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The Big Lie Exposed.

I sat down this afternoon, August 6, 2002, to study Matthew 6:33 in detail but the Lord redirected my steps to what he wanted exposed. This subject matter is very touchy for many Christians today. It is a lie that has been perpetrated for many centuries. In these latter days God wants the truth to be spoken and the lie from the pits of hell exposed. This is one of those lies that most all teachers of the Bible will not speak on, pro or con. They call it the “pan” theory and say that all will pan out in the end. What they don’t realize is that their false or lack of teaching that many souls are being and will be lost to hell because God’s truth was hidden. What did Jesus say about these false teachers that mislead his flock? **Matthew 18:6-7** **6** *But if anyone causes one of these little ones [little children] who trusts in me to lose faith, it would be better for that person to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around the neck.* **7** *"How terrible it will be for anyone who causes others to sin. Temptation to do wrong is inevitable, but how terrible it will be for the person who does the tempting.* (NLT) What is this lie? One word says it all, ‘rapture’. This lie is being told in movies and books in the ‘Left behind series’” This lie more than any other has caused Christians to think and say—“I don’t have to worry about tribulation or judgments for I will be ‘raptured’ out to be with Jesus.” This thinking has caused many to stagnate in their maturity. They wait doing nothing and this thinking and action is disobedience to the Word. After salvation we must start walking to maturity as a Christian. Study the Word. It is the road map and another study in its self. **Ephesians 2:8-10** **8** *God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.* **9** *Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.* **10** *For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.* (NLT) The good things are not in heaven but here on this earth now in this time and age.

Let us get into the meat of the subject. What is the definition of rapture? It will not be found in the Bible or any word study. It is not found in my Bible program in any form. So what is rapture? Many Christians think it is a taking away or taking out to be lifted up to Jesus before tribulation. Webster’s dictionary definition states rapture as follows—“1) state of being carried away with joy, love, etc.; ecstasy. 2) An expression of great joy, pleasure, etc.—v. 3) [now rare] a carrying away or being carried away in body or spirit –vt. According to the definition I can be carried away with joy and love worshiping the Lord and can

express that joy and love in song, dance and musical instruments. In my seeking the Lord's face in worship I can be carried away in body or spirit in the fact that I am unaware of the surroundings or other worshipers. Again, nowhere in my Bible does it say the word 'rapture' and or that we will be taken out by Jesus before tribulation comes. Let us proceed into the Word and see what it says and if we lack knowledge and have questions after looking in the Word let us pray to the Lord for teaching from the Holy Spirit. **John 14:26** *26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.* (KJV) **John 16:13** *13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.* (KJV)

Now most of you are familiar with Corinthians and Thessalonians of what Paul wrote about the resurrection and Jesus coming. I will get to that in a minute but the Holy Spirit is directing me on another path at this time. Let us go to Matthew Chapter 24 and look at what Jesus said about the signs of the times. **Matthew 24:4-8** *4 Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you. 5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah.' They will lead many astray. 6 And wars will break out near and far, but don't panic. Yes, these things must come, but the end won't follow immediately. 7 The nations and kingdoms will proclaim war against each other, and there will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. 8 But all this will be only the beginning of the horrors to come.* (NLT) I don't think anyone will dispute that is the state of the world today. Just pick up a news paper and read what is in it. Wars and rumors of war, natural disasters of floods, earthquakes, droughts, forest fires, locusts eating up all vegetation in the Midwest, USA attacked on 911, viruses carried by mosquitoes, aids epidemic and famines. The headlines read 'all of these are the most severe in centuries and some have never been seen by man before'. Does this not sound like God's judgments? It is definitely only the beginning of the horrors to come. Are we not still here on this earth?

Looking at the next verses. The conditions only escalate. **Matthew 24:9-13** *9 "Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because of your allegiance to me. 10 And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. 11 And many false prophets will appear and will lead many people astray. 12 Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. 13 But those who endure to the end will be saved.* (NLT) Let us examine these verses. What does Jesus say? Many will turn away from him and betray other brothers because of the arrests and killing of Christians. You will be

lied to and led astray from the truth by false teachers proclaiming ‘rapture’. Sin is increased and love is decreased, but who endures to the end will be saved. Is there anywhere in these verses about being taken out or away? If we were taken out, then who can Jesus be talking about? He is talking about Christians being killed, falling away, being lied to and those who endure to the end will be saved. Yes we will be here and will have to make a choice as to whom we will serve.

Matthew 24:21-22 **21** *For that will be a time of greater horror than anything the world has ever seen or will ever see again.* **22** *In fact, unless that time of calamity is shortened, the entire human race will be destroyed. But it will be shortened for the sake of God's chosen ones.* (NLT) Things in the end are going to be bad and God is shortening that time, for the sake of his chosen ones. And who can that be? Christians are his chosen ones. Now I can hear this argument, but these are new Christians after the church has been ‘raptured’ out. If that is so, who brought these to Christians into the kingdom? If we are all ‘raptured’ out and only heathens are walking the earth there is no one to bring the message so God would not have to shorten the days.

These next verses talk about the churches and a warning to the churches. If we are taken out ‘raptured’ why would Jesus be giving this warning to the churches?

Matthew 24:45-51 **45** *"Who is a faithful, sensible servant, to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his household and feeding his family? 46 If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward. 47 I assure you, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns. 48 But if the servant is evil and thinks, 'My master won't be back for a while,' 49 and begins oppressing the other servants, partying, and getting drunk-- 50 well, the master will return unannounced and unexpected. 51 He will tear the servant apart and banish him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.* (NLT) Jesus is describing churches today in these verses. It is time to wake up and prepare for what is coming. The time is up for those who sit in pews and declare they know Jesus and we are going to be ‘raptured’ out. Every demon in hell knows Jesus and trembles in fear at what is about to happen and you can bet they are not pew setting. They are out to take every soul to hell with them. For Jesus said in verses 24:10 many will fall away from him. Why? Because of the churches fear the world and man and do not fear God. Want more proof? Read on.

Turning to the Book of Revelation we will look at the warnings the angel of Jesus Christ gave to John for the seven churches. I will not examine the warning message but take heed of the “He that overcometh” for each church. Church of Ephesus-- *Revelation 2:7* **7** *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith*

*unto the churches; **To him that overcometh** will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God (KJV) Church of Smyrna-- Revelation 2:11 **11** He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **He that overcometh** shall not be hurt of the second death. (KJV) Church of Pergamos-- Revelation 2:17 **17** He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **To him that overcometh** will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. (KJV) Church of Thyarira-- Revelation 2:26 **26** **And he that overcometh**, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: (KJV) Church of Sardis-- Revelation 3:5 **5** **He that overcometh**, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. (KJV) Church of Philadelphia-- Revelation 3:12 **12** **Him that overcometh** will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. (KJV) Church of Laodicea-- Revelation 3:21 **21** **To him that overcometh** will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. (KJV)*

The phrase “that overcometh” is present tense and on going. Look at what Jesus said to the church of Laodicea “even as I also overcame”. Jesus is saying that we must overcome as he overcame. Does this sound like we are going to be ‘raptured’ out? These warnings are for all churches past and current. As I stated before “let us pray to the Lord for teaching from the Holy Spirit.” I did just that in March of 2001. After reading the first three chapters in Revelations, I prayed for knowledge and here is what I received and recorded as it was given. The seven churches equal seven different characteristics of churches regardless of denomination or time period. (My thoughts put together by the Holy Ghost) Then the Holy Ghost spoke this--“I will bring rebuke upon each church group for repentance within. **The overcomers will receive** as I have stated in My Word. But **all must overcome** to receive their just reward. **I respect no man, all will walk as I walked to overcome in these final days.** I come as My Word is written. Finite man cannot understand infinite power of heaven. As I come, I raise, I change and they are made ready. My Word is true and does not lie. My Word is simplicity upon simplicity. Read My Word and listen to what the Spirit has to say. Speak My Word (the truth) and I will follow My Word up with signs, wonders, and miracles. I change not, I tarry not, I come. Prepare by My Word and listen to

My Spirit and be blessed in all things to come upon this world and the world to come. **Be an overcomer as I overcame.** I am the Lord Almighty and I speak with authority this night, **Obey.**” I highlighted three areas that the Holy Spirit spoke that night. Does this sound like we will be ‘raptured’ out? Does this not line up with what Jesus spoke in Matthew and Revelations. Does this not line up with the Word? Also the first sentence “I will bring rebuke---” is out of **Revelation 3:19** **19** *As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.* (KJV) Sounds to me like the church is still going to be around. What is the last word spoken by the Holy Spirit? Obey. What did Jesus say it took to be his disciple? **John 8:31** **31** *Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you keep obeying my teachings.* (NLT) So far we can find no where about being ‘raptured’, **only to be overcomers and faithful to the end and to obey and do the Word.**

The Word of God states that Jesus will come again. Let us study on how the Word says he will come. Will it be quietly or with great noise and trumpets blowing? **Matthew 24:27** **27** *For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.* (KJV) **Matthew 24:30-31** **30** *And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.* **31** *And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.* (KJV) **Revelation 11:15** **15** *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.* (KJV) **Revelation 19:11-16** **11** *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.* **12** *His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.* **13** *And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.* **14** *And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.* **15** *And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.* **16** *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.* (KJV) **1 Thessalonians 4:16** **16** *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: *****.* (KJV) It sounds to me like we will know when Jesus comes. There will be

great fanfare and great noise in heaven and on earth. Jesus will be seen and heard. There will be no quiet and sneaky unannounced pre-tribulation ‘rapture’ where ‘poof’, and everyone that is in Christ will just disappear off the face of the earth.

In my Bible in the Book of Acts two angels state the following-- **Acts 1:11 11** *Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.* (KJV) How did Jesus go into heaven? **Acts 1:9 9** *And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.* (KJV) My Bible does not talk about Jesus coming and going one, two or three times. My Bible says he comes once and when he does come, he sets up his one thousand reign on the earth. **1 Corinthians 15:23-26 23** *But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised first; then when Christ comes back, all his people will be raised.* **24** *After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having put down all enemies of every kind.* **25** *For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet.* **26** *And the last enemy to be destroyed is death.* (NLT) **Revelation 20:4-6 4** *And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus, for proclaiming the word of God. And I saw the souls of those who had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their forehead or their hands. They came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.* **5** *This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.)* **6** *Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.* (NLT) Who came to life again? Those who were beheaded for their testimony and those who did not accept the mark of the beast. This is the first resurrection and there is an order to the resurrection. First, Christ is raised. Then, when he comes back all his people will be raised. Stop and look at this. When he comes back the dead in Christ are raised. How can he come back one, two or three times but the dead are only raised at the end of tribulation? ‘Rapture theory’ does not and cannot line up with the Word of God. This is false doctrine. The elect that have been deceived.

This concludes the argument regarding the dead being raised. Where are the living changed? **1 Thessalonians 4:17 17** *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.* (KJV) We that are alive will meet the Lord in the air and be with him forever. Let us look closely at this verse. First we must be removed from the earth because Jesus comes to judge and destroy all who are

against him on earth. As we are caught up with him we are changed. Who are the ones in the clouds? The angels of the Lord and those who were dead in Christ are raised from their graves. *Matthew 16:27* **27** *For I, the Son of Man, will come in the glory of my Father with his angels and will judge all people according to their deeds.* (NLT) In the last of verse 17 above, it says we shall be with the Lord forever. Where will the Lord be? On earth for one thousand years. So we will meet Jesus in the clouds. The dead and those alive will all have incorruptible bodies just like Jesus. How fast does all this happen? In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. *1 Corinthians 15:52-54* **52** *In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.* **53** *For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.* **54** *So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.* (KJV) As the Lord spoke to me before, “finite man cannot understand the infinite power of heaven”. The trumpet is going to sound and in the blink of our eye it will be done.

Let us bury the lie of ‘rapture’. It is from the pits of hell. Let us look forward to the day of our salvation with the coming of the Lord. For we have the hope of the **RESURRECTION**. *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* **13** *And now, brothers and sisters, I want you to know what will happen to the Christians who have died so you will not be full of sorrow like people who have no hope.* **14** *For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus comes, God will bring back with Jesus all the Christians who have died.* **15** *I can tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not rise to meet him ahead of those who are in their graves.* **16** *For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the call of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, all the Christians who have died will rise from their graves.* **17** *Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and remain with him forever.* **18** *So comfort and encourage each other with these words.* (NLT) **Read again verses 16 and 17.** It is the summary of what is to happen and it will happen as it is written. The living cannot be zapped out ‘raptured’ until all Christians who have died rise up and then only can the living in Christ meet him in the clouds. God has an order to all things and pre-tribulation ‘rapture’ does not line up with the Word of God. It is a lie from hell.

This study was guided by the direction of the Holy Spirit and I obeyed. I would have taken a different approach. Praise God, for he wants his truths to go

forth in the latter days of the last days. We must all prepare and be ready. Are you ready to overcome the prince of this world? **Revelation 12:11 11** *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.* (KJV) Amen.

P.S.- Penned by Margaret. So we need to mature and be prepared for the exciting days ahead. We know these things must come to pass in order for us to be with our Lord. Let us press on toward the mark of the high calling of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

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