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**Matthew 6:33; 1 John 2:6;  
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**(The Big Picture of What Is Now Happening.)**

**“Urgently” prepare your family and church to become maximally mature in Christ-likeness for eternity and for “very soon” going through the endtimes Tribulation.**

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**“America cannot be turned around.”**

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**PART TWO:**

**MUST KNOW (GREATLY NEEDED) DETAIL BACKGROUND**

**APPENDIX ONE**

**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 is discovered by comparing wording, entities, sequences, events, etc. in Revelation as to what happened to O.T. 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, very likely in different ways. **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-Tribulational.** (This sequence was developed in detail in Chapter 5 in my Book: *Watchman Warning*; This chapter, by itself, is also available on our Web Site.)

**THE ENDTIMES SEQUENCE (Much more detail than that summarized earlier):** The endtimes sequence in Revelation is as follows: **(1)** God chooses a most favored nation in history. The most favored nation was O.T. Israel and is now the United States in these endtimes (This sequence, as stated, is how the United States is found indirectly in endtimes Bible prophecy); **(2)** He greatly blesses the favored nation more greatly than any other nation in her time period in her general obedience. (The United States has been blessed by God by orders and orders of magnitude more than any other nation in history including much more

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than Israel and England.); **(3)** Then as the Church (God's people) and nation fall away, He brings warnings by His Watchmen (even from me) that severe judgment is coming if obedience is not restored. This is 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 and places the favored nation under divine discipline implemented by the world government's rule.●<sup>3</sup> (E.g. This happened to Israel 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 forever her sovereignty and freedoms. They will be replaced by severe hard times, great persecution, and martyrdom. There will be, as presented, famine, water and gasoline shortages with much disease and pestilence. 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). Our church buildings will be shut down (closed). The Tribulation can last as many (as long) as 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. Since the answer is negative, Armageddon comes to bring the final judgments. The Church is resurrected before the 1000 years (very likely being a short time period) and the unbelievers shortly afterwards.)●<sup>4</sup>

(The Tribulation will come in two sequential parts. The first part will be the longest and there will be a general world government. Then at some time after the falling away from the faith greatly increases from the severe persecution, allowing Satan more power and freedom, there will be major war killing a large majority of the world's population, taking us into the Mark-of-the-Beast Period that lasts 3 ½ years. Then the Rapture occurs after the Tribulation at (with) the Second Coming of Christ. There will be very few Christians alive at this time.)

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**3. DURING THE CALAMITY:** *Revelation 6:8 I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.*

**4. TURN AROUND OF THE US (As presented):** 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 direction the country is going can be changed (turned around), as presented, 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.** The pockets will not change the end results, but they might slow down the coming of the Tribulation.

**APPENDIX TWO**  
**WARNING SIGNS THAT SIGNAL**  
**THE COMING OF THE ENDTIMES TRIBULATION IS IMMINENT●<sup>5</sup>**  
**(We do not know all of these in detail.)**

Some of these warning signs and conditions, especially in the favored nation of the United States, according to the endtimes pattern sequence, are (but not limited to): (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 characteristics of the United States match those of O.T. Israel) and the action of Internationalists as Babylon the Great that rule over International government needed for the Pattern Sequence; (4) great increase in immorality, *particularly sodomy - same sex marriages like in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah*; (5) people calling evil good and cannot discern the difference between the holy from the profane (churches "now" using false tongues,●<sup>6</sup> world symbols, and the world's (the devil's) loud rock-type repetitive beat music?) and churches and people doing what is right according to their own eyes and teaching mostly pablum to reach the youth, instead of teaching God's Whole Counsel in breadth with depth; (6) 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 being now greatly being taken to other nations by people of the other nations and to some extent to our own (U.S.) children in church VBS, CEF 5-day clubs, and CEF after-school Bible clubs); (7) the famine of God's Word in our churches; churches are now teaching but little of God's Word (mostly the fundamentals which disagrees with the Bible. We are to mature our people in depth-breadth with a complete version of God's Whole Counsel - not continue to teach "only" fundamentals.);●<sup>7</sup> They no longer know sound doctrine;●<sup>8</sup> (8) the build up of "the northern army" for the invasion of the favored nation (limited numbers of foreign troops (Russian, Chinese, and German) are now (have been) deployed throughout the United States, Mexico,

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

**6. BIBLICAL TONGUES:** Biblical tongues were always "actual foreign languages" that others understood. They were never ecstatic utterances (not understood by any other). They were used as a sign to the Jews that the Gospel was now going to the Gentiles and that the exclusive Jewish period was now over. Jews were always present when tongues were spoken in the New Testament. No one has spoken in biblical tongues since about AD70.

*7. 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,*

**8. 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 by the ever growing Church Growth Movement that is now going world wide. This causes churches to go on their own, using things from the world. The churches involved are using the world's loud rock beat structured music to bring young people into the churches and are teaching them mainly only first-level training with much of the world mixed with it. The problem is what they are leaving out of their teaching and training.

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and Canada for some time, acting under the United Nations for training - watch for sudden larger build up of military forces - more can be brought in gradually; watch for nearby submarines with nuclear missiles; (the internet in 6-11 reported that the Chinese are training to kill U.S. troops - to what degree?); (9) unholy reforms are being planned and implemented in our public schools transforming our children to be ready for world government. They are also teaching sodomy in the grammar schools; (10) the peace-peace policy without war in the Russian Glasnost, the wrong Pre-Tribulation Rapture Theory; and a general peace condition without war; (11) great severe debt 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 over 20 years) in the United States that could bring the plague and incurable disease; (5) Foreign nations (now 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, and free enterprise.)●<sup>9</sup>

### **APPENDIX THREE MANY DOCTRINES TAKEN TOGETHER TEACH UNAMBIGUOUSLY A POST TRIBULATION RAPTURE**

**(How the Endtimes Unfold, and why Israel, as a covenant nation under God, is not coming back, after the Cross. The endtimes Tribulation is all nations, not mainly Jewish, in characteristic. A Pre-tribulation Rapture of the all-nations Church is not possible and it is not taught in Scripture.●<sup>10</sup> This is verified by we (as believers - both Jews and Gentiles) are on the earth to become maximumly mature in Christ-likeness. The doctrines teach we (the Church) will go into (not miss) the endtimes Tribulation.)**

Bible doctrines teach unambiguously a Post-Tribulation Rapture and that there is an endtimes Tribulation with all nations, not just Jews. The many doctrines teaching 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, not exclusively

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9. **TEN DISTRICTS:** There can be plans to divide the U.S. into ten districts. I have maps that show the distribution of the states to these districts. Europe may also be divided into 10 parts. The Tri-lateral commission may be planning to divide the world into three parts. We will need to see what actually happens. Things may happen differently. What happens will not effect the sequence overlay.

10. **PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE ORIGIN:** The 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 and then to C.I. Scofield (Scofield Bible), to Dallas Seminary, and then to thousands of churches. But the doctrine is not taught in the Bible. It is used as satanic strategy to have the churches believe falsely in a Pre-Trib Rapture so people will not have incentive to study and know prophecy, they will not mature their people in Christ, they will not know the endtimes signs as to when the Tribulation will come, and will be caught blind sided when the Calamity comes.

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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.) Also the “persons” of the beast and 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 Tribulation as a disciplinary period at Christ’s Second Coming.●<sup>11</sup> **(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 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 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 in His righteousness and holiness in close fellowship with Him and each other to the maximum, living amidst His great Glory forever. **Apart from this, 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. Everything for life (in thought and in action) is to be directed from the Father as a source (today His general direction is in our Bibles.) We can only learn to live by the greatest sacrificial love there is by seeing it expressed and demonstrated by God in Christ on the Cross as explained in the Scriptures. Wrongly, having two groups (Church and Israel) after the Cross, as Pre-Tribulation Rapture believers (must) believe, most wrongly denies this main purpose. **Thus, under no circumstances can the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view be correct.**

*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 in the Church period .)*

\* “All” believers (both Jews and Gentiles) in Christ as Savior (the Church) from all of history,

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11. **THE TWO TRIBULATIONS IN MATTHEW 24:21, 29:** The Great Tribulation in verse 21 occurred when the Romans destroyed the Jewish temple 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 all races of people. They are different tribulations.

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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 into two groups, Israel and the Church.

*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 has divorced national Israel. He divorced the Northern Kingdom of Israel in her history declaratively stated (Jeremiah 3:8).●<sup>12</sup> 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. Thus, He cannot now or ever again remarry Israel. The Church (consisting of both Jewish and Gentile believers) as the bride of Christ 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 teaches that all the promises to Israel concerning the land that He promised them were fulfilled (Joshua 21:43, 45; Nehemiah 9:7-8, 24; Ezekiel 33:24). Israel at one time possessed all the land that God promised them. 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.●<sup>13</sup>

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12. **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.*

13. **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 (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 in the land, once again (Ezekiel 16:60). Then Israel would proceed to break the covenant again in the sequence of Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. The Northern Kingdom would not come back to God from their disobedience, so God divorced the Northern Kingdom (Jeremiah 3:8). At the Cross, the Southern Kingdom of Israel 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 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 by the Romans. This destruction signaled that National Israel (both Northern and Southern Kingdoms) in God's Plan was gone forever.

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But Israel could break the covenant by her disobedience. In their disobedience, breaking the land covenant, they 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 (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. So God will never return Israel to her land ever again (After the Romans destroyed their temple and their land).

Satan, 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. They have no interest in their Messiah. (Satan will use Israel to bring the wars to help establish the Tribulation. He is using Israel to have the Church believe wrongly in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, wrongly having a Jewish Tribulation and a Jewish Millennial Kingdom. This wrong view deters us (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 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 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.

\* 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 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. The Pre-Tribulation Rapture view denies this.**)

\* Christ can Rapture the Church and bring the final judgments only after the heavenly court, after the endtimes Tribulation, has determined, by opening the heavenly books of records, He has won the spiritual warfare over Satan and then has awarded Him (Christ) the legal authority according to God's Plan for the spiritual warfare. The books (including the Books of Life and

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of Works) show the elect did actually believe and the elect did actually accomplish all of God's chosen works. This match was required for Christ to win the warfare. Christ did win the warfare. Satan could not prevent this happening that he needed to do in order to win the warfare.●<sup>14</sup>

\* 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 bring deception to 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 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 (when the marriage of Israel to God was terminated) to now being under the New Covenant under Grace (with believers being married to Christ; Christ could marry believers because He died to the Law when He was crucified); 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 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 70<sup>th</sup> week) that would require the Rapture of the all-nations (including the Jews) Church to occur before the Tribulation. See my detailed appendix (Daniel's Seventy Weeks) in my book *Watchman Warning*. The appendix is available by itself is on the Web Site. (As presented, the character of the endtimes Tribulation is all nations, not just exclusively Jewish. There is no match with the Jewish 70<sup>th</sup> week.)

\* 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. (Such has not happened in all of history.)

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

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14. **SATAN DEFEATED HIMSELF** (This is God's way): **Satan defeated himself in the spiritual warfare when He worked to have Christ crucified. 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.)

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\*. 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 with the bowls that occur “after” the Tribulation and “after” the Rapture during the latter time of Christ’s Second Coming. The endtimes wrath of God is not the endtimes Tribulation forcing a Pre-tribulation Rapture. The Tribulation brings the discipline on the Church for her falling away.

\* **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 - but the Bible does not teach this) begins (without proving the hour of trial is equal to the Tribulation). 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.*

\* 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.)

\* There is no partiality with God. He would not rapture some saints before the Tribulation and then put others in the Tribulation under severe persecution (even if they were to become believers in the Tribulation). (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)

\* There is no Scripture that teaches 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 Gentile believers 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 after the Tribulation at the time of Christ’s Second Coming which teaching is in a agreement with many other doctrines.

**FALSE DOCTRINES THAT ARE ASSUMED (WRONGLY)  
TO TEACH A (WRONG) PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE;  
OTHER DOCTRINES THAT MUST ALSO BE WRONGLY TRUE  
TO HAVE A PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE VIEW:**

**(In order to have a Pre-Tribulation Rapture “all” of the following” must be true. “The Bible does not teach any of them):”** (1) The Rapture can be imminent at any time and will (must) occur just before the Tribulation begins; (2) Daniel’s seventieth is equal to the endtimes Tribulation; (3) God will return physical temples and animal sacrifices; (3) The Church is composed of only those believers in the Church Period; The Church period ends as the Tribulation begins. This Church, (including Jewish believers?) must be raptured before the Tribulation begins. (This view ignores the many believers from “all nations” that die in the Great Tribulation, and Jews are part of the Church); (4) The Church, composed of only believers, goes to heaven and Israel, composed of both believers and unbelievers, goes into the Land; (5) God shows partiality allowing some believers to be raptured before the Tribulation and put other believers in the Tribulation; (6) The wrath of God the Church is to miss is in the Tribulation, not afterward in the time of the bowls; (Some may wrongly place the bowls as part of the endtimes Tribulation forcing a Pre-Tribulation Rapture or a Mid-Tribulation Rapture); (7) Christ does not come for and with His saints at the same time. He comes for His saints before the Tribulation and with His saints after the Tribulation; (8) At the Rapture, the Church is not resurrected because there is only one resurrection of the Just that occurs at Christ’s Second Coming; (9) There are multiple resurrections of the Just; (10) The last Great Day of the Lord is equal to the endtimes Tribulation; (11) Jewish and Gentiles believers are not now one new man in Christ without distinction; The Cross did not break down the dividing wall between the Jew and the Gentile so they are now one in Christ without ethnic division;(12) Gaining maximum maturity in Christ now for eternity is not essential; only being saved - Justification; (13) God is married to both Israel and to the Church at the same time; as separate entities; (14) The tares are bundled for the fire before the Tribulation begins so the wheat can be separated from the tares in Rapture before the Tribulation - this means there will be no tares in the Tribulation; (15) The enemies of Christ become His footstool before the Tribulation begins - there are none in the Tribulation; (16) The Bible does not use the oriental marriage concept so the Church can be raptured before Christ’s Second Coming and before the marriage supper of the Lamb; (17) The three Greek words for “the” Coming, “the” Appearance. and “the” Revelation of Christ can refer to more than one event such as one before the Tribulation and one after the Tribulation (this assumption is denied by the Greek); (18) The Kingdom of God is ruled from the earth and is equal to a future kingdom of Israel on earth after Christ’s Second Coming (assumption is wrongly made that the Kingdom of God is a physical Kingdom on earth, it is not a relationship kingdom ruled now from heaven); (19) One has to return to worship God in physical temples in Jerusalem instead of in spirit and in truth everywhere. (For people from world wide to worship God in a Jerusalem temple is not even practical. And besides the Church (all believers) is now the sanctuary of God and is to be a living sacrifice. Physical temples and animal sacrifices are gone forever in God’s plan as of the Cross. **It would be major sin to bring them back.**)

**CONCLUSION: The Rapture of the Church can only occur after the Tribulation at Christ’s single Second Coming and there definitely is an endtimes Tribulation.**

## APPENDIX FOUR

### MINIMUM NECESSARY PRINCIPLES, WE MUST LIVE OUT TO BECOME AND TO LIVE MAXIMUMLY MATURE IN CHRIST- LIKENESS●<sup>15</sup> ●<sup>16</sup>

(Topics I have assembled and integrated, including taking topics from others.)

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. 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.) (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, 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.)*

**Thus, we can only glorify God by obeying what comes from Him as a source - what describes who and what He is.** This includes the choice of music we use in the church. His 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.*) We cannot glorify God by what comes from us and the world as a source even though it may seem right to us. God does not accept things (glory) that come from us as a source. We must trust God, not ourselves, to work all things together for good. 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. 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

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15. **GOD'S PRINCIPLES:** God, Christ, the Bible, and these 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.*

16. **MINIMUM TOPICS:** 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 six activities has a large depth and breadth to them. (I can give presentations, seminars, and Bible training.)

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we and others did it). (However, we (both believers and unbelievers) do many things now that we do not realize came (comes) from the Bible. All good things come from the Bible.)

*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. Melody must be dominate over all rhythm.) All the major things we do are to be found in the Bible directly or in application.*

**2. Live a Godly and Holy Life.**●<sup>17</sup> 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. We are to live this way - only from the Father, nothing from ourselves as a source. 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 and gain more revelation of the Scriptures from God. We are to be people of His own heart such that we do "all" His will (we need to have a comprehensive understanding of His will 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 requirements for Church leadership and by the Beatitudes.** (Psalm 150; 2 Chronicles 16:9 with Acts 13:22b; 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

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17. **"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). We must know and memorize the promises so we can use them when needed. We will get more in heaven. **We must live by love, keeping God's commandments to live holy and righteously and to know God. We must live by activated faith in God to carry out His promises to have Him direct our lives, live without sin, and to gain revelation of the Scriptures. If we are not working to learn the majority of the Scriptures for the Christian life and not living them out, to what degree are we actually walking by faith?**

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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*). It helps to Know Bible Content with the Doctrines of the Spiritual Warfare and Endtimes Prophecy. 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). 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 pursue becoming mature in Christ-likeness. We should have our own doctrinal statement - personally derived or adopted, such as from our Church. I have my own that includes inputs from others. It is presented later.

*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 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 can have devotions separately or together or both at different times. (We can also read a few pages daily of my 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):** We must 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 everywhere that exists all the 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 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. Living by activated faith is the way we can live without sin and have God work all things together for our good. 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 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 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 (can) 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.) 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.●<sup>18</sup> Because living by faith is the only way 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. (**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."**)●<sup>19</sup>

God alone inherently has the only value and perfection that exists. Because God alone is perfect, holy, and righteous, 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).●<sup>20</sup>

*Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must*

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18. **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. A school teacher told me we have some marked up blackboards we are giving away free. Come and take one. And (2): I take faith-action steps to determine divine appointments in my witnessing of the Gospel.

19. **PHYSICALLY SEEING GOD;** If we could 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 and have God direct our every thought and action. **If we are to live without sin, we must trust God, not ourselves, to bring the results and work all things together for good.**

20. **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 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, 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. 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. We can and must help each other. **This is why I read (and need to read) many books and documents by others.**

*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. (The same is true for our love our God and for others (by the greatest life ever lived 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.)**

## **APPENDIX FIVE**

### **WE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW WE ARE TO LIVE AS GOD REQUIRES WHEN SEE THAT ALL OF LIFE IS LIVED AS AND IN A TRIUNITY, PATTERNED AFTER THE TRIUNITY OF GOD**

(This includes how we are to walk by faith and by love. These walks are repeated here for this purpose.) (Refer to the Charts below on Triune Living.)

In the triunity of God, all things come from the Father through the Son and to us by the Holy Spirit. The Son activates what comes from the Father as the ultimate source. And as He lives them out, they are manifested in life by the Holy Spirit. From our perspective based on this model, we are soul, body, and spirit. Our body activates that which comes from our souls. We see the manifestation through the human spirit. In a similar manner, our faith must be activated by some action to bring the results. The same is how we live by love. Keeping God's commandments demonstrates our love of God in His Greatness.

**These teachings, as key examples, are carried out in the following four activities:**

1. We will appreciate God's infinite Greatness (His Attributes<sup>21</sup>) so that we search the entire Bible for what He wants us to become in Christ-likeness in this lifetime and for all the steps or principles we must live out experientially "with excellence" to get there. We will record them for our entire Church people to read (we can update our lists when we learn more). Then, as presented, we have God's direction for the life He intends for us now. (As presented, we have a first cut paper (*Summary Document: Signs, Characteristics, Beliefs, and Practices of Being or Becoming Highly Mature in Christ-likeness*) started on the results of these two searches with many inputs from others. It is on my web site. I regularly update it as I learn more. You can send me additions.)
2. **We must learn to live as our Lord Jesus lives with everything coming from God the Father as a source (now "only from the Bible" directly or in application). We must not use things from ourselves and/or from the world as a source in Christian living or in our churches, wrongly believing using it is led by the Holy Spirit. We must trust God (not ourselves) to work all things together for good.**
3. We must walk by faith that God exists and trust Him to carry out (fulfill) His promises to us.

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21. **GOD'S ATTRIBUTES:** One can read my web site paper: *The Attributes of God*.

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We must activate our faith by obeying the instructions with the promises. As we do, we live without sin for everything is coming from God, and we gain revelation of the teachings of Scripture and get to know more Scriptures. **We must know and memorize the promises.** (*James 2:26..... so also faith without works is dead. Hebrews 10:38 But My righteous one shall live by faith; And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him.*) (As presented, we can take faith-action steps to determine God's will.)

4. We are to love God with out total beings resulting in our keeping (obeying) His commandments and, from our love, serving each other sacrificially. We must be there for each other. Then we live holy and righteously and get to know our God. Without living by love, we are nothing (*1 Corinthians 13:2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 13:13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.*). **We must know the commandments. (I have over three hundred commandments that can be read one after the other in my web site devotional document: *Living by God's Righteousness.*)**

The Chart illustrating living by the triunity of God follows:

**GOD HAS DESIGNED THAT WE ARE TO LIVE IN AND AS A TRIUNITY**

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

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

**CLAIMING THE PROMISES OF GOD**  
(More examples how we live by the triunity of God.)

<b>ULTIMATE SOURCE</b> (what God is doing, will do, or has done.)  God's leading	<b>SOURCE</b> (What We trust God to do; Desired Result.) Our faith (and love) in God to act according to His Word (motivation)	<b>EMBODIMENT OF SOURCE</b> (What we do.) We act from our faith to have living-faith ( S o u r c e p l u s embodiment of source is living-faith.)	<b>RESULT OF OUR FAITH-ACTION LIVING</b> (What God does.) God acts to bring His promised results based on our living-faith (faith embodied by action)
Romans 8:28	God will work all things together for our ultimate good	From love, we keep His commandments and from purpose do His work.	God acts to work all things together for good.
Proverbs 3:5-6	God will make our paths straight	Trust in the Lord with all our heart, do not lean on our understanding, and acknowledge Him in all our ways	God acts to make our paths straight.
2 Chronicles 16:9 with Acts 13:22	Bring us strong support	Obey God to do all His will from hearts showing that they are totally His.	God acts to bring us strong support.
Psalm 55:22	God will sustain and protect us.	Cast our burdens upon the Lord.	God acts to sustain us and cause us not to be shaken.
Matthew 21:22 with 1 John 5:14)	What we desire to receive (needs to be according to His will)	Ask in prayer believing.	God brings the requested results according to His will.
1 John 1:9	To have our sins forgiven and to be cleansed from all unrighteousness.	We confess our sins (not intending to continue in them.)	God forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.
John 3:16, Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Peter 3:9 with Romans 10:13	Share the Gospel with others believing that God will save them as He as saved us. We, as God does, do not want any to perish.	Encourage others to take a step of faith to pray to God for salvation.	God acts (if according to His will) to save the person praying.

**APPENDIX SIX**  
**OUR DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF BIBLICAL BELIEFS**

(This statement is presented as an example of what we should (must) believe.

It has been expanded to present more of the aspects.)

**(These are doctrines for which we all should be willing to die if needed.)**

(How does this match with your doctrinal statement (Do you have one?) and your set of beliefs?)

- The Bible (in its original languages and manuscripts), consisting of both the Old and New Testaments (without the Apocryphal), is the inerrant and inspired Word of God and is the only authoritative source from God. (People wrote down the words of Scripture, but they came word for word as inspired from God.) (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Revelation 22:18-19.) (We should use accurately translated Bibles, no interpretive paraphrases or hybrids (Partly translated and partly interpreted.))
- There is only one God, and He is an infinitely perfect person in every attribute. (Without a perfect God, there could be no perfect life for us.) (There are no other god or gods and never will be.) He is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. There will never be another God. God is not made up of the sum of mankind or everything that exists, and mankind is not and cannot evolve to become a god or gods. (Deuteronomy 4:35; 6:4; 1 Samuel 2:2; 2 Samuel 7:22; 1 Kings 8:60; Isaiah 43:10; 44:6; 45:5; Mark 12:29, 32; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:5.)
- God (and Christ) has always existed (both have preexistence) eternally (eternity past to eternity future) and is a triunity consisting of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (In life, He has always existed, and will always exist, He had no beginning and has no end. This makes Him God.) Accordingly, the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, has always existed and will always exist (He has pre-existence). (This preexistence is a mystery to us for how He has always existed and did not come from anything. For example, what was God and Christ doing in eternity past before they created the universe, the earth, angels, and people?) All things come from God the Father through the Son and to us by the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:16-17; 18:19; John 1:1, 2; 15:26-27; 16:13-15; Romans 16:26; 1 Peter 1:20.)
- God (with Christ) created the heavens and the earth, mankind and angels. Mankind and angels did not evolve. There is no such thing as a big bang theory or evolution (using things that did not initially exist). (Genesis 1:1, 27; 5:1-2; Deuteronomy 4:32; Isaiah 42:5; 45:12, 18; John 1:3; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:16; Revelation 5:13; 10:6.)
- The Lord Jesus Christ came down from heaven to do the Father's will for the sake of mankind. He was born of a virgin (Mary) to fulfill prophecy as the coming Messiah. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit in order to have a divine nature (one that cannot sin), and not a fallen nature as all mortal men have. This divine nature allowed Him to fulfill (obey) the Law perfectly without any sin of any kind that qualified Him to go to the Cross and die for sin. (The sin nature is passed down by the human male father.) (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-35, 38; 19:10; John 3:17; 6:38.)
- When under the Law, in order to go to heaven and be with God, one must obey God's Law perfectly all their life. However, being born with fallen natures, all people have transgressed

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(broken) God's spiritual laws. Thus, every person has sinned, coming short of God's glory, with the result they have come under God's condemnation for sin (a breaking of God's Laws). They are held under the custody of the Law and under the power of death until such time God's justice for their sin was (is) satisfied on their behalf and "applied" to them. Thus, all people are born condemned before God and are destined to be cast eternally into the Lake of Fire for the satisfaction of God's justice. Left in this state, without believing the Gospel, they cannot ever go to heaven to be with God - a most terrible eternal situation. **We must not let it happen to us or to any of our loved ones.** (Hosea 13:14; 1 Corinthians 15:56; Romans 3:9-20, 23; 5:18; 6:23; 8:1; Galatians 3:23; Hebrews 2:14; Revelation 20:11-15.)

Before the Cross (then and now as unbelievers), we were born and lived under law when we, having depraved natures, could not keep from sinning (breaking the law). When we became a Christian, we received a new divine nature that cannot sin. It now legally represents us. No longer able to sin with our divine natures, we now have eternal security in Christ - a guarantee we will go to heaven. Thus, we are now no longer under Law, but under Grace when God leads us in all things righteously. We still retain our sin natures, and we still sin when we use them. We can ask forgiveness for our sin. But, as a Christian, they no longer legally represent us. (However, if we remain as unbelievers, we are still under the law which we must keep without sin (and we can't) in order to go to heaven. Thus, remaining in this state to the time of our death, we will not (can not) go to heaven. We will instead go the Lake of Fire.)

- God's holiness and righteousness require a satisfied justice (payment) for people breaking His spiritual laws (people being sinful) that they (we), themselves, cannot satisfy or make payment. (Romans 3:9-20, 28; Galatians 2:16; 3:11.)

- The Lord Jesus Christ lived a perfect life on earth without sin. (He had a divine nature, no depraved nature.). He fulfilled (obeyed) the Law perfectly without sin. His perfect life demonstrated that He was qualified to die as a substitutionary sacrifice to satisfy God's Justice for all of mankind's sins. His perfect life came from God the Father as Christ lived out only what came from the Father as a source. He could do this because He only had a divine nature. (Isaiah 53:5,10,12; John 5:19-20;14:8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 5:8-9; 1 Peter 1:18-19.)

- Christ's Death on the Cross for sin, His burial, and His bodily resurrection from the dead on the third day, only according to the Scriptures (the Holy Bible), called the Gospel, completely satisfied God's justice for everyone's sin - living in the past, present, and future. (No one was left out. He died for everyone. He did not die only for the actual elect.) (*2 Corinthians 5:14-15: For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.*) Thus, Christ on the Cross established the New Covenant in His blood for salvation. His sinless blood purged out all sin so that it no longer can be seen. In effect, sin was covered over by Christ's blood, never to be seen again. His blood was the purchase price that bought us out of the slave market of sin. This is the Gospel of Christ. Christ's work on the Cross was completely efficacious. Man cannot add anything to it or subtract anything from it. God rejects all of man's works for salvation because they are as filthy rags (are sin). Man without Christ is without righteousness. Christ had to die physically to place the New Covenant for salvation into effect. (Isaiah 64:6; John 1:29; 3:16; 6:33, 51; Acts 20:28;

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Romans 1:16; 4:24-25; 5:6, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:19, 21; Colossians 1:20; 2:13-14; Titus 4:10; Hebrews 2:9; 9:16, 22; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 2:2; Revelation 5:9.)

● God's satisfied justice for sin is applied to individuals from His Grace and then only by their faith in Christ's Gospel only according to the Bible, as they exercise their will and choice led of God by some action that activates their faith (to become living-faith). No one can come to the Father unless the Father draws them (John 6:44) that results in one responding by faith. (We are saved by activated faith, not by faith alone. Faith without works is dead (James 2:17, 20,22,24, 26).) This happens as God works in them and draws them to Himself. Based on the Scriptures then, a person needs to accept or receive Christ's Gospel as a free gift (without works) by faith activated by an action of the will, heart, and choice. Accepting the Gospel allows God to place His satisfied justice by the Cross to one's personal benefit (or account) so that one receives salvation.

Salvation is based (founded) only on the person of Christ and what He did on the Cross and in His death, burial and bodily resurrection. This is the Gospel of Christ. God saves people only on the basis of their living-faith in what Christ did on the Cross. There is no other way, person, book, religion, church, or name under heaven by which we can be saved. He does not save people on the basis of their works (or any action) or what people do or on what people know, or in joining a church. The Bible allows several actions to activate their faith in the Cross so that the Cross alone (being completely efficacious) saves them (no one is saved by the actions including by water baptism or by joining a church). These actions can include prayer, confession of the Gospel before men, and/or water baptism as a public confession and witness of faith in the Gospel, as an action to demonstrate and to activate living-faith. Normally one is water baptized after one believes and becomes a Christian as public witness that one is a Christian and now plans to live for Him. (Mark 16:16; John 1:12; 3:16; 6:44; Acts 4:12; 16:30, 31; Romans 1:16 with 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 6:1-13;10:9-10, 13; Ephesians 2:8-9; James 2:26; 1 John 4:15; 5:14.)

● Once a person is saved, as presented earlier, he or she remains saved forever with eternal security in God. Once actually saved, believers can never lose their eternal-life salvation. (But without sufficient obedience, one can limit their spiritual growth.) God continues to work in the believer (in his divine nature) throughout his lifetime to bring him to a skill level of maturity in Christ-likeness (Sanctification). At salvation (Justification), the new believer is changed into a new person (a new believer) or creature by regeneration. At this time, by means of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the new believer is placed spiritually into Christ, is co-crucified and dies with Christ on the Cross, is buried with Christ, and is risen from the dead with Christ. As he is raised from the dead, he becomes a new creation and receives a new divine nature. This new nature now legally represents the new believer. It does not and cannot sin. It responds only (can only respond) to God's leading. (It is to be trained to do so.). (Thus, after we are saved, not able to sin using our divine natures, we can never lose this salvation to eternal life. God's condemnation for sin never returns.) The believer uses it to gain maturity in Christ-likeness to have a experiential walk with God. This regeneration gives the new believer eternal life and security in Christ because he does not and can not sin to break any spiritual laws. As such, the believer dies to the jurisdiction of the Law. The Law no longer has power over and require him to live perfectly to gain salvation and eternal life in regard to eternity. The believer cannot be

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changed back to his previous old condition. However, the believer still retains his depraved sin nature. But, it no longer legally represents him. The believer sins when he uses it and is restored to fellowship with God as he confesses his sin (the blood of Christ keeps on cleansing the sin). The Holy Spirit permanently indwells the believer. God seals the believer at salvation by His Holy Spirit as a promise for the believer to be with God in eternity. God continually leads the believer throughout his life by His Holy Spirit. We are filled by the Holy Spirit as the Spirit leads us and God's Word richly indwells us as we obey God's commandments. This results in us experiencing the fruit of the Holy Spirit, and we sing melody in our hearts and give thanks to the Lord. *Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (We must all, as Christians, experience some of this fruit, or we may not be Christians.)* (John 6:37, 39, 40; 10:27-29; Romans 6:1-13; 8:14, 28-29; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 1:13-14; 2:8-9; 5:18-20; Philippians 1:6; 2:11-12; Colossians 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Jude 1:24; 1 John 1:2, 9; 5:11-13.)

● After His death, burial, and bodily Resurrection, Christ ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father and received all power in heaven and in earth, over all principalities and powers (over all saved and all unsaved). He ruled (rules) the relationship Kingdom of God over the entire earth. In heaven, Christ acts as our only mediator between God (the Father) and man. This power gave Him the legal authority, because God's Justice for sin was satisfied, to translate or call out all believers, including those dead, out from the Dominion of Satan under his eternal control into the Kingdom of God, under Christ's eternal control, as legal citizens. This called out assembly of believers is called Church. Thus, biblically, one can not go to church, but instead the Church assembles for worship and study. All believers, both Jews and Gentiles (all races), from all of history, are part of the Church. No exceptions. One cannot be a believer in Christ without being in (part of) the Church. (There is no such division (thing) as having believers in Israel and in the Church as separate groups.) (Matthew 28:18; Acts 26:18; Ephesians 1:20-23; 4:8; Hebrews 2:8; Colossians 1:13-14; 1 Timothy 2:5; 6:14-15; 1 Peter 3:22.)

● The Lord Jesus Christ will come again at the end of the Church Period to resurrect, rapture, and reward His Church for her works from God of faith-obedience. At this time, the sin or depraved nature is removed from us (Glorification - we receive a new glorified body and retain our divine nature). He will take her to the new Jerusalem as part of the new earth and the new heavens to be with Him forever. There is and will not ever be any sin in heaven for us in the future. (We will not be able to make spiritual mistakes. God will lead us according to our ability to respond without making a mistake - without having sin.) (John 5:28-29; 6:39, 40, 44; 11:24; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:7, 10-12; 2:1; Hebrews 9:28; 1 John 3:2; 2 Peter 3:18; Revelation 11:18; 21; 22.)

● The Lord Jesus Christ will come again to resurrect, and judge unbelievers for their works of disobedience (sin) at the Great White Throne Judgment. Then He will cast them away from God into the Lake of Fire●<sup>22</sup> to suffer eternal punishment commensurate with their works in order

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22. **HELL:** Hell is the interim place where unbelievers go after death to wait for the judgment of the Great White  
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to satisfy God's justice for their sin. They will go there because God's satisfied justice for sin by the Cross will not have been placed to their personal account through their not having living-faith in, and thus, not believing and receiving the Gospel. Unbelievers go there because they refused to accept God's love in His giving of the Gospel and work of Christ on the Cross. Unbelievers are without excuse in the judgment because they knew of God through His creative power shown by the creation of the universe, the earth, and all people. (John 5:28-29; Romans 1:18-23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 11:18; 19:11-21; 20:11-15.)

**LAKE OF FIRE: Unbelievers go “eternally” to the Lake of Fire to satisfy God’s Required Justice for sin.** It is hard for me to understand (or appreciate) sending anyone “eternally” (forever and ever) to the Lake of Fire. It is a most terrible place. Participants will be without any Bible knowledge (what they had will be taken away from them) and will not know why God has forsaken them. They will be in both absolute spiritual and physical darkness (absolute blackness). They will be in torturous physical and mental pain (torment), and will never see another person forever. They will be all alone there forever. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (The actual judgment experience will be based on works lived out now in this lifetime.) This to me is a most terrible place. I would not want to send anyone there eternally, having this eternal experience. I cannot fathom this. (Matthew 8:12; 10:14-15; 11:20-24; 13:12,30; 24:51; 25:29-30, 41,46; 27:45-50; 26:24; Revelation 20:10; 12-15; 21:8) ●<sup>23</sup>

### APPENDIX SEVEN

#### **NEED-TO-READ “FREE” REFERENCE DOCUMENTS ON MY WEB SITE●<sup>24</sup>**

(Please read all of them. They present the development of the big picture everyone needs to know for God's Plan, how prophecy unfolds, and topics to become mature in Christ.)

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 perfect God toward His maximum in eternity.)

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*

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Throne for being cast eternally into the Lake of Fire as a permanent place.

**23. LAKE OF FIRE: In the Lake of Fire there will be complete darkness (absolute blackness) with no light of any kind including both physical and spiritual. In heaven there will be only light (both spiritual and physical)and no darkness of any kind, including no sin.** All that we learned and did as divinely spiritual (as unbelievers) will not be in the Lake of Fire. All that we did and learned using our sin natures will not be in heaven. We will not remember the former things - the things in our present lifetime based on the sin nature. Everything will be new and that which we brought with us using our divine natures.

**24. HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN SO TO GO TO HEAVEN:** Read our web site document: *God Is Reaching out to You to Become a Christian* (8 pages).If you are a Christian, this document can give you reenforcement of your beliefs. Give this document as God leads to those who need salvation. Christians can read it for reenforcement. They must be sure they have activated their faith in the Gospel.

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*Being or Becoming Highly Mature in Christ-likeness (21 pages).*

Under **Endtimes Prophecy**: (1) *The Pattern View of Prophecy: The Many Doctrines of Prophecy Show Clearly the Rapture Will Come Post-tribulational 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).

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).

You might want to watch and listen to my three videos on my Web Site under What's New and Videos. The topics are the Rapture Timing, Spiritual Warfare, and Christian Life Relationship Principles. They are about 10 minutes each. For great prophecy detail and diagrams, 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: Watchman* in our smaller (~ 5½ by 8½) book: *How Far Gone is the Night?* (246 pages, 1995).