,

What am I seeing incorrectly?

If the righteous dead are raised after the 7 year trib and Paul says we shall not precede them, rather we will meet them in the air . . . then how can there be a pre-trib rapture?

Jman

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Posted by Gary on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 21:23:20 GMT
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Hi Jman,

The Righteous dead who rise after the end of the tribulation are those who died in Christ before and during the Tribulation and those we know now who die in Christ.

The man child is caught up to the throne before the tribulation because the woman goes through the first 3 1/2 years.

I remember the teaching that HEF taught at least, he said when we die our soul and spirit ascend into heaven then when God calls the righteous from the dead their bodies are raised and become reunited with the soul and spirit, the difference is they are then given a glorified body.

Also remember the wicked go to the place called hades awaiting the great white throne judgement, their bodies are also raised at this judgement, but if their names are not in the lambs book of life they will be cast into hell.

There was a whole teaching on the soul of man is the man (the real person who feels and has emotions), who has a spirit within the body. Our spirits are born again at the new birth but we still have the soulish part of man and the flesh to deal with and to bring it into subjection.

At least this is how we were taught on this subject. I think it was in the Biblical theology series but do not know for sure.

If I am thinking wrong on this let me know but this is the way I remember it.

Lord Bless,

Gary

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 21:27:00 GMT
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Hi Gary,

I love to talk about what Christ has promised as it is so amazing & makes me just want to know Him more.

Now you were asking me concerning `ruling & reigning,` with Christ, & do I believe this is for all the Body of Christ or just the overcomers. I know the scriptures say we, the Body of Christ rule & reign with Christ, however I realise, as you do that there are differences. This is the scripture you said...

`each man`s work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire; & the fire itself will test the quality of each man`s work. if any man`s work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward, if any man`s work is burned up he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.` (1 Cor. 3: 13 - 15)

Personally, I believe that according to the outworking of Christ in our lives will be the capacity to `rule & reign,` in glory.

Some scriptures on `ruling & reigning.`

`To Him who loved us & washed us from our sins in His own blood, & has made us kings & priests to His God & Father...` (Rev. 1:5 & 6)

`And he who overcomes, & keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations....` (Rev. 2: 26)

`To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne...` (Rev. 3: 21)

`Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? (system)` `Do you not know that we shall judge angels?` (1 Cor. 6: 2 & 3)

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 21:54:11 GMT
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Hi Jman,

Interesting picture you described. It shows me as you said everyone`s opinions, that is why we need to learn to handle accurately God`s word. and He has not left it up to us to paint our own pictures on the glass, as it were. (Good illustration)

So let`s look at what you think I have changed.

`After these things I looked, & behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was LIKE a trumpet speaking to me, saying, "Come up here."` (Rev. 4 : 1)

That is quite clear in plain English God`s voice was LIKE a TRUMPET. It is called a symbol. God`s voice is not a trumpet, trumpets are earthly things. God uses the symbolic picture to help us know it is a signal to rally together (for the Body of Christ) or later a signal of war (wrath) in the tribulation. God gave the Israelites these meanings when they were in the wilderness.

Then you said -

Quote:Without realizing it you are changing the meaning of what the Scriptures literally say.

Let`s look at those scriptures I drew attention to -

`Then He (Christ) said to them (the disciples), "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was with still you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses & the Prophets & the Psalms concerning Me.` (Luke 24: 44)

Let`s also add -

`And beginning at Moses & all the Prophets, He expounded to them in ALL the scriptures the things concerning Himself.` (Luke 24: 27)

These scriptures `literally say` that Christ is the centre of His word.

Then concerning the 3 groups God is dealing with -

`Give no offense, either to the Jews (Israel), or to the Greeks (Nations) or to the church of God.` (1 Cor. 10: 32)

This scripture `literally says,` that God has 3 groups He is dealing with.

If these scriptures are not taken notice of when reading God`s word then we will not learn to handle accurately God`s word.
In that sense they are `keys,` helps, guides etc.

I have noticed that people who do not place Christ as the centre tend to have God`s word revolve around themselves. Then if people are not discerning the 3 groups, then everything is jumbled in together.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Gary on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 22:01:06 GMT
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Hi Marilyn,

Quote:I have noticed that people who do not place Christ as the centre tend to have God`s word revolve around themselves

That is the difference, people who do not put Christ as the center will not be ruling and reigning its to those who overcome in all things, and pay the price to go deeper in the Lord.

Gary

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 22:02:47 GMT
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Amen Gary,

They are overcome instead of being overcomers in Christ. So it would seem we are saying that overcomers `rule & reign` with Christ as King priests, & that within that group there are differences according to the works that were done in the Holy spirit or for self.

Is that what you mean also?

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 22:46:36 GMT
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Hi Jman,

Here are some more thoughts on Christ being the centre of His word. (They are by C.J.Rolls a former teacher of the Word)

`Christ is the basic substance of all that the shadows forecast (Heb.10:1). "And beginning at Moses & all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself."

`Christ is the historic centre of all recorded Bible history, "To Him give all the prophets witness" (Acts 10: 43)

He is the prophetic seal of authenticity to all prediction, "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Rev. 19:10)

He is the dynamic power of all authority. "By me kings reign, & princes decree justice" (Prov. 8: 15) `All power is given unto Me in heaven & on earth." (Matt. 28: 18)

He is the intrinsic wealth of all spiritual values, "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom & knowledge." (Col. 2: 3) "His riches in glory." (Phil. 4: 19)

He is the specific governor of all nations, " The kingdom is the Lord`s. He is the governor among the nations.` (Ps.22" 28)

He is the realistic expression of Deity, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father" (John 14: 9). "The image of the invisible God." (Col. 1: 15) "The express image of His person." (Heb. 1: 3)

These are but a few of the many ruling lines of revealed truth concerning Messiah, yet if these seven features only were removed from scripture, the Bible would be bereft of both plan & purpose. Yea, it would leave us without incentive or objective.
We might even go further & say the structure of the volume would have no clear commencement, no definite centre, & no determined consummation. Christ, the Living Word, is indispensable to the entire record.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Michael R on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 23:51:16 GMT
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Marilyn,

Using Revelation 4:1 you said,
Quote:The `trumpet,` is a symbol of God`s voice. (Rev. 4: 1)
`the first voice which I heard, like the sound of a trumpet....`

You also said,
Quote:So concerning the `last trump,` in 1 Cor. 15: 51 - 54, this is God`s call to the Body of Christ to come up to the third heaven where they will rule & reign with Him. (Rev. 3 : 21)

I want to be clear about what you are saying so I don't make mistake it; do you mean that the trumpet spoken of in 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 is God's voice?

The reason I want to clarify this is that you state in a post later on that
Quote:God`s voice is not a trumpet, trumpets are earthly things.

I guess I'm confused. It sounded as though you are saying both that God's voice is a trumpet (in 1 Corinthians 15), and that God's voice is not a trumpet. Am I missing something?

Also, have you thought about the seven angels and their trumpets in Revelation 8-11? Are these also earthly things?

Sorry, I hope you can help me with that.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Gary on Tue, 05 Nov 2013 00:08:29 GMT
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Marilyn Crow wrote on Mon, 04 November 2013 16:02Amen Gary,

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Is that what you mean also?

To be honest here I don't want to be contentious over any scriptures. Just making a point that not all will be ruling or reigning with Christ, just a small few.

If the thought happened to cross your mind, No I don't see my self as some world overcomer, I see my own flaws and faults, and limitations, I'll just be happy if He allows me to be counted worthy to escape all of these things.

Gary

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Tue, 05 Nov 2013 00:30:01 GMT
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So true Gary,

I see all my flaws & faults but know the Lord is changing us. It is so beyond our understanding but all praise to Him who loved us first.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Tue, 05 Nov 2013 00:52:55 GMT
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Hi Michael,

Sorry if I came over ambiguous. I mean that I see when God`s word says His voice is like a trumpet - (Rev: 4: 1)saying, `Come up here,` then that is what He is saying to the believers in 1 Cor. 15: 52 ` in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet;....` when God`s voice, like a trumpet, calls us (for the last time on this earth) heavenward to glory to be with Him.

When I said God`s voice is not a trumpet, I meant not a real trumpet but is symbolically described as, like a trumpet. It is a good symbol as it denotes that God`s voice in that instance is concerned with heralding, calling His people home.

Now the 7 angels with their trumpets in Revelation 8 - 11, are also symbols of God`s voice, His commands, His declarations going forth, shown as the angels blowing trumpets. As I have said trumpets are earthly things & therefore are not in the heavenly realms. These 7 angels are before God`s throne, (Rev. 8:2) & they are sent forth to declare God`s judgements upon the earth.

God`s voice is also described as powerful, majestic, thundering, associated with the sound of many waters.....etc.
(Ps. 29: 4 Job 37: 5 John 12: 28 - 29 5: 28 etc)

Hope that explains it better.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Gary on Tue, 05 Nov 2013 01:02:58 GMT
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Marilyn Crow wrote on Mon, 04 November 2013 18:30So true Gary,

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Praise His Holy Name, thanks for sharing this.

Gary

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by wishing34 on Tue, 05 Nov 2013 01:32:07 GMT
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Hi Marylin,

Once you paint the image "Trumpets are a symbol for God's voice" onto the window you will automatically
begin to see the woods (God's word) through that symbolism.

Rev 4:1 could easily mean the voice was loud and overpowering like a trumpet blast. This interpretation
would not institute a trumpet/voice symbolism to apply to other Scripture trumpets.

The symbolism you apply is a layer of interpretation that is man-created. God has not instituted any trumpet/voice symbolism in this verse.

An error this trumpet/voice symbolism causes is to think that the last trump at the ressurection of the
dead (Matt 24:31) is not an actual trumpet, but instead it is the voice of God. Here the trumpet/voice
symbolism leads us astray if this Matt 24:31 trumpet is not recognized to be the same unique "last trump" of
I Cor 15:52 and I Thess 4:16. This relates directly to the original posting above that began this thread.

Side note: In I Thess 4:16 the shout of the Lord and the trump are both mentioned separately indicating that
they are not the same thing.

Side note
Marylin, this is to get you up to speed concerning the common background the rest of us share - and
help understand the terminology as we use it.

You are probably unaware of our group's previous (decades ago)
eschatology. What was unique (and what inpired this thread) is that we believed there was a special group
of believers in this end time called "overcomers." Naturally we felt we were the overcomer group being called
out by God to receive especially good teaching through Dr. Freeman, our main teacher.

We believed that the overcomer segment of God's people (that would be us) was going to be raptured
at the start of the 7 year trib. We would then be sent back to earth to minister to those still on the earth.
At this time we would experience what we called the "Greater Works Ministry" wherein we would do many
mighty signs and wonders here on the earth. This is akin to the "Manifested Sons of God" theology. No doubt
our version was not a perfect match to other ministries though.

We based this primarily on Rev 12 and the manchild vision there. So we were the manchild soon to be
taken to God's throne via a rapture. We also called ourselves the overcomers. To qualify for the manchild
rapture we had to "overcome in all things." We basically interpreted the verses in Rev 2 and 3 as "he that overcometh
in all things . . . " and then they were seen as proof texts for our beliefs.

Overcomer meant to overcome in all things. So we had tremendous incentive (and peer and pulpit pressure)
to never fall short in any way so that we would not miss the overcomer, manchild, pre-trib rapture. Perfect holiness,
perfect diligence in study and ethics, perfect commitment, and perfect faith. All good goals, but there can arise
problems when people must never allow themselves to fall short.

So that is why some of us are passionate about the pre-trib, manchild, overcomer rapture. It was a foundational concept
as to why our church(es) existed, and why we were different from other churches.

Jman

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Posted by Marilyn Crow on Tue, 05 Nov 2013 04:28:22 GMT
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Hi Jman,

Thank you for the explanation. I have read some of the articles & comments here & Gary has shared what you said also. I do appreciate hearing where you all have come from & what has shaped
your beliefs.

Now to your questions & comments.Like you I do not believe that every `trumpet,` in God`s word is God`s voice. It only relates to what God says is His symbol & of course the context. Let`s look at another symbol to see what I mean.

We know David by the Spirit says -`The Lord is my rock & my fortress & my deliverer.` (Ps.18: 2)The word `rock,` here is clearly a symbol for God`s strength, stability & safety. But when we read -`Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.` (Ps. 61: 2)we aren`t told that the Lord is the rock. However we know by context that it is speaking of the Lord & as David has used that symbol previously it makes sense.

Thus when we read about `like a trumpet,` in Rev. 4:1 we know it is God`s voice speaking, saying `Come up here.`The word `trumpet,` in the Greek, `salpigz,` means `a vibration, wave, through the idea of quavering or reverberation.`Thus in the other scripture you mentioned -

`For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, & with the trumpet of God:` (1 Thess. 4: 16)

we read of the Lord`s shout. Shout, from the Greek words `Keleuma` & `keleuo.` meaning cry of excitement, to urge on, to incite by word, give a command. So we see that the Lord Jesus Christ is urging/commanding the believers to come together with Him in the air, & the voice of the archangel, & the `vibrating sounds` of God the Father`s voice in the spiritual realm opens the way.

And although it is written as the word `trumpet, or vibrating sounds` we know by its context & also by God`s use of that symbol that it is God the Father`s voice. For it is only God`s voice, His command than enables us to enter the heavenly realm.

Whereas in Exodus 19: 13 we see clearly that the trumpet, ram`s horn is just that, the actual instrument. So it is not every trumpet or every rock etc, but only in relation to the context & if God has used that object for a symbol.

Hope that explains what I mean.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Tue, 05 Nov 2013 04:44:27 GMT
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Hi Jman,

I just noticed you had another query regarding the resurrection of the dead.

Jesus said, " Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, & shall come forth;...." (John 5: 28)

So you see, Jman, it is the voice of God that calls forth the dead. Who else would have the power to do that.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by wishing34 on Tue, 05 Nov 2013 10:50:57 GMT
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Marylin,

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You are seeing what is not there. It is painted on the window glass.

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Posted by Gary on Tue, 05 Nov 2013 12:04:59 GMT
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Meaning of the word "symbol":

1sym·bol
noun \Ëˆsim-bÉ™l\

: an action, object, event, etc., that expresses or represents a particular idea or quality

: a letter, group of letters, character, or picture that is used instead of a word or group of words

Full Definition of SYMBOL

1: an authoritative summary of faith or doctrine : creed

2: something that stands for or suggests something else by reason of relationship, association, convention, or accidental resemblance; especially : a visible sign of something invisible <the lion is a symbol of courage>

3: an arbitrary or conventional sign used in writing or printing relating to a particular field to represent operations, quantities, elements, relations, or qualities

4: an object or act representing something in the unconscious mind that has been repressed <phallic symbols>

5: an act, sound, or object having cultural significance and the capacity to excite or objectify a response

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Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by GWB on Tue, 05 Nov 2013 12:55:10 GMT
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Let me just throw this out there.

Maybe I am wrong, but I always thought a trumpet, especially in the OT, referred to a shofar.

A shofar is made out of ram's horns, among other things. It takes some doing to learn how to blow the thing, but once you learn how, that sucker is loud and magnificent!!! My grandkids love to blow it!

A shofar represents God's presence.

Among other things, I blew a shofar in every room of my 153 year old house in The Historical District in my town. Now, you know the house had to be full of demons! Especially since the people who were renting the house when we bought it, were into the occult.

We know demons try to come back seven times stronger after having found the house swept and clean.

My husband was unpacking boxes upstairs and I heard a scream and "The Blood of Jesus!" I ran to the stairs and was laughing so hard! Lol lol I knew exactly what was going on! My husband knew that a presence was in the room and took authority over them when the demons tried to come back!

This house is clean sailing!!! No demons here!!!

The shofar brought in His presence and He remains!!!

So....Blow the Trumpets in Zion!!!

Version #1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yloJnqUr950

Version #2: It get real good at 3:00!!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTAqnRKKfPo

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Revelation 4: 1

`behold a door standing open in heaven, & the first voice which I heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me , said, "Come up here,...`

The first voice that John had heard was God `s voice. Now John is telling us that His voice sounded like the sound of a trumpet.
That seems very plain that God`s voice can sound like a trumpet at times & other times we know like `the sound of many waters...etc.

Another example is when John is describing Jesus between the throne. (Rev. 5: 5 & 6) He is shown as a Lion & a Lamb. Now it does not say `this is a symbol of Jesus,` but we know from other scriptures the meaning of these symbols concerning Jesus. It does not mean that every lion

& every lamb is referring to Jesus, just when the context is appropriate.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Tue, 05 Nov 2013 22:56:14 GMT
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I have written a comparison of the 2 events to show the differences. Hope that helps some people.

THE DAY OF CHRIST (The Rapture)

PURPOSE
Jesus the head connects to the Body of Christ. (Eph. 1:22 & 23 1 Thess. 4: 17)
It was revealed to the Apostle Paul. (1 Cor. 15: 51 & 52)

HOW & WHERE IT HAPPENS
Jesus Himself comes quickly with those `asleep in Christ,` to the clouds. (1 Cor. 15: 51 & 52 1 Thess. 4: 13 â€“ 17)

WHO SEES & WHEN
Only those who eagerly await Him. (Heb. 9: 28 1Thess. 2: 19 2 Thess. 2: 1)
Before the Tribulation. (1 Thess. 1: 9 & 10 1 Thess. 5: 1 â€“ 11 Rev. 3: 10 1 Cor. 1: 8 & 9)

WHAT HAPPENS

Judgment of rewards for heavenly rulership. (1 Cor. 3: 11 â€“ 15 2 Cor. 5: 10 Rom. 14: 10 â€“ 12 Heb. 12: 22 & 23)
An inheritance â€“ Heavenly. (1 Peter 1: 4 Col. 3: 1 â€“ 4 Phil. 3: 14 Rev. 3: 21 4: 10 5: 8 & 9)

THE DAY OF THE LORD GOD (The Second Coming)

PURPOSE
Jesus the King connects to Israel. (Acts 1: 6 Matt. 25: 31 & 32)
It was revealed to the Old Testament prophets. (Isaiah 11: 1 â€“ 10 Dan. 7: 13 & 14 Zech. 14: 1 â€“ 4)

HOW & WHERE IT HAPPENS
Jesus comes in great power & glory with His angelic army, to the Mount of Olives. (Matt. 16: 27, 25: 31 2 Thess. 1: 7 Zech. 14: 4 Rev. 19: 11 â€“ 16)

WHO SEES & WHEN
Every eye shall see. (Rev. 1: 7 Zech. 12: 10 John 19: 37)
After the tribulation. (Joel 2: 30 â€“ 32 Dan. 9: 27 1 Thess. 5: 2 & 3 2 Thess. 2: 8 â€“ 12)

WHAT HAPPENS
Judgment for entrance into the Millennium. (Matt. 25: 31 â€“ 46 Isaiah 11: 4, 59: 20 & 21 Joel 3: 1, 2, 12 Rev. 20: 4 â€“ 6)
An inheritance â€“ Earthly. (Deut. 32: 43 Isaiah 11: 10, 60: 19 â€“ 23 Joel 3: 20)

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 06 Nov 2013 01:32:31 GMT
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Hi Marylin,

Quote:
Before the Tribulation. (1 Thess. 1: 9 & 10 1 Thess. 5: 1 â€“ 11 Rev. 3: 10 1 Cor. 1: 8 & 9)

This contradicts the verses as I laid out to start this thread.

As I see it . . .

What I laid out is impossible to be wrong - we shall not precede the resurrection of the righteous dead - which clearly occurs at the end of the 7 yr trib

. . . but in the verses you use here there is ambiguity

I Thess 1:10 - the "wrath to come" might mean the wrath of eternal hell and not mean the 7 year trib

Rev 3:10 says God will "keep" you from what is coming. This does not say rapture, change, caught up. It could mean God
will protect you from the bad stuff that will come - while you live out your life here on earth.

I realize that Rev 3:10 is a very popular pre-trib rapture verse, but it does not say rapture as do the verses I used (when I started this thread - "caught up", "changed") .

A stronger verse to use for pre-trib rapture would be Rev 12- the manchild . This is what our group used to use to prove
a pre-trib rapture. You have the manchild caught up to the throne followed by a 3 1/2 year period which
clearly must refer to 1/2 of the trib. I would still like this manchild rapture interpretation, except I cannot reconcile
it to the verses I started this thread with.

Possibly when the manchild is caught up in Rev 12 it is like when Paul was caught up in vision????
II Cor 12:3-4
A group vision????

Just tossing it out there.
I have no certain manchild opinion at this time.

Jman

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Posted by Marilyn Crow on Wed, 06 Nov 2013 06:03:40 GMT
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Hi Jman,

Here are my answers to your 3 questions.

THE WRATH OF GOD.

`A day of wrath is that day, A day of trouble & distress, A day of destruction & desolation...` (Jer. 1:15)
`And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time;...` (Dan. 12: 1)
`Alas! For that day is great; There is none like it;...` (Jer. 30: 7)
`For the day of the Lord is coming...A day of darkness & gloom....` (Joel 2: 1 & 2)
`For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.` (Matt. 24: 21)
`Fall on us & hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, & from the wrath of the lamb.` (Rev. 6: 16)

WRATH â€“ Greek word `orge` expresses wrath, anger, vengeance with connotations of punishment. To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity.

`For behold, the Lord is about to come out from His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; ...` (Isaiah 26: 21)

Clearly these scriptures & many more show that there is no ambiguity concerning what God means when He refers to the day of His `wrath.` So when Paul writes by the Spirit that the Body of Christ will be delivered from the wrath to come, it is clearly the tribulation.

`to wait for His Son from heaven.....Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.` (1 Thess. 1: 10)

BEFORE THE TRIBULATION.

`Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, (tribulation) that hour which is about to come upon the whole world to test those who dwell upon the earth. ` (Rev. 3: 10)

Jesus gave this firm commitment to the Apostle John â€œ...I will also keep you..â€•
Keep â€“ Greek `tereo ek,` when this verb `tereo` is used with `ek,` as in this verse, it means `by guarding, to cause one to escape in safety out of.` This would indicate emphatically that John was

recording a promise of complete removal from the sphere of tribulation, & not a preservation through it. To properly indicate that the Body of Christ was going through the tribulation the Greek preposition `dia,` would have to have been used.

The International Greek Lexicon (A. Ginhrich) defines that this is further substantiated by the use of the words `the hour.` God is not only guarding from the tribulation, but from the very time-period itself when these trials will come on the earth dwellers.

ISRAEL.

`If your outcast are at the ends of the earth from there the Lord your God will gather you, & from there He will bring you back.` (Deut. 30: 4)

This is the quote that Jesus used in Matt. 24: 31 & Mark 13: 27. God is speaking of His elect from Israel at the end of the tribulation that have been scattered.

Jman, you are mixing scriptures because you do not understand the 3 groups & God`s purposes for each. (The Body of Christ, Israel & the Nations.)

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Gary on Wed, 06 Nov 2013 06:05:11 GMT
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Jman,

You have to include Revelations 14 in this whole scenario. Read this: Revelation 14:1-5

You obviously are thinking everyone must face death, but I think with the concept of a rapture taking place some (the 144,000) will not taste of death.

That's the difference.

The view that every Christian will be caught away is the world church view. As they have scriptures that speak in general, not realizing there is more to the picture then what meets the eye.

When you read the description that is in Revelation 14: it mirrors many of the things that Jesus

spoke of in the book of John and the other gospels. It's there but people cannot see it.

I think most do not have ears to hear and eyes to see and understand this deeper truth.

Gary

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Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 06 Nov 2013 15:21:37 GMT
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Your words are so illustrative here of the issue I have been pointing out.

Because you have added your "keys" as to how to interpret the scriptures . . . you now come up with
theology that is error.

To say that the Mat 24:31 "elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" is only Jews is an error.

This happens because you have created "keys" that influence your interpretation of the Scriptures.

The Scriptures are God-breathed but your keys are man-made. Sometimes your keys change the meaning if the Scriptures in your interpretations

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You are wrong that Jesus was quoting Duet 30:4

Deu 30:4 KJV -- If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

Notice the KJV says "parts of heaven" (original Hebrew is the same). Your quote said "ends of the earth"

Your Bible version is different from the Hebrew.
Also there is minimal similarity between the text in in Mat 24:31 and Deut 30:4.

The verse is not quoting Deut 30:4.

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Quote:
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No, you are wrong.

This link
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Divine_retribution
has a nice list of verses that refer to God's wrath as eternel judgement in hell.

Matt 3:7 and Lk 3:7 are examples where Jesus used "wrath to come" to refer to eternal judgement in hell.

So you cannot limit God's wrath or the phrase "the wrath to come" to mean the 7 year trib.

Concerning what you said about Rev 3:10

The Greek -tereo - is actually on my side. It means "to keep or to guard" which sounds like the believer is still on earth where he needs guarding.

As far as saying it must say "dia" and not "ek" - that is conjecture, not a concrete assumption.

Jman

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Posted by Marilyn Crow on Wed, 06 Nov 2013 20:13:55 GMT
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Hi Jman,

When God says `Give none offence, neither to the Jews or to the Gentiles, nor to the church of

God,` (1 Cor. 10: 32) then that is very clear, Jman, 3 groups & each clearly identified on earth today & in the Bible. It is not a man-made key as you say but written in God`s word for us to read.

When Jesus was talking to Israel in Matthew & Mark & quoting Deuteronomy, it was to Israel as the Body of Christ did not exist & was not known. Zechariah also gives further explanation to these scriptures - ` for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the Lord.` yes `He shall send His angels, & shall gather His elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.` (Mark 13: 27) (the scripture you said.)

Concerning `wrath,` as you know we read the context as well & the other scriptures concerning the topic. Now we know that Jesus died for our sins & has `saved,` us from God`s wrath. We are not the rebellious whom God will pour His wrath & vengeance upon. God does not pour His wrath upon His Son`s Body - the Body of Christ.

I think you generalise & don`t address scriptures I have given you - 1 Cor. 10: 32 above & the comparison of the Rapture & the Second Coming that I wrote previously.

If we can`t listen & read each other`s comments carefully then we are just trying to get our `theory,` over & that is not conducive to leading to truth. To be honest in a discussion we need to address what the other is saying or seek clarification.

eg. You continually say `your keys,` & do not address the scripture I gave you & who God talks to in different parts of His word. That is just `batting the air,` & not discussing with an intent for truth. If I am wrong then you need to show how God does not talk to these 3 different groups.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 06 Nov 2013 23:25:45 GMT
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Marylin,

Time to agree to disagree.
I see you in a very similar light as you see me.

I have shared ideas and Scriptures in this thread and so have you.
There is where it stands.
It does not matter if we are ever able to convince each other.

Jman

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Posted by Marilyn Crow on Wed, 06 Nov 2013 23:55:19 GMT
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Hi Jman,

Yes I agree that we are not understanding each other. One day we shall all know the truth when we are with Him in glory.

Bless you brother.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Gary on Sat, 09 Nov 2013 10:08:07 GMT
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Hi Marilyn,

I just wanted to say here I know you must not understand about this man child, first fruits rapture as you did not include it in your post on the rapture.

But don't throw the Baby out with the bath water here. Maybe God has allowed you and Trev to hear and see this and to know that God has more for "all of us" in this event that is going to take place. We don't want to put limits on the Lord.

There are actually several *raptures that take place in revelations. I believe God wants to reveal more to you and Trevor as well as to all of us. The thing is that "all" of us have to take a serious look at the scriptures to see what they say in light of recent world events. We cannot hold on to things in the past if it contradicts something that God is trying to speak to us on.

I'm saying at least leave this option on the back burner here and just let God show you in His time.

There is a group of 144,000 who follow the lamb wherever He goes and they know His voice, they are virgins,(the five wise), who will be birthed out of the church system as we know it. Revelations 14:1-5

The church system have many people who for one reason or another have not the ears to hear at this time, they will go through the first half of the tribulation and God will take care of them and they will learn from the Lord.

Anyway for all its worth just keep this on the back burner as I believe God has more for you guys, and I know He has more for us as well.

Gary

*We all know the word rapture is not in the original Greek but I am using this word to explain the catching away that will take place.

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by GWB on Sat, 09 Nov 2013 12:55:36 GMT
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".....many will be made spotless, *purified,made white and refind."* Daniel 12:9

There are seven examples of different types of churches in The Revelation.

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I believe The Great Tribulation will purify them. This particular group of martyrs are seen standing before the throne.

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It is all there. The churches need a wake up call!

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Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by james on Sat, 09 Nov 2013 14:53:37 GMT
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This isn't a 'correction' or an admonishment, just an observation and comment. First "the church" we know are people and we know that all these failings/weakness/sins mentioned are in the lives of not only 'the assemblies' but in the hearts and lives of individuals(lukewarmess, ect). The purification is happening now in the hearts and lives of those who are submitting themselves unto God, crying out for mercy, seeking after holiness; believers 'inside the church' and outside the church; as if that's even possible...to be part of The Body of Christ and be outside it. What I'm trying to says is, God is drawing followers unto Himself(separation/sanctification) from both inside the system of man and from those already outside.

As to the question that jumped off the page at me, "Why would it be justifiable to allow all seven churches to be raptured out of this so call wrath to come? Yes, there is a wrath to come for the church and pagans."

Maybe my thoughts concerning this is because I've spent the last 3-4 weeks studying from Bancroft's Christian Theology and reading a book titled: Holiness by Grace; but our justification(declared righteous by God, God removing the guilt and penalty of our sins throught Jesus' atoning sacrifice. Receiving it through an act of faith, which is a gift given unto the person by God, lest we should boast.) So my thought is, no one or no 'church' will be justified by anything they can offer, apart from God's GRACE through Calvary and the imparted/declared righteousness of Christ unto us(unearned) all our righteousness is as filthy rags before a Holy God. So why? GRACE! Does He require something of us? Absolutely, a humble, obedient heart, fully aware that it's all by His Mercy and Grace that we weren't judged based on our own rightousness, for we have none of our own.

Maybe this comment is more of a reflection of the work going on in my heart than anything else. I just want to caution, first myself, that we take heed lest we think of ourselves to be something we aren't.(I Corinthians 10:12) Remember having done a bunch.....we're still unprofitable servants.(Luke 17:10)

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by william on Sat, 09 Nov 2013 16:20:43 GMT
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What I've been thinking about lately is this: OT types and patterns (which were written for our examples -- Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. [1Cr 10:11 KJV])

There are passages, like Gideon's example, where the actions of the few bring rewards to the whole group (all of Israel) and not necessarily just for the few. There also are indications where you have God saving the few to the detriment of the rest (like Noah). We might also extrapolate the example of God's dealings with Judah and the way He dealt with the rest of Israel and see some favoritism based upon their spiritual condition.

Since both types of examples are presented I think that the question we have to ask ourselves is simple: Are we to view the Church as a unity (as Israel was in Gideon's time) or are we to view the Church as being comprised of two separate entities --apostate and elect?

I think most of us have taken the second example as being the proper picture which has led us to almost 'hate' everyone who isn't filled with a passionate desire to follow Jesus in all things.

However, there are some legitimate reasons to adopt the former view given that the Church is presented as sometimes shallow and sometimes strong (Rev 2-3). That, taken with the obvious command for Christians to "love one another," may trump the other example... here are just a few passages that should be considered: Quote:
A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. [Jhn 13:34 KJV]
This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. [Jhn 15:12 KJV]
These things I command you, that ye love one another. [Jhn 15:17 KJV]
Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. [Rom 13:8 KJV]
But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. [1Th 4:9 KJV]
Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, [see that ye] love one another with a pure heart fervently: [1Pe 1:22 KJV]
For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. [1Jo 3:11 KJV]
And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. [1Jo 3:23 KJV]
Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. [1Jo 4:7 KJV]
Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. [1Jo 4:11 KJV]
No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. [1Jo 4:12 KJV]
And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. [2Jo 1:5 KJV]
By this shall all [men] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. [Jhn 13:35 KJV]
[Be] kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; [Rom

12:10 KJV]
For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only [use] not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. [Gal 5:13 KJV]
With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; [Eph 4:2 KJV]
And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all [men], even as we [do] toward you: [1Th 3:12 KJV]
And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: [Hbr 10:24 KJV]
Finally, [be ye] all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, [be] pitiful, [be] courteous: [1Pe 3:8 KJV]

That said, the only remaining consideration is the question of who makes up the Church? Is it justifiable to boil it down to those who have made a confession of faith in Jesus Christ? Is it really possible for us to judge another's heart in these matters? I'm not saying that we can't know people by their fruits, certainly we can and when it is obvious that only bad fruit is present we have our answer, but what about those times when the fruit basket is mixed with both bad and good?

Just throwing out some thoughts here...

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Sat, 09 Nov 2013 21:08:10 GMT
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Hi Gary,

Thank you for your kind words. Yes I`m sure the Lord is leading us by His Holy Spirit into all truth. I haven`t broached this subject of the `Manchild,` as yet for I needed to keep reading about it & also hadn`t felt it was the time to ask questions. Perhaps at another time.

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Posted by Gary on Sat, 09 Nov 2013 21:11:35 GMT
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William,

Quote:William Wrote: I think most of us have taken the second example as being the proper

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More thoughts here.

I don't know of anyone who "hates" people who do not believe as we do or has a desire to go deeper with Jesus. That's strong language.

Jesus told us that the wheat and tares and the goats and sheep would all grow up together and God would deal with it at the end of the age.

I think that scripture in I Corinthians should be taken in the whole context and that is it is because of "sin" and "rebellion", they lusted after evil and tempted Christ with their rebellion. This is written for our admonition and our examples. Don't you think so? I Corinthians 10:1-12

Their are just as many scriptures as you shared that are written by the Apostle of love namely John that are admonitions as well.

Quote:
I John 2:3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, â€œI know Him,â€• and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

I John 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

There are a lot of scriptures that tell us to take heed what we hear, Why because many deceivers have gone out in this world.

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Good question. The fact remains though that the church system that we see today is nothing compared to the New Testament church. We know that there are true believers all over the world and only God knows who is real and who is false.

By the very fact that the tares have been sown by the enemy there is nothing that any of us can do to change that, we just have to accept what is going on till Jesus returns.

But I do agree with what you shared, that "we are to love all men" no matter what situation we find ourselves in. I don't think by recognizing the problems means, that we hate them. It's very sad that some will never make it in.

God is the one who has chosen an elect the only thing any of us can do is trust God that His mercy is there.

The deeper question that we may never know is: Why has God chosen some and not others? Some are elected to salvation while others will perish for all eternity.

Romans 9:10 And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac 11 (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), 12 it was said to her, â€œThe older shall serve the younger.â€•

I think if there is any separation in the church it is not by our choice and we cannot control what has taken place. We can only recognize the problem is there.

For all its worth just wanted to share the other side of the coin in this. Looking at the whole picture we can only fall down and praise God for His mercy.

Gary

Subject: Re: Manchild rapture wrong??
Posted by GWB on Sat, 09 Nov 2013 21:36:22 GMT
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Gary and William,

I do agree for the most part and thanks for the insight.

We were taught what you all mentioned. I did not mean to imply that anyone is perfect now. That's

not true with myself!

However, much of what we were taught was hinged on this scripture in Daniel.
It is mentioned in the Revelation outline that I posted from HEF.

We were taught that the Manchild will have already been purged due to walking in the deeper life.
We were taught exactly what I stated above.

With that being said, I realize iron is sharpening iron.

We are always learning new things and learning what FA missed.

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Posted by william on Sun, 10 Nov 2013 04:36:13 GMT
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Blessings,
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William,

I thought about this and wondered, I don't know if "despised" or "hold in contempt", was the right word even though it could fit. I was trying to find the word that would describe this attitude your talking about.

The best I could think of is "suspicious". Suspicious of everyone outside of our circles because their doctrines may be different and maybe some think everyone is out to deceive them.

I think this is the fault of all churches. Once a minister receives some revelation and ends up making disciples who follow their teachings, they all lock into those doctrines and everyone outside of their circle becomes a suspect, because they don't see everything the same way as them.

It started with Luther in the reformation,then some other group breaks away from Luther's group, then someone else starts the anabaptists movement. Now its just escalated over the centuries on a endless cycle.

I don't think its just our group but our group has followed in the same path of all other denominations.

Do you see what I mean on this? I think you had the right idea and you mentioned having love towards the brethren is correct, but everyone thinks the brethren is only in their group.

Anyway I think this is the pitfall of the church as a whole. If anyone tries to break out of the mode and wants to unite the body, then everyone becomes suspicious and thinks their wanting a one world church or something.

Anyway I was thinking about what you shared the last few days and I think you had the right idea, making it work is the problem.

Gary