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**PREPARE “NOW” FOR GOING THROUGH THE
SOON-COMING ENDTIMES, BRINGING THE
TRIBULATION, RAPTURE, AND CHRIST’S
SECOND COMING**

“Helps To Urgently Prepare Our People”

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(1) NECESSARY DOCTRINES THAT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD AND BELIEVED IN ORDER TO HAVE A CORRECT VIEW OF ENDTIMES BIBLE PROPHECY

(These same doctrines are discussed later in more detail.)

These doctrines are:

(1) (Top Level Doctrine) We must appreciate God’s infinite Greatness such that we realize that walking with Him is all there is. Thus, we should see that God has placed us on the earth to become maximally mature in Christ-likeness in order that we, as believers, both Jews and

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Gentiles from all over the earth, can know and relate to Him toward His maximum in eternity. Apart from this, there is nothing in the eternal view. For this to happen, all believers must be in the Church (the single body of Christ), being trained to bring this result. We must realize that all of the Bible leads to our becoming mature. We must realize that Christ now rules us from heaven now as the Kingdom of God over the entire earth for this purpose. Where we live on the earth, such as in Israel, is irrelevant. **Every prophecy view, to be correct, must have gaining maximum maturity (not just work for some Christian growth) for both believing Jew and Gentile as one in Christ as His Church central to its doctrines. Apart from this goal and life, as stated, there is nothing.**●³ Of course this maturity is needed now also to help us do greater ministry.

(2) The barrier of the dividing wall between the Jew and Gentile has been broken down by the Cross forever. All believers, both Jews and Gentiles, are now one in Christ as His Church and Body without ethnic division, working under God to gain this maximum maturity. **Christ does not have two separate groups of believers after the Cross such as Israel and the Church (Galatians 3:8).** The word "saints" is used in the epistles and in Revelation for the Church showing the Church is in Revelation.

(3) Christ is now married to the Church as His bride in a legal arrangement. He cannot have two wives at the same time. This would be bigamy and major sin. The marriage to national Israel (believers and non believers) was terminated as of the Cross, terminating the land covenant. National Israel as a covenant nation (to Israel's land) is now gone forever before God. The Church (believers only - both Jews and Gentiles) is now the nation to God under the New Covenant. All believers in the Cross, in only one group, are part of the Church without exception.

(4) The Rapture can occur only after all people, who are to live, have lived and have made formal and binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel. Our Lord said He would raise the believer on the "last" day. This is after the Tribulation. **Thus, no one is born or saved after the Rapture.** (The wheat (believers) cannot be separated from the tares (unbelievers) until all the tares are bundled for the fire.)

(5) The Church is now the sanctuary of God and is to be a living sacrifice. Thus, all physical temples and animal sacrifices in God's program are gone forever. (The O.T. covenant of the law has been replaced by the N.T. covenant of grace for salvation.)

3. MATURITY IN CHRIST-LIKENESS: We are commanded to pursue spiritual maturity now in the Church Period (Hebrews 6:1; Colossians 1:28). However, there is no direct teaching that states whether or not our maturity in Christ-likeness will or will not increase in heaven. But there are several doctrines that signal loudly that it will not and the present time is for this purpose of gaining this maturity. We should expect (not know) that the maturity we have in Christ-likeness at death we will have forever. We should at least live our lives that this is the case. It is a terrible price to pay if we do not pursue maturity, and it is fixed forever at death. We must live by great faith for God to work all things together for our good in a much greater way and to keep us from sin. The greater our faith capability, the greater God can lead us (we can respond more greatly) and fulfill His additional promises to us in heaven. We will get to know more about God. We should want to know as much about God as we can for He is infinitely perfect. And remember: **Romans 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."**

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(6) The Church is now the bride of Christ and goes to live in with Him (at the Rapture) at the marriage supper of the Lamb which occurs at Christ's Second Coming after the endtimes Tribulation. The Resurrection and Rapture of the Church occur at the last trumpet. This would be the seventh trumpet or one after that, which occurs after the Tribulation. Christ raptures the Church at His Second Coming after the heavenly court, according to the rules of the spiritual warfare, awards Him the authority based on Him winning the spiritual warfare over Satan.

(7) The all-exclusive Jewish seventieth week of Daniel 9:27 is history as of the Cross. Christ was crucified in the middle of the seventieth week. The exclusive "all-Jewish" seventieth week does not refer to be, and does not qualify to be, the "all-nations" Tribulation. The all-nations Tribulation will last longer than seven years. **This understanding alone refutes the Pre-tribulation Rapture View.**

(8) Studies show that the events of Revelation unfold in a sequence similar to the one God used with O.T. Israel as a most favored nation under Him. According to this sequence, Christ raptures the Church after the endtimes discipline period (the endtimes Tribulation). This sequence is presented in the next section.

(2) THE OVERVIEW OF REVELATION'S ENDTIMES SEQUENCE; HOW THE ENDTIMES WILL UNFOLD IN A PATTERN SEQUENCE

INTRODUCTION: The Endtimes Unfold in a Similar Sequence as to What Happened to O.T. Israel. Thus, I call it a Pattern Sequence. This sequence, being indirectly taught, is discovered by comparing wording, entities, sequences, events, etc. in Revelation as to what happened in the O.T. to Israel. There is a match. So the general sequence with its type events (not necessarily all the details) that occurred in Israel will also occur in Revelation's endtimes. **This Pattern Sequence: (1) explains how the U.S. is found indirectly in endtimes prophecy; and (2) definitely shows the Rapture can only be Post-Tribulation.** (This sequence was developed in detail in Chapter 5 in my free Book: *Watchman Warning*; This chapter, by itself, is also available on our Web Site.)

THE ENDTIMES SEQUENCE: The overview of the endtimes sequence in Revelation is as follows: **(1)** God chooses a most favored nation in history by which he greatly blesses in a special sequence. The most favored nation was O.T. Israel and is now the United States in these endtimes; **(2)** In her general obedience, He greatly blesses the favored nation more greatly than any other nation in her time period. (The United States has been blessed by God by orders and orders of magnitude more than any other nation in history including much more than even Israel and England.); **(3)** Then as the Church (God's people) and nation fall away in disobedience, He brings warnings by His Watchmen (even now from me as one and now by many signs●⁴) that severe judgment is coming if obedience is not restored.●⁵ This is

4. SIGNALLY SIGNS: The signs and conditions now in the U.S. are similar to the signs that were in O.T. Israel before world government military invaded.

5. ALLOWED NATIONAL DISOBEDIENCE: The country as a whole of the favored nation (now the U.S.) is
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happening now; **(4)** Then as the Church (God's people) and nation continue to more greatly fall away (this is greatly happening now), God brings a world government military in calamity (many of our cities very likely will be blown up, the stock market will crash, and many of our Christian leaders arrested). He places the favored nation under divine discipline implemented by the world government's rule. (E.g. This happened to Israel several times and for 70 years when under the rule of the Babylonian world empire.) This discipline period now will be the endtimes Tribulation. The United States then will lose her sovereignty and freedoms forever. They will be replaced by severe hard times, great persecution, and martyrdom. There will be power black outs, famine with food shortages, water and gasoline shortages with much disease and pestilence. The infrastructure will break down and stores will not have their overall normal complete selection - there will be shortages. The world government will make war against Christians and the Church. The world government will control all things, including our churches and the education of our children and youth (there will be no longer Christian Schools and home schooling). All financial transactions will most likely be handled electrically by the government so they can be tracked and controlled. Our church buildings will be shut down (closed). The Tribulation can last 20 more or less years, not 7 as many think (Daniel's Seventieth Week is history with Christ's Crucifixion in its middle); **(5)** After the divine discipline of the endtimes Tribulation is completed, God delivers His people to Himself. In Israel's case it was back to her land. In these endtimes, the deliverance is by the Rapture of the Church to Christ at the marriage supper of the Lamb, after it has been determined by opening and examining the books, including the Books of Life and of Works, that Christ has actually won the spiritual warfare over Satan (the Rapture cannot occur until after this determination is made); **(6)** The Rapture occurs at the last trumpet (the seventh trumpet occurs "after" the endtimes Tribulation - the last one is this one or one after this one); and **(7)** then God destroys the remaining unbelievers on earth, and we all go into our eternal states. (There is no Jewish Millennium coming. The 1000 years are most likely but a day or short period of time (2 Peter 3:8) when the Church reigns with Christ to determine whether or not any one remaining after the Rapture is saved or can be saved. (Satan is bound during the 1000 year period.) Since the answer is negative, Armageddon comes to bring the final judgments. The Church is resurrected before the 1000 years (very likely a short time period) and the unbelievers shortly afterwards.)●⁶●⁷

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allowed to fall away commensurate with the degree of the falling away of God's church people.

6. HOW THE ENDTIMES MIGHT BEGIN (Speculation based on incoming information and Bible expectations): (There appears to be a group of people behind the scenes orchestrating the situation as God allows them.) (The following may come in any sequence.) A possible sequence: the great debt in the U.S. is bringing great inflation. This will cause the American dollar to be replaced as the world's currency. When this happens, the inflation in the U.S. will greatly increase (skyrocket). This will bring shortages of all kinds because people will not have the money to buy things. This will reduce production and thousands will be laid off from work. All communications will be down, including the internet. Then there will be chaos and people attacking people for needs of life. There will be great sickness and disease. Then Russia and China will blow up several cities. Martial law will be declared and the U.S. will be placed under world government, possibly ruled in part at least by Russia and China, but most likely controlled by a group of people from behind the scenes. Now we
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The Tribulation will come in two sequential parts. The first part will be the longest under a general world government with a great falling away from the faith. It comes from the severe persecution, allowing Satan more power and freedom. There will be major war killing a large majority of the world's population. This takes us into the Mark-of-the-Beast Period that lasts 3 ½ years. This is the period the Bible teaches when no man can work (the works of God) (John 9:4). Then, afterward, the Rapture occurs with (at) Christ's Second Coming.

THE ENDTIMES PATTERN SEQUENCE					
Great Blessing on Favored Nation With General Obedience	Watchman Warning to Favored Nation - Particularly to the Church With Disobedience	Calamity With Increased Disobedience - Attack by World Government	Period of Divine Discipline in the Endtimes Tribulation Under the Rule of World Government	Deliverance to Christ Via the Rapture	Destruction of the World Government and Unbelievers
<p>In the book of Revelation, the seven trumpets come out of the seventh seal, and the seven bowls come out of the seventh trumpet. Christ's Second Coming comes at the seventh trumpet, and the bowls come during Christ's Second Coming and after the Rapture. The bowl period contains the Day of the Lord and the Wrath of God that the Church will miss.</p>					

(3) WARNING SIGNS THAT SIGNAL THE COMING OF THE ENDTIMES TRIBULATION IS IMMINENT

(We do not know all of these in detail. "But Get Ready BEFORE the Endtimes Come")

Some of these warning signs and conditions (similar to the ones used in the O.T.), especially in the favored nation of the United States, according to the endtimes pattern sequence, are (but not limited to): ●⁸ **(1)** the acts of God in areas of severe weather, flooding rains, fire storms, mud slides, hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, tidal waves, *especially droughts that effect the food supply and amount of drinking water*, etc; **(2)** the coming of the endtimes International government (seventh head of Revelation's endtimes Beast); **(3)** the existence of the U.S. as the endtimes most favored nation (the general spiritual characteristics of the United States match those of O.T. Israel) and the action of Internationalists to rule over International government needed for the Pattern Sequence; **(4)** great increase in immorality, *particularly*

6(...continued) are in the endtimes Tribulation.

7. TURN AROUND OF THE U.S. : The endtimes sequence teaches that the current falling away of the United States as a nation is allowed and caused by the falling away of our American churches. **The "only way" the country can be changed (turned around) is that our churches across the country must have massive revival. Because the Bible teaches the endtimes will come, this will not happen apart from pockets.**

8. SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: See *our book: Watchman Warning*, pages 30-34, for more details, development of the signs, and many Scripture references.

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sodomy - same sex marriages like in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah; **They are now working to legalize having multiple spouses - bigamy**; **(5)** people calling evil good and churches cannot discern the difference between the holy from the profane such as using the world's (the devil's) loud rock-type repetitive beat music (instead of music with dominate melody), and churches and people doing what is right according to their own eyes. **(6)** churches are now teaching mostly only fundamentals to reach the youth bringing a famine of God's Word, leaving out key doctrines. **Our youth are now growing up with but limited Bible knowledge, including that for living the Christian life, particularly by faith. We are heading into the darkest period when almost no one will know the Bible in any depth or breadth in the endtimes Tribulation. We will have very few trained Bible teachers. This will cause a great falling away in the coming persecution. Thus, we are to mature our people now in depth-breadth with a complete version of God's Whole Counsel at very high priority**⁹ - **not continue to teach mainly "only" fundamentals.**);¹⁰ Thus, they no longer know sound doctrine;¹¹¹² **(7)** the falling away of our American churches from carrying out the scope and intent of the Great Commission and the increased sin of the people especially in the favored nation; (However, the Gospel is now greatly being taken to other nations by people of the other nations and to some extent to our own (U.S.) youth in church VBS, CEF 5-day clubs, and CEF after-school Bible clubs); **(8)** the build up of "the northern army" for the invasion of the favored nation. Limited numbers of foreign troops, Russian, Chinese, and German, have been training in the United States, Mexico, and Canada for some time, acting under the United Nations (check the internet for data and confirmation) - (We need to watch for any sudden larger build up of military forces - more can be brought in gradually; watch for nearby submarines with nuclear missiles); **(9)** unholy reforms are being planned and implemented in our public schools transforming our children to be ready for world government. They are teaching sodomy in the grammar schools; **(10)** the false peace-peace policy without

9. *Acts 20:26-27 "Therefore I testify to you this day, that I am innocent of the blood of all men. "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose (counsel) of God. (Comment: mine.)*

10. *Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,*

11. **OUR YOUTH:** Many of our youth have great commitment to the Lord by working in VBS and/or in CEF. But overall, they have little knowledge of God's Word in depth-breadth.

12. **NO LONGER ENDURING SOUND DOCTRINE:** God said that in the endtimes, the people would no longer endure sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3) and that He would bring a famine of His Word (Amos 8:11). This famine has begun now in many of our churches as they teach mainly only first level training. This causes churches to go on their own, using things from the world. They are now involved in using the world's loud rock beat structured music to bring young people into the churches. **The problem is largely what they are leaving out of their teaching and training. (They are training for Christian growth, but not to become maximally mature in Christ-likeness. They are not eternity oriented and thus, do not know the main reason we are on the earth. Thus, by not maturing their people to the maximum in Christ-likeness, they are most likely bringing great hurt to their people in the eternal view for they will gain less of and relate less to the infinite God now and especially in eternity. Apart from relating to God toward His maximum, there is nothing.)**

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war in the Russian Glasnost, the wrong Pre-Tribulation Rapture Theory; and a general peace condition without war; **(11) great severe debt and unsettled economics in the favored nation and in the world;** **(12) many gods in the land of the favored nation;** people hold the favored nation more important than God; **(13) people are worshiping the work of their hands,** such as products from the chip industry; **(14) there are many terrorists groups now (including the foreign military that have been here for many years) in the United States that could bring the plague and incurable disease;** **(15) Foreign nations (now especially China) are owning much property in the favored nation (U.S.);** and **(16) people have forgotten the true God and no longer fear God, so they increase their disobedience.** (The gods of America include the gods of freedom, prosperity, wealth, free enterprise, and self - working all things together for good.)

(4) MANY DOCTRINES TAKEN TOGETHER TEACH UNAMBIGUOUSLY A POST TRIBULATION RAPTURE ●¹³

(Bible doctrines teach unambiguously a Post-Tribulation Rapture and that there is an endtimes Tribulation containing believers from "all nations" (both Jews and Gentiles), not just Jews. These doctrines teach how the Endtimes unfold, and why Israel under Satan may bring back a physical temple (but God will not - the Church is now the temple or sanctuary of God - after the Cross bringing back animal sacrifices would be sin and an abomination before God). A Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the all-nations (both Jews and Gentiles) Church is not possible and it is not taught in Scripture.●¹⁴ This is verified by we, as believers in the Gospel, both Jews and Gentiles, without ethnic division, are on the earth to become maximumly mature in Christ-likeness. This is so we can have a maximum close walk with God with great fellowship with Him, especially in eternity. The doctrines teach we (the all-nations Church) will go into (not miss) the endtimes Tribulation.)

The many doctrines that unambiguously teach a Post-Tribulation Rapture with an Endtimes Tribulation include the following:

* Revelation teaches there is a special endtimes Tribulation. Revelation (chapter 7:9-14) teaches that the Great Tribulation (the Tribulation, the great one, in the Greek teaching a specific one - not the general Church period) is all nations in characteristic. It not exclusively

13. BEGINNING: If the Tribulation is a non fractional number of years except for the 6 months in the Mark-of-the-Beast Period, the Tribulation will begin 6 months away from the month of Christ's Coming (in the fall of the year) to begin in some spring.

14. PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE ORIGIN: The "wrong" Pre-Tribulation Rapture View was first established by Margaret Macdonald in 1825 AD and then brought into the Irvinite Church. Then it went to John Darby, C.I. Scofield (Scofield Bible), Dallas Seminary, and then to thousands of churches. But the doctrine is not taught in the Bible. It is being used as satanic strategy to have the churches believe falsely in a Pre-Trib Rapture so church people will have less incentive to study prophecy, (there can be exceptions) will not mature their people in Christ, will not know the endtimes signs as to when the Tribulation will come, and will be caught blind sided when the Calamity comes. Not knowing these, and not being greatly matured in Christ-likeness including walking by great faith, there will come a great (major) falling away in the coming endtimes Tribulation.

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Jewish, that would require or allow a Rapture of the all-nations (both Jews and Gentiles) Church before the Tribulation. (There are many saved people of a very large number "from all nations" who die in the endtimes Tribulation, the great one. This doctrine alone, by itself, teaches there definitely is an endtimes all-nations Tribulation and a Post-Tribulation Rapture. Thus, the teaching denies a Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the all-nations Church that would require an "exclusive all Jewish" Tribulation. However, an exclusive all Jewish endtimes Tribulation is not taught in Scripture.) Also the "persons" of the beast and the false prophet are cast into the Lake of Fire at Christ's Second Coming teaching the 3½ year Mark-of-the-Beast Period comes just before Christ's Second Coming. This doctrine teaches there is an endtimes Tribulation. The endtimes Pattern Sequence teaches: (1) there is an endtimes Tribulation used for divine discipline on the Church and world; and (2) the Rapture occurs after the disciplinary period of the Tribulation at Christ's Second Coming.●¹⁵ **(The churches experienced tribulation in the Church period. This was part of our testing to become mature in Christ-likeness. Thus, the word "tribulation" has general use in the Church Period as well as "specific use" when referring to the endtimes.)**

* All believers, no exceptions, both Jews and Gentiles, including those in the Tribulation, are (compose) the single Body of Christ and the only Church. The Church is the name given to all believers in the Gospel (including both Jews and Gentiles - all ethnic groups). They have been translated (called out) from the Dominion of Satan into the "relationship" (not physical) Kingdom of God. We, as the Church (both believing Jews and Gentiles), are here to become maximally mature in Christ-likeness in relationship living (living as Christ lives in relationship to the Father). This is so that in eternity we can know and relate to God in His fulness, righteousness, and holiness in close fellowship with Him and each other to the maximum, living amidst His great Glory forever. **Apart from this relationship, there is nothing.** Gaining this maturity is the main reason we are here. Our Lord on the earth demonstrated the life we are to live out by doing only what comes from the Father as a source. Everything for our life (in thought and in action) is to be directed from the Father as a source. (Today His general direction is in our Bibles - accurate translations, not interpreted paraphrases.) We can only learn to live by the greatest sacrificial love there is by seeing it expressed and demonstrated by God in Christ sacrificially dying on the Cross as explained in the Scriptures. Wrongly, having two groups of believers (Church and Israel) after the Cross, as Pre-Tribulation Rapture believers (must) believe, most wrongly denies this main purpose of being (becoming) maximumly mature in Christ-likeness and all saved are part of the Church, being called out of the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. **Thus, under no circumstances can the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view be correct.**

15. **THE TWO TRIBULATIONS IN MATTHEW 24:21, 29:** The Great Tribulation in verse 21 occurred when the Romans destroyed the Jewish temple and Jerusalem and greatly persecuted the Jews in AD70-72. In verse 29, the Tribulation, after these days, is the time just before Christ's Second Coming. Some have believed wrongly that both Tribulations are the same period. But interpreters must realize that there is an unmentioned hiatus in the passage which is the Church Period. It is not stated, because at this time, the Church Period was held as a mystery, not to be revealed until after Christ's Ascension when the Church Period started (Ephesians 5:32; Colossians 1:26-27). Also the great Tribulation in AD70 was mostly on the Jews. The one at Christ's Coming will be on all nations and races of people. They, in our view, are different tribulations.

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Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (The Gospel did not leave the Jews to go the Gentiles (Greeks) until 3 ½ years after the Day of Pentecost at the beginning of the Church period.)

* "All" believers (both Jews and Gentiles) in Christ as Savior (the Church) from all of history, (as presented earlier) have been called out from the Dominion of Satan under Satan's eternal control into the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control. The Cross broke down the barrier of the dividing wall between the Jew and Gentile where now they, both as believers, are one in Christ, and His Church without ethnic division. **"All believers" (both Jews and Gentiles) in the Cross are "the Called Out Assembly" unto Christ. Thus, all believers from all of history are part of the Church.** Thus, there is no biblical basis (or teaching) for a Rapture view that wrongly separates believers (after the Cross) into two separate groups, Israel and the Church, that would be required wrongly for a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.●¹⁶

Galatians 3:28 - There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:14-16 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

* Christ divorced national Israel. He divorced the Northern Kingdom of Israel in her history declaratively stated (Jeremiah 3:8).●¹⁷ The marriage to the Southern Kingdom of Judah was terminated when the Jews had the Romans crucify Christ - (when He died). Christ is now marrying the Church. **He cannot have two wives at the same time.** This, as the concept was presented earlier, would be bigamy and major sin. **Thus, because Christ never divorces the Church, He cannot now or ever again remarry Israel.** The Church (consisting of both Jewish and Gentile believers) as the bride of Christ in a legal arrangement does not now live with Him. She goes to live with Him at the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7-9) which occurs after the endtimes Tribulation at the time of Christ's Second Coming. This is the time of the Rapture.

* God gave a covenant to Israel that her people could live in their land forever. The Bible

16. THE CHANGE BEGINNING WITH PENTECOST: The Church of only believers did not replace Israel of both believers and unbelievers. God is drawing believing people out of Israel to be part of (become) the Church with the Gentile believers. God no longer holds Israel, consisting of believers and unbelievers, as a covenant nation. The O.T. dealt with the physical kingdom of Israel ruled on earth. The N.T. deals with the spiritual relationship Kingdom of God ruled from heaven. God did rule believers in the O.T. in this manner, but in a limited way.

17. DIVORCE OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL: *Jeremiah 3:8 "And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a writ of divorce, yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and was a harlot also.*

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teaches that all of God's promises to Israel concerning the land were at one time fulfilled (Joshua 21:43, 45; Nehemiah 9:7-8, 24; Ezekiel 33:24). Israel at one time possessed all the land that God promised her. Israel was promised the land as an everlasting covenant. But to keep the covenant active, the Jews had to obey God. This was in a marriage relationship.●¹⁸

But Israel could break the covenant by her disobedience. In their disobedience, breaking the land covenant, the Israelites were placed under the rule of world government for divine discipline **with many Jews being taken out of Israel's land into the land of the world government.** God would re-establish the covenant with repentance after the discipline period and return Israelites to their land (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28). But there came a time for the Northern Kingdom when she would not repent. God did not restore the covenant and gave her a writ of divorce (Jeremiah 3:6-10). The Southern Kingdom rejected God at the Cross by rejecting their Messiah - having Him crucified. Because, she would not return to God in obedience, and having Christ crucified, the marriage to the Southern Kingdom was terminated when Christ died. Thus, the promise to the land by the everlasting covenant, God has revoked forever (Israel permanently broke the covenant by not returning to God in the needed repentance). So God will never return Israel to her land ever again (After the Romans destroyed their temple and their land in AD 70-72).

Satan (not God), in May 1948, brought the present Israel back into the land. The Jews are now in the land in complete apostasy without the required repentance for God to bring her back. They have no interest in their Messiah.●¹⁹ Satan will use Israel to bring the wars to help establish the Tribulation. **He is using the current existence of Israel to have the Church believe wrongly in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, wrongly having a Jewish Tribulation, and wrongly having a Jewish Millennial Kingdom.** This wrong view deters believers (even though it should not) from seeking and becoming maximumly mature in Christ-likeness so less of God's work will be accomplished. This is part of Satanic strategy to help prevent the elect from believing and/or accomplishing God's work. Israel, as of the Cross, was terminated as

18. PROMISE OF THE LAND: God gave Israel the land in an everlasting covenant and possession (Isaiah 60:19-21). This required the Jews to obey God in order to stay in the land. By being disobedient to God, the Jews, themselves, broke the covenant and many Jews were taken out of Israel's land into the land of world government (Leviticus 26:15; 44; Deuteronomy 31:16, 20; Jeremiah 11:10-11; Ezekiel 16:59; 18:18). But in repentance, God would reestablish the covenant and allow them to live back in the land, once again (Ezekiel 16:60). Then Israel would proceed to break the covenant again in the sequence presented in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. The Jews of the Northern Kingdom of Israel eventually would not come back to God from their disobedience, so God divorced the Northern Kingdom (Jeremiah 3:8). At the Cross, Jews of the Southern Kingdom of Judah broke the covenant again in a final arrangement by rejecting their Messiah forever. So when the Jews had Christ crucified, this broke the covenant and destroyed the marriage to the Southern Kingdom when Christ died. God gave them (of the southern kingdom) a 40 year probation from AD 30 to AD70 to repent and come to their Messiah. But this did not happen. This continued rejection brought the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple by the Romans. This destruction signaled that National Israel as a covenant nation (both Northern and Southern Kingdoms) in God's Plan was gone forever.

19. NATIONAL ISRAEL TODAY: A few years ago, a missionary told me that the population of Israel today consists of about: (1) 80% apostate Jews who have no interest in their Messiah, only the land; (2) 18% orthodox Jews; and (3) 2% Christians.

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God's covenant nation even though previously she was used greatly of God. She was used greatly to: (1) be the genealogy that brought Christ; (2) bring the law and animal sacrifices to show a Savior was needed - a sacrificial Lamb (the Messiah) must die for the forgiveness of sin; and (3) bring the sequence as a pattern for the endtimes (discovered by a faith-action search).

* The termination of history and the Rapture can only occur after all people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal and binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel. The endtimes Tribulation is to complete this purpose. **No one is born or saved after the Rapture.** This is shown by the teachings: **(1)** the wheat (believers) cannot be separated from the tares (unbelievers) until AFTER all the tares are bundled for the fire in the endtimes Tribulation (Matthew 13:29-30); and **(2)** Christ sits on the right hand of God the Father until after all His enemies (unbelievers) become His footstool (Acts 2:34-35) and under His authority (being completed in the endtimes Tribulation). **Both directly prevent a Rapture until after the endtimes Tribulation.**

* The Bible uses the word "saints" for the "Church" (believers in Christ) throughout the N.T. epistles. In the latter part of the Tribulation in Revelation, the word, "saints," is used, but not the word Church. This usage shows the Church is all through Revelation's endtimes including in the Mark-of-the-Beast Period. (Believing Jews would be part of the Church and would be included in the "saints." **In Christ, there is no division between the Jew and Gentile as believers, both compose the Church. The Pre-Tribulation Rapture view denies this.**)

* There is a spiritual warfare between Christ and Satan throughout history. God records who the elect are and the works they will do. Christ works to have the elect believe and accomplish God's work (not knowing in advance who they are or the works of God they will do). Not knowing also, Satan works to prevent some of either or both. He must prevent one in either category to win the warfare. ●²⁰ ●²¹ **The Rapture "can occur only after" the heavenly court, after the Tribulation, has determined (using the heavenly books, including the books of Life and of Works) that Christ has won the spiritual warfare and afterward has awarded Christ, according to the warfare rules, the legal authority to rapture the Church and bring the final judgements.** The elect did actually believe and did actually accomplish all of

20. **SPIRITUAL WARFARE STRATEGIES:** See our web site document: *Aspects and Strategies in the Spiritual Warfare Between Christ and Satan Used to Gain Spiritual Maturity in Christ-likeness and to Terminate History.* Satan has many strategies by which he attempts to prevent the elect from being born or becoming the elect and to prevent the accomplishment of God's work. These include the dumbing down of our church teaching, using rock music, doing little evangelism, and promoting same sex marriages (so the elect might not be born).

21. **SATAN DEFEATED HIMSELF** (This is God's way): **Satan defeated himself in the spiritual warfare when He worked to have Christ crucified, including having Judas betray Him. All he had to do to win the warfare was to prevent (not cause) the Crucifixion and he would have won the warfare. No one then could (would) go to heaven or to the Lake of Fire, and Satan would have ruled over all angels and people forever. Having a sin nature, and not living by faith to gain revelation from God, He could not discern the O.T. Scriptures about Christ coming as the Messiah. He was more (or equally) enamored with himself than he was with God.** (The latter can sometimes be our problem as Christians without our realization or desire especially if we use things, concepts, doctrines, or symbols, from the world.)

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God's work. This determination is made "after" the endtimes Tribulation and "after" all people who are to live, have lived and have made formal decisions to accept or deny the gospel in life or by death. This warfare is developed and presented in detail in my web site document: *God's Plan over History for Man to Become Mature in Christ Needed to Eternally Know and Relate to Our Perfect God in His Greatness*. The time after the Tribulation when the winner of the warfare is determined shows the Rapture can only come after the Tribulation.

* The Church is now the sanctuary of God and is to be a living sacrifice. Thus, the Cross has put aside all animal sacrifices and physical temples forever in God's plan. Satan could (may) bring them back in his plan to deceive the Church. To bring them back would deny the efficaciousness of the Cross. This would be major sin.

* **Daniel's "exclusive all Jewish" Seventieth Week is history at the time of the Cross. It "does not" refer to the Endtimes Tribulation requiring a Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the all-nations (both Jewish and Gentile) Church.** The purpose of the Daniel 9 prophecy was to show: (1) when the O.T. Jews would return to Jerusalem; (2) that fellowship with God would transition from being under the Palestinian Everlasting Covenant for the land in a physical arrangement (when the marriage of Israel to God was terminated) to now being under the New Covenant under Grace in a spiritual arrangement (with believers being married to Christ;●²² and (3) the chronology when Christ as the Messiah would come, minister, and be crucified. Most of the prophecy's purposes were fulfilled through Christ on the Cross. This requires the Cross to be in the seventieth week. It occurred in its middle. The Gospel did not go to the Gentiles until after 3 ½ years into the Church Period. **The prophecy has nothing to do with the endtimes Tribulation or the endtimes man of lawlessness.** Thus, the endtimes Tribulation is not forced to be exclusively Jewish (forced wrongly by the all Jewish 70th week) that would require the Rapture of the all-nations (including the Jews) Church to occur before the all-nations Tribulation. **See my appendix (Daniel's Seventy Weeks) in my book *Watchman Warning* for a detailed analysis.** The appendix is available by itself is on the Web Site. **(As presented in Revelation, the character of the endtimes Tribulation is all nations, not just exclusively Jewish. Thus, there is no match that would allow for the all Jewish 70th week to be the all-nations endtimes Tribulation. It prevents it from happening.)**

* The Pre-Tribulation Rapture View is not credible. Without any believers in the Tribulation period at its beginning (all people left after such a Rapture will be in extreme apostasy with no interest in the Gospel), this "very large" number of believers from "all nations" including Israel (as stated in Revelation 7:9-14) (most likely) could not be saved in less than 7 years as this view would require. Initially, there is no one to preach the Gospel and one only becomes a believer when one hears God's Word developing faith, and as God works in them.

* The Greek New Testament uses the article (the) with "the" Revelation, "the" Appearance, and "the" Coming of Christ teaching (signifying) there is only one (that occurs after the endtimes Tribulation), not two that would be required or allowed for a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

22.**CHRIST IN MARRIAGE:** Christ could marry Jewish believers now as the Church because He died to the Law (dissolving the marriage to Israel) when He was crucified.

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The Bible teaches only one resurrection of the Just, not two that would allow and be needed for a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

*. The Church will miss the wrath of God. It comes with the Day of the Lord. This wrath of God and the Day of the Lord the Church will miss in the endtimes come in the bowl period that occurs "after" the Tribulation and "after" the Rapture during the latter time (or latter part) of Christ's Second Coming. The endtimes wrath of God is not equal to or in the endtimes Tribulation forcing a Pre-tribulation Rapture. The Tribulation brings the discipline on the Church for her falling away. **Revelation unfolds: The seven trumpets come out of the seventh seal, and the seven bowls come out of the seventh trumpet. The bowls come after the Rapture which occurs at the seventh trumpet with the coming of Christ.**

* **Revelation 3:10** - Pre-Tribulation Rapture interpreters teach that Revelation 3:10 implies the Church will be raptured before the hour of trial ("assumed to be" the Tribulation without proving the hour of trial is equal to the Tribulation) - but the Bible does not teach this). Revelation 3:10 in the Greek can mean that believers go through the hour of trial but are kept from its effects (are preserved from harm or its effects by God). The Greek word or preposition *ek* used in this passage is used elsewhere in John 17:15 with this meaning (even though not an exact match). The believers are preserved in the Tribulation from the evil one because they have eternal security in Christ. God preserves them. The passage, according to the Greek, does not require removal of the Church before the period begins. It teaches just the opposite. An alternative legitimate translation or interpretation is: *Revelation 3:10 - 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from [implied separated from but still in the presence of] the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth. Also the Bible does not define directly whether or not the Hour of Trial to be the endtimes Tribulation, whether or not it is correct. Interpreters, however, have made this assumption. However, referring to the endtimes Tribulation, the time of testing could very likely refer to the time when one either takes or denies the Gospel when taking or denying the mark-of-the-beast. Those who are already Christians, God preserves.*

* The Rapture, as Scripture states, occurs at the last trumpet which occurs after the endtimes Tribulation. This means the last trumpet is the seventh that occurs after the endtimes Tribulation or one after it. (1 Corinthians 15:51-52) This situation places the Rapture after the endtimes Tribulation. (The Jewish systems (in application) teaches that the Second Coming of Christ with the Rapture will occur at some Feast of the Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah) in the fall of the year (autumn). This feast comes at the Jewish seventh month for a gathering of the saints and a time of coming judgment. See Leviticus 23:24. Unbelievers at that time, after the Rapture, would be cast into the Lake of Fire, judged commensurate with their works.)

* Christ said that He would raise all believers on the "last" day (John 6:39, 40, 54). This is after the Tribulation. He raises the believers at the beginning of the last day and the unbelievers at the end of the last day. The last day is the period during Christ's Second Coming of the 1000 years which the Bible teaches can only be a day of time (*2 Peter 3:8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*)

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* There is no partiality with God. He would not rapture some saints before the Tribulation and then leaves others to be in the Tribulation under severe persecution (even if they were to become believers in the Tribulation). (The U.S. church has fallen away before the Tribulation begins.) (Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11)

* The Rapture occurs after the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. This fulfillment occurs in the endtimes Tribulation. There are both believers and unbelievers in the Tribulation. (Luke 21:24)

Scripture does not teach the endtimes Tribulation has only Jewish believers that would require or allow the Rapture of the all-nations (both Jews and Gentiles) Church before the Tribulation. The Bible teaches there is a very large number of believers (both Jews and Gentiles) from all nations that die in the Great Tribulation. This prevents a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

* The Bible teaches the Coming of Christ is imminent. Since it has not happened for 2000 years, it does not have to be imminent just before the Tribulation begins. It can happen (and be imminent) after the Tribulation at the time of Christ's Second Coming which teaching is in agreement with many other doctrines.

* The 1000 years of Revelation 20 as a day of time comes during the Second Coming of Christ as a time of the final judgments (See 2 Peter 3:8). (There is no Scripture that teaches there will be a future physical Jewish Millennial Kingdom on the earth. The Kingdom of God is a relationship kingdom ruled from heaven as Christ rules over the Church, and it has existed throughout the Church Period.)

SUMMARY: The Church will go through the Tribulation for she (particularly the American Churches in their falling away) is responsible for its coming.●²³

(5) THE BOTTOM LINE - WORK FOR REVIVAL;

**WE MUST "URGENTLY" PREPARE OUR PEOPLE "NOW" INCLUDING TRAINING THEM TO WALK BY STRONG FAITH AND TO BECOME MAXIMUMLY MATURE IN CHRIST-LIKENESS, BEFORE THE ENDTIMES TRIBULATION COMES
("THIS SECTION IS MUST READ")**

The Bottom Line; regardless of our view of endtimes prophecy, we must "urgently" prepare our people to become maximumly mature in Christ-likeness and for going through the endtimes Tribulation whether our prophecy view is right or wrong. This will help bring revival. (If you believe a Pre-Trib Rapture and do not warn and prepare your people and they go into the sudden coming endtimes Tribulation??)

We must "urgently" evangelize the children (especially out in the community) and maximumly mature them and our people in Christ-likeness for eternity with the necessary curriculum (not just work for spiritual growth) and prepare them for ("and before") the soon-coming endtimes. (This will help us gain more maturity in the

23. **TRIBULATION BEGINNING:** If the Tribulation should begin in the spring of 2012, there will not be a presidential election in the fall of 2012. Those behind the scenes will rule the world.

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endtimes Tribulation.) We must train them to walk by very strong faith and love, having them memorize the promises and know the commandments. They must trust God to care for them in the soon-coming most difficult times, even under great persecution. We need to put in needs-of-life provisions "now" for going through the calamity and gain jobs that are needed in good and bad times and have an inter-world need or interface. Our church people and families must be warned about what is coming, and now be placed into small home "underground" churches (composed of people who live near each other). **Churches should hide the names and addresses of their people (church directories) so the government will not be able to find them. (This is also true for missionary organizations.)** Our supported missionaries, pastors, etc. should "now" get additional or alternate financial support, even jobs, to keep their ministries going and have the needs of life. We must not allow our people when the Calamity and Tribulation come: **(1)** to be caught blind sided, not being maximumly mature in Christ-likeness, and/or **(2)** unprepared, and/or **(3)** not knowing what can happen to them as the Tribulation comes.

The penalties for not doing these are that many children will not be saved, and our people will: **(1)** not have a more maximum walk with God in eternity; **(2)** be caught blind sided when the Calamity comes; and **(3)** not know what is happening when the Tribulation comes. The coming persecution will cause a major falling away from the faith. Of course many will stand strong.

(6) MINIMUM NECESSARY PRINCIPLES, WE MUST LIVE OUT TO BECOME AND TO LIVE MAXIMUMLY MATURE IN CHRIST- LIKENESS

(Topics and Principles I have assembled and integrated, including inputs from others.) **(It is a must that we "live out" these principles (topics), not just know them. Thus, we should train our people to gain a maximum maturity in Christ-likeness, and not just have a church service, a sermon, and a Sunday school. Thus, we must train with what to do, how to do, examples of how to do, our testimony for how we (the teachers) lived out the principles, and place our people in many forms of on-the-job training.)** ●²⁴ ●²⁵ ●²⁶

24. **GOD'S PRINCIPLES:** God, Christ, the Bible, and these minimum principles from the Bible must be the center of our lives and the reason we want to live. **We must learn to live them out to become mature, and we will live them out if we are mature.** Read our web site document on principles needed to become mature in Christ-likeness: *Keys to Becoming Mature in Christ-likeness In Godly Relationship Living*. Read our web site document on some characteristics of being mature in Christ: *Summary Document: Signs, Characteristics, Beliefs, and Practices of Being or Becoming Highly Mature in Christ-likeness*.

25. **MINIMUM TOPICS AND PRINCIPLES:** These principles should be taught in training now in high priority to our families and to the entire Church and especially to our children and youth. **I have taught most of these over the years in the adult Sunday School and in seminars.** We can add principles that you think we need. All of these (and more) together, as a minimum, "need to be lived out" to become maximumly mature in Christ-likeness. Each of the major numbered activities has a large depth and breadth to them. **(I can give presentations, seminars, and Bible training.)**

26. **PROBLEM:** Very often our church leaders agree that the principles are needed, but do not work to
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1. Exalt, Worship and Glorify God (In His Infinite and Most Perfect Greatness). This includes praising, honoring, worshiping, glorifying, obeying, pleasing, and loving God in an intimate fellowship, living a subordinate role. We do this in our worship services and by the way we live our lives in response to Him - giving back in obedience to Him in our lives what He has given to us in His Word - all led by the Holy Spirit. **(We will do all these more greatly if we appreciate God's infinite Greatness such as expressed in His Attributes. See our web site document: *The Attributes of God.*)** (Psalm 150; Matthew 22:37-38; John 4:23; 15:10; Acts 5:29; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 1:9-11, 18; Hebrews 11:6.)

Our Lord's example for how we glorify God: *John 17:4 - "I (the Lord Jesus Christ) glorified Thee (God the Father) on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do. (Comments: Mine) (Our Lord gave back to the Father in His obedience what the Father had given Him. The life He lived out did not originate from Himself. We are to live this way to obey God, now only from the Bible. Thus, we must know "what" the Bible teaches regarding how to live the Christian life. We are to do nothing from ourselves as a source. This is key.) (Our general problem is that we generally do not know sufficient of His principles, and/or do not make an effort, under His leading, to live them out.)*

Thus, we only glorify God by obeying what comes from Him as a source - what describes who and what He is. We cannot glorify God by what comes from us and the world as a source even though it may seem right to us. **Thus, we cannot glorify (or worship) God using the world's rock music! God does not accept things (glory) that come from us or the world as a source.** We must trust God, not ourselves, to work all things together for our good.

John 5:41 - "I do not receive glory from men; (Thus, we must ensure that what we are doing came only from God - His Bible. This includes the choice and structure of music.●²⁷ Melody must be dominate over all rhythm and the music must not be dominantly loud.) All the major things we do are to be found in the Bible directly or in application.●²⁸

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actually teach and train them in their churches or youth groups. (They inadvertently ignore the situation.) Now we must urgently train our people in the short period remaining before the Calamity comes.

27. THE TYPE MUSIC WE USE (INCLUDING IN OUR CHURCH SERVICES AND YOUNG PEOPLE GROUPS) MUST BE "FOUND IN THE BIBLE:" God's type music, when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, is to sing the hymns and like music in "melody" from the heart unto Him. (E.g. *Ephesians 5:18-19 but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God; Matthew 26:30 And after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.*)

28. SIGNS OF THE ENDTIMES: Those churches that use dominantly loud rock-type beat music and other dominate loud music, in my view, cannot tell the difference between the holy and the profane. They are not walking by sufficient faith to determine what music is righteous being in the Bible. They are attempting to work
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We, from ourselves (having and using depraved natures), have nothing from ourselves as a source by which to offer to and/or glorify God. All that we have that is good came and will come from God. He is the source of "all" good and right things. Thus, we must obey the Bible, knowing the needed teachings. We must be taught how to live them out with testimony for how they have been lived out (how we and others did it). (However, we (both believers and unbelievers) do many things that we do not realize came (comes) from the Bible. All good things come from God and those needed now are written in the Bible.)

2. Live a Godly and Holy Life.●²⁹ This life includes living by faith, love, and hope in biblical head-subordinate authoritative relationships (including in marriage: husband-wife-children) patterned after the Son's walk with the Father, serving God and each other from sacrificial love, fellowshiping with God and with each other, etc. Christ lived out only what came from the Father as a source. So when people saw Him, they saw the Father because He was doing nothing from Himself as a source. He lived subordinate to the Father. We are to live this way - only from the Father, nothing from ourselves as a source, being subordinate to the Father (and to Christ - His direction comes from the Father). This holy life includes the sacrificial love, mercy, grace, faithfulness, forgiveness, kindness, longsuffering, compassion, and care for each other as disciples of Christ as a demonstration of our love for each other. Most importantly, it includes living a holy life before God from love keeping His commandments, principles, and requirements, remaining pure and without having immorality. When we do, we live holy, righteously, and know God's heart. It will include unceasing prayer. The holy life is an experiential life applying (living out) the principles. We are to walk by faith in God to keep His promises. When we do with activated faith, obeying the instructions with the promise, we live without sin (nothing is coming from us as a source - only from God as a source) and we gain more revelation of the Scriptures from God. We are to be people after His own heart such that we do "all" His will (we need to have a comprehensive understanding of what His will is (and consists of) from the Bible). This is a necessary life especially for pastors, teachers, elders, fathers, and mothers - all of us. **We must know the commandments and promises. We need to memorize the promises. We should live by the biblical requirements for Church leadership and by the Beatitudes. We should have a testimony of living out all the above. Church leaders should share all of these.** (Psalm 150; 2 Chronicles 16:9 with Acts 13:22b;

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all things together for good themselves by not using the music of the Bible. ***Thus, they are no longer enduring sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3). (Romans 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith." Romans 14:23 and whatever is not from faith is sin.)***

29. "TWO NECESSARY ITEMS" TO LIVE OUT (Repeated for emphasis): One is to live by love keeping God's commandments. We must know them. When we do, we live holy and righteously and get to know more about God. The other is to live by faith trusting God to fulfill His promises to us. We activate our faith by obeying the instructions with the promise. Because both come from God as a source, we do not sin. When we trust God to fulfill His promises by faith, we receive revelation of the Scriptures (Romans 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."). We must know and memorize the promises so we can use them when needed, being led by the Holy Spirit. We will get more in heaven.

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Matthew 5:1-12; 6:33; 22:39; John 5:19; 14:7-11, 15; 15:10; Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 11:3; 13:13; Ephesians 5:18-20, 27; Colossians 1:22; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Timothy 3:1-14; Hebrews 11:6; 1 Peter 1:16; 1 John 2:6; 3:2-3; Titus 1:5-9.)

3. Help Accomplish God's Work With Commitment. We, under His leading using the spiritual gifts He gave us, are to obey God to accomplish His work in agreement with our gifting. His work includes: **(1)** witnessing and evangelizing "total local areas" particularly including the children with the Gospel; **(2)** discipling believers to gain a maximum high-skill maturity in Christ-Likeness (not just working for Christian growth); **(3)** building godly families; **(4)** training faithful people in depth-breadth (particularly the gung ho and the very faithful); **(5)** planting new churches; and **(6)** out of love, reaching out to and helping the needy. (We can be involved in one or more ministries, working as a team.) (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:45-48; Acts; Romans 10:13-15; 1 Corinthians 3:6, 10-15; 12; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; 9:10-15; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 5:21-6:4; 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 8; 2 Timothy 2:1-2; Hebrews 6:1; 12:1-2; 1 John 3:16-18.)

4. Believing, Knowing, and Standing Strong on Basic Christian-Faith Doctrines, Particularly Including on God's Attributes (See our web site Paper: *The Attributes of God*.): We should learn and stand strong on the doctrines of the faith we believe for which we should be willing to die (especially if we are forced to deny them in order to live). It helps to have our own basic doctrinal statement, derived only from the Bible. I have my own. It helps to Know Bible Content with the Doctrines of the Spiritual Warfare and Endtimes Prophecy. We should also learn God's Plan for history and how the spiritual warfare and endtimes prophecy fit in to His Plan. Knowing His Plan, we will more strongly pursue becoming mature in Christ-likeness.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

5. Devotional Life: We will have a strong and faithful personal devotional life before the Lord where we regularly read our Bibles (His Word) and pray about all things, situations, and people He puts into our minds. We should live out the new teachings we learn. We can have devotions separately or together or both at different times. (We can also read a few pages daily of my web site free devotional document: ***Living by God's Righteousness***. - This is what I do. It contains Psalms by which to praise God, Promises to Memorize and live by, Commandments to Obey; Attributes of God, Requirements for Church leadership, Love Principles, and Prayer Principles and Concepts.)

6. Must Learn to Walk by Faith (Presented now in more detail for a major emphasis that must be lived out): (*Romans 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."*)³⁰ We must

30. **PHYSICALLY SEEING GOD;** If we could physically see God, we would be very apt to live by sight instead of by faith. Thus, we might sin. Then we could not live greatly holy and righteously. So not seeing God with our eyes (and having to walk by mature faith) is most essential to living a perfect life, living by total dependence (continued...)

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learn to walk by very mature and strong faith. (So how do we do this?) God the Father, being omnipresent and having infinite capability, is present everywhere that exists simultaneously (at the same time). (He works with billions of people all at the same time.) Thus, He can not be physically seen (with our eyes) as a person in one place as we think now as a person. The Bible teaches no man has seen (or can ever see) God at any time (John 6:46). We have to walk by faith to know that He exists and will lead our lives according to His biblical promises (we must know and memorize them). We trust God to fulfill His promises and activate our faith by obeying the instructions with the promise. We need faith to see His work around us, according to the Scriptures. Thus, walking by faith is necessary now and will be most necessary in heaven (eternity) also. **We most likely will not be able to physically see the omnipresent God in eternity. But He reveals Himself through our Lord Jesus Christ. We must walk by faith trusting God (never ourselves) to work all things together for good, both now and in heaven. He is the only one qualified.**●³¹ We most likely will receive new promises from God in eternity that will require us to walk by faith so God can do great things in our lives then that we cannot know now. The greater capability we have as we die in walking by faith and by love, we may be given greater and special promises. We must live by activated faith to keep from sin in heaven as now to have God work all things together for our good and how we gain more revelation of new Scriptures revealed in heaven. **So it is mandatory that we learn to walk by faith now. (We must not live by sight requiring us to know all the facts before we will do anything. I know Christians who wrongly live this way.)** This may be why the Bible teaches we must walk by faith to please God (Hebrews 11:6). So learning and living out walking by faith is mandatory for our lives now. We must walk by faith to have God guide us and to keep us from great sin. **Because we do not sin when we walk by faith in God to lead us, gaining revelation from the Scriptures, this most likely is the main way God will lead us in eternity, requiring then also we walk by faith. (This strongly implies that the degree God will lead us in eternity is very likely dependent on our ability to walk by faith at the time we die. This appears necessary to keep from sinning. Thus, we by necessity must train with excellence to walk by faith now.)** We must let go of doing all things "from us" by sight. We can take "faith-action steps" to find God's will in situations needing or desiring God's leading.●³² Because living by faith is the only way

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upon God, and have our infinitely perfect God direct our every thought and action. **If we are to live righteously and holy without sin, we must trust God, not ourselves, to bring the results and work all things together for good.**

31. THE ONLY PERFECT LIFE THERE IS FOR US - "THERE IS NO OTHER:" We must walk from love of our perfect God, keeping His commandments, and by faith, trusting God to fulfill His promises. Then with everything coming from God as a source, we glorify Him in all that we do. This is the perfect life and without any sin.

32. FAITH ACTION STEPS: (1) I was teaching the Bible in my home. I needed to place aspects on a blackboard before people came to save class time. I believed that God wanted me to do this. I did not at the time have money to buy one, with my kids going to college, so I began to search for one. In my search, a school teacher told me we have some marked up blackboards we are giving away free. Come and take one.

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we can live without sin and gain revelation of the Scriptures, we will live this way in heaven. We will need to walk by faith then to receive new teachings from God.

God alone inherently has the only value and perfection that exists. Because God alone is perfect, holy, righteous, and true, He is the only person who can guide our lives perfectly. Not gaining a "great experiential capability now of walking by mature faith," can very likely limit the degree He wants to lead us so we can know more of His depth-breadth, not only now, but especially in eternity. And apart from relating to Him in His Greatness, as presented many times, there is nothing. (Not to learn to live by great faith is a great eternal mistake.) Thus, we should proceed "now" to learn to walk by very mature and strong faith. We need many examples before us of people living by this faith to demonstrate the way (See testimonies in Hebrews 11).●³³ Our elders and pastors should present a testimonial life before us, not just knowledge of what the principles are. (But to what degree do they do this?)

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

The Bible (John 14:2) teaches that in heaven, there are many mansions or dwelling places (very likely with many levels of leaders). With billions of people in heaven, few most likely then will live geographically (physically) close to Christ (at least all the time). Thus, we will need to live by great mature faith, then as now. So we must train our people now to live by great mature faith-obedience. (The same is true for our love of God and for others (by the example of the great love demonstrated on the Cross), so we will keep all of God's commandments as directed by Him - this is also a product of walking by faith.)

7. IN HEAVEN: As we enter heaven, as believers, our sin natures and our memories founded on the sin nature, in our current lifetime, will most likely be removed from us. When we became a Christian, we received a new divine nature that now legally represents us and it cannot sin. It only responds to God's leading and must be trained to do so, such as when we walk by faith and love. However, we now still retain the sin nature, but it no longer legally represents us. We sin when we use it, when we do not respond properly to God's leading, or act independent of it. So we go into heaven with the

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And (2): I take faith-action steps to determine divine appointments in my witnessing of the Gospel. We can also use them to find a job God has for us.

33. BECOMING MATURE IN CHRIST: Because God is infinitely perfect and knows everything, we must trust Him to lead us and to work all things together for our good in all parts of our lives (Romans 8:28). This is the way we keep from sin because then we no longer do things our way (independent of God). We, as we take steps, are to trust God to lead the way and bring the needed results, people, etc. Churches dumbing down most all their training (probably without their realization) and using loud rock beat structured and like music show and signal they are not walking by sufficient great faith - they are walking by sight, their choice, from the world, not from the Bible and thus, not from God's choice, impeding their walking by faith. They are attempting themselves (perhaps without realization) to work all things together for good. Otherwise we would as previously presented; **(1)** mature our people; **(2)** sing melody from our hearts to the Lord when filled with the Holy Spirit (not using rock music); and **(3)** evangelize the children, especially out in the community, and out of love, also support foreign like ministries. None of us are as mature as we should and can be. But we must pursue it with priority. This is what I am doing - to help me become more mature for a more complete and more mature experiential relationship with God. **None of us know it all .We can and must help each other. This is why I read (and need to read) many books and documents by others. I need to see your testimony and you mine.**

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capability in our divine natures we have at death. Because the current development environment of the world, flesh, and the devil (and our sin natures) will not be in heaven, our maturity in Christ-likeness will not increase by any way we know now. It appears most strongly that one main reason we are on the earth now is to gain this maturity. We, by necessity, must respond to God as this is most likely true. We should want to interface to the maximum with our infinitely Great God. There is nothing else. God commands us to pursue this maturity (Hebrews 6:1).

8. THE BIBLICAL SECRET TO LIFE: We must be both "outcome" and "procedure" oriented. We must know the description of the life when we are maximumly mature in Christ-likeness (Outcome). We must know all the principles we must live out experientially to gain this maximum maturity (Procedure). We should record both for our church people to read and live out. We can update our lists. Has your church done this? I have web site information for the Outcome -see references.

GOD HAS DESIGNED THAT WE ARE TO LIVE IN AND AS A TRIUNITY, PATTERNED AFTER THE TRINITY OF GOD

TRIUNE LIFE	SOURCE	EMBODIMENT	RESULT
GOD	FATHER	SON	HOLY SPIRIT
MAN	Soul	Body	Spirit
MUST BE BOTH OUTCOME AND PROCEDURE ORIENTED	Detailed Description of Needed Outcome (e.g. Maturity) (Desired Outcome)	List of Principles To Live Out as Procedure to Gain Needed Outcome (Needed Procedure)	Gain the Needed Results; Become Mature in Christ (Gain Desired Results)
LIVING LIFE	Requirements	Tasks	Results
LIVING METHOD	Motivation (Love, faith, hope, lust)	Action (Activating our Motivation)	Result (Sin if lust is used)
GAINING MATURITY	Live as Christ lives- By Only That What Comes From God the Father	Do Only What Comes from God the Father - Only in the Bible	Do God's Will, Become and Live Mature in Christ - All Thoughts and Actions from God the Father
GLORIFY GOD	Glorify God	Obey "Only" What God Gives Us To Do and Live Out	We Glorify God, and God's Work is Accomplished
TO BE SAVED	Faith in Christ's Cross (The Gospel)	Action Activating Our Faith (Prayer)	God Saves, Based on Activated Faith, Giving us Eternal Life
WALK BY FAITH	Trust God to Fulfill His Promises to Us	Obey Instructions with the Promise; Activate Our Faith	God Fulfills His Promise; We Live Without Sin and Receive Revelation; God Works All Things Together for Good.
LIVE BY LOVE	Love God, Appreciating His Greatness	Obey God's Commandments; Activate Our Love	Love is Implemented; We Live Holy and Righteously and We Get To Know God

Everything that lives and acts does so in the triunity of God - living in and out the image of God. This shows we must activate our faith and love to have living faith and living love.

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(Reference: *The Secret of the Universe* by Nathan R. Wood (1936) for basic concepts.)

**(7) APPENDIX ONE
SUMMARY OVERVIEW UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
FOUNDED ON GOD'S INFINITE GREATNESS**

God has infinite Greatness. He alone can and is capable to direct our lives and ministries. We can only live righteously and holy when our every thought and required action comes from Him as a source. Now as Christians, we have both divine natures (given to us when we became Christians) that cannot sin and sin natures that we use to guide our lives from us as a source (then we always sin). God today directs our lives in our divine natures only from that which is in the Bible or an application of what is in the Bible. This is why we have Bibles. Because His leading is founded only on what is in the Bible, we can only tell our direction is from God if all that we do is in the Bible in some way (we "must know" what the Bible teaches to know). We can take faith action steps to find God's will founded on the Bible. (Living by God's righteousness is more important than using the world's methods to gain results.) With only sin natures, we cannot live righteously and holy. One cannot receive Christ as Savior by himself. One can only come to Christ as God works in the person and draws him to Himself. He draws people using His Word - the Bible. As church leaders, we must do only what is in the Bible. **(This is why we should use only "very highly accurately translated" Bibles - no paraphrases or hi-breads.** Otherwise we attempt to work all things together for our good ourselves resulting in sin and a falling away - not having God's best. Only God alone can work all things together for good, bringing righteous and holy results. Thus, as church leaders, when we do things in our church in ministry, organization, signs, choice of music, and sermons that is not directly in or in application in the Bible we sin because we (and the world), not God, are the source. Doing so we lack sufficient appreciation for God's Greatness and show lack of sufficient love and an insufficient faith walk. When we do things from us as a source, we deny the infinite Greatness of God to provide all direction. (We, as presented, can take faith-action steps to find His direction based on what is in the Bible.)

**(8) APPENDIX TWO
(OUR WEB SITE REFERENCE DOCUMENTS THAT SHOULD BE READ
(For Scriptural development and many more details.)**

(They present the scriptural development of the big picture everyone needs to know for God's Plan, how prophecy unfolds, and minimum topics to live out to become maximumly mature in Christ-likeness.)

1. Under Endtimes Prophecy: *Summaries of "Vital must Know" Current Major Big Picture Issues (We Are in Great Spiritual Warfare, How the Endtimes Are Now Unfolding, What Is the Rapture Timing, What Is Israel's Situation, Why Our Churches Are Massively Falling Away, What Our Churches Must Do Now)* (44 pages) **(Read this document if you do not read any others. It is must reading to understand today's (the endtimes) big picture.)**

2. Under Biblical Worldview: *God's Plan over History for Man to Become Mature in Christ Needed to Eternally Know and Relate to Our Perfect God in His Greatness* (49 pages) (This document from the Scriptures gives the details of God's Plan over history with the spiritual warfare between Christ and Satan used to bring us to maximum maturity in Christ-likeness so we can know and relate to our

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perfect God toward His maximum in eternity.)

3. Under Training: (1) *Keys to Becoming Mature in Christ-likeness In Godly Relationship Living* (33 pages); and (2) *Summary Document: Signs, Characteristics, Beliefs, and Practices of Being or Becoming Highly Mature in Christ-likeness* (21 pages). (The latter document gives us many principles we must live out experientially.)

4. Under Endtimes Prophecy: (1) *The Pattern View of Prophecy: The Many Doctrines of Prophecy Show Clearly the Rapture Will Come Post-tribulation and the 1000 Years During Christ's Second Coming* (This is my prophecy view) (41 pages - available as one document and also is smaller sections); (2) *Summary Presentation: How Revelation's Events Unfold and How the United States Is Found in Bible Prophecy* (18 pages); and (3) *Summary Report: Interpretation Errors That Wrongly Help Establish the Pre-tribulation Rapture View* (13 pages).

5. Under Summaries: *Aspects and Strategies in the Spiritual Warfare Between Christ and Satan Used to Gain Spiritual Maturity in Christ-likeness and to Terminate History* (13 pages).

6. Under What's New: *Watchman Warning (The Big Picture of What Is Now Happening.)* (6-28-11; 44 pages) for greater detail and Scriptural development.

7. Under What's New: Videos you might want to watch (of me) and listen to on the topics of the Rapture Timing, Spiritual Warfare, and Christian Life Relationship Principles. They are about 10 minutes each. They present a good overview and summary - a good place to start.

8. Under Endtimes Prophecy: For great prophecy detail and diagrams (including of Revelation), read my (8½ by 11) book: *Watchman Warning* (470 pages, 1994). Many key chapters individually are on my web site. We also have a summary of *Watchman Warning*: in our smaller (~ 5½ by 8½) book: *Watchman, How Far Gone is the Night?* (246 pages, 1995).