

The Purpose of the Rapture

Pastor Billy Crone

PASTOR LEITU: For those of you who are in the sanctuary and for those of you online, we want to welcome you to Calvary Chapel, Kaneohe. Pastor JD will be back. He'll be back on Thursday, July 7th. And he'll continue teaching through the Book of Jeremiah. He's finishing up a well-deserved vacation. And so keep him in prayer. Amen.

We have two services on Sunday, 8:30 and 10:45, and we meet Thursdays for our mid-week Bible study at 7 p.m. The first Tuesday of each month, we meet for all church prayer. We'll meet for all church prayer this Thursday, July 5th, here in the sanctuary at 7 p.m.

Today for both services, we have a very special guest speaker with us, pastor and teacher Billy Crone.

[Applause]

Pastor Billy Crone currently serves as senior pastor at Sunrise Baptist Church in Nevada, Las Vegas. He's also the officer, director and pastor of Get a Life Ministries. Through Get a Life Ministries, he has produced and shared hundreds of hours of Christian teaching like Pastor JD.

He loves to study and teach Bible prophecy. He's married to his lovely wife, Brandi. They have two wonderful children, Rebecca and Billy. And so it's with great pleasure and honor that I introduce to you pastor and teacher Billy Crone. Let's give him a warm welcome.

[Applause]

PASTOR BILLY: Awesome. Thank you, brother. Hey, how you guys doing? Oh, well, that says it, oh. It sounds like cows. I like cows; I'll take that. Oh, there we go. Nice, thank you! Awesome, cool! Yeah.

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It must be the grace of God, because I'm remember the first time, many years ago and the first time I preached here, and you got the thing around my neck. Don't ask me to pronounce it. The only Hawaiian word that may not even be Hawaiian that I can correctly pronounce is Mochi.

Yeah, so anyway, that's right, this thing. Man, that first time, I was like whew! I'm in trouble, man. My allergies kicked in the gears like, oh!

But hey, praise God, no problems! Must be the Vegas, I tell you what. But we're going to get the red screen of doom up there real soon. We're going to get started.

But how many of you guys were here Thursday? Praise God! I can't believe you came back. Talk about the mercy of God, of grace, or I don't know what He's doing, or torture. But anyway, good to see you guys.

Hey, just a heads up this message, both messages, both services are going to be dealing with the rapture, but they're two totally different messages. So how many guys packed a lunch?

Well, they got snacks over there, so no excuse, so hang around. I'm telling you, it's going to be worth the wait, Lord willing, if this doesn't happen, it's going to be worth the wait on this second one. And we're going to be talking about the purpose of the rapture on this one, saved and unsaved. We say we're ready, but are we really?

But also in that we're ready for the rapture, saved Christians. But the second one is the reward, right? Sometimes we'll say, yeah, I believe in the rapture, and I hold to the pre-trib position; we're out of here before the 7-year tribulation, praise God for all that and stuff.

But what happens after that? That's what we're going to talk about in the whole second message. Nobody has a brighter

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future than we, the church, and that's what we need to focus on, on these days. Amen.

All right, so, hey, we got a lot of ground to cover. And I just wanted to highlight for those of you interested, you can subscribe to our YouTube channel. We got all kinds of different social media accounts. We're trying to get God's Word out in as many different ways. You can get our studies there.

However, as I mentioned on Thursday, we live in America spelled with a K, 'Merika, right? And as you guys know with Pastor JD, they're hacking, slashing, deleting, all kinds of stuff. We're getting censored, like right and left. So hey, all of our studies are on our teaching website GetALifeMedia.com. You can also get the books, DVDs and things of that nature.

Again, we do not copyright our material. So if you get our DVDs or whatever, every one's got the gospel on it too. It's great for evangelization as well as Christians' edification. Make a billion copies, give it out there. We don't care, right?

So we want to get God's word as fast as we can. And that's what we should be doing. And for those of you who refuse to actually use the laptop to go to a website - isn't that old school nowadays - hey, you can download the app.

That's right, the Billy Crone app. Search my name. And if a cow pops up, that's not me. But you'll see our Get A Life media app, and they can download that for free and that unlocks everything.

But hey, we got a lot of ground to cover. Are you ready for the rapture? Now we say that because we're Christians. You got to say the right answer, right? But are we really? Let me drop this thought before we get started.

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In your head, as a born-again Christian, are you ready for the rapture? Absolutely, Pastor Billy.

Okay, well, here's the deal. The Rapture is imminent. It could happen today. It could happen before I get done with this message, and for some of you, you're saying praise God for that.

Okay, but listen, give me a break. I haven't get started yet, right? But Christian, when, not if, the rapture happens, do you realize that Jesus Christ will find you doing something? And if that thought right now convicted you, you're not ready.

Now, praise God, all born-again Christians go with the Rapture, right? Praise God, we are not saved by our works. But my point is, He's going to find you doing something. Don't you want to be found being faithful?

So if right now you're backsliding, or you're worldly, or you're kind of distracted, or dare I say, even apathetic, today's your day to get back on track and finish strong because the rapture could happen today. Make sure you're ready.

And if you're here today and you're not a Christian, what in the world are you waiting for? This is not a joke. This is not a game. 7-year tribulation is basically hell on earth for seven years, nonstop. You don't want to be there. Take the way out through Jesus Christ today before it's too late, amen?

All right, let's pray.

Father, we love You and thank You so much for today. Thank You again for just this great time we came, and now we finished singing love songs to You. We thank You for that and expressing our heart to You.

May now we express our attention to You. Give us those ears to hear, hearts to obey what You would share with us today from

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Your Word, specifically about this wonderful, encouraging message called "The Blessed Hope," "The Rapture" of we, the Church.

So God help us to respond, apply, if we need to be corrected, so be it. Help us to get back on track. If there's people here who need to be saved, please save them. Please have mercy on them before it's too late.

God, even if it - just whatever You got to do, please save them because they do not want to be left behind, as we're going to see shortly, You willing.

So we pray and ask Your blessings upon our study. We ask all this in Your wonderful name, in Jesus' name, and all God's people, said Amen.

The purpose of the rapture: We're going to take a look at both sides of that, certainly for the Christian, but we're going to start off with the non-Christian.

But before we get into that, we're going to just take it from scratch. What's the basis of the rapture, right?

Because there's people out there that will accuse you and I of being escapists, you bunch of wimps. You need to buy a big old jeep with the muffler on top and you need to go survive, you know, for seven years, the 7-year tribulation and buy, you know, 50 bags of rice and lime, and that and all this stuff.

Did you notice the ministries that preach that the church is in the 7-year tribulation, whether it's half way, three quarters, all the way through?

Did you notice they have the solution? Survival gear.

Now, I'm not against survival gear if you want it. Hello, you're in Hawaii. You got to deal with hurricanes, whatever.

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But if your whole aspect of storing up stuff is to survive half the 7-year tribulation, three fourths of it, or all of it, your focus is in the wrong direction.

I'll just tell you this: I had one prophecy teacher. There's big money in this.

Why do these people maintain those positions wrongly, I say, that the church is in the 7-year tribulation? That's not what the Bible teaches, okay? Why do they do that? Because it's big money.

One so-called prophecy ministry that puts the church in the 7-year tribulation made anywhere from \$60 to \$70 million just on survival gear in one year alone. I think they're financially invested in that position.

That's why they maintain it; I don't think you can if you read the Bible. Okay, but they would accuse us of escapism, right? Saying that, "What do you mean you're not going to be there in the seven years?"

Well, let's take a look at that, right? Let's take a look at the rapture itself, the word "rapture" itself. And this is where some of the skepticism starts.

You know, I mean, how many of you guys heard the people, "I don't believe in the rapture because rapture doesn't appear in the Bible."

Have you heard that, right?

Well, newsflash: Did you know the word "Bible" doesn't appear in the Bible? The word "Trinity" does not appear in the Bible. The word "millennium" does not appear in the Bible.

But the Bible teaches that, okay?

And the rapture, the word "rapture," yeah, okay, the word "rapture" doesn't occur in the Bible, but we get the word rapture, the English word rapture from the Latin word

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"raptura," which is a translation of the Greek word "harpazo," which means "a quick snatching," "catching away," which is what God uses to describe the quick snatching, catching away of the church, prior to the 7-year tribulation.

So yeah, the word rapture isn't there, but it's just a translation of the original Greek word. Now, why did that happen? It's a conspiracy theory. People have....

No, it's common sense, right?

How many of you guys speak Koine Greek?

Praise God all none of you; at least you're honest, right?

All right, so guess what? That's what the New Testament was written in that mentions harpazo, the Rapture, and it got translated into the next language that came along that rhymes with Latin.

You know why it rhymes with Latin? Because it was Latin.

Okay, so anyway, so how many of you guys speak Latin? Are you serious? Really? You're messing me up. Don't go there.

So we don't speak Latin, right? So then it got translated from harpazo to the Latin word that means the same thing, a quick snatching, catching away, raptura.

All right, so how many guys - we don't speak Latin except for you know who over here, okay, so it changed to what? It changed to English and that's how raptura goes to rapture.

So what your point? And now you're going to abject on - Come on, man, that's pretty weak.

But they do that, okay?

But the second thing is not just the word "rapture." All right, you got to have a biblical basis for it, right? You know, people they still accuse us of escapism, you bunch of

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wimps. You know, you need to be a, you know, survivalists like me and all that stuff, blah, blah, blah.

Is it even taught in the Bible?

Yeah, okay? And let's take a look at the primary passage; it's not the only one.

Okay, open your Bible to 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4. Let's take a look at where the Bible talks about this event, this snatching, catching away, the rapture, harpazo.

Okay, let's take a look there, *1 Thessalonians Chapter 4*, and we're going to read that classic passage there. Now, if you find 2 Thessalonians, what do you do? Hang a left, for those of you wondering right there.

Okay, it's on page 1878 in my Bible, if that speeds it up for you. Yes, it's called stalling time, right? I'm getting there. You can't have dead air, apparently. All right.

But let's go ahead and stand as we read God's Holy Word. What does He say about this event called the rapture, the harpazo, raptura, the rapture?

Here's what he says.

He says, "**Brothers** [*Paul, says*] **we don't want you to be** [*What?*] **ignorant about those who fall asleep.**"

What's he talking about?

The people who were listening to Pastor Billy preach.

[Laughter]

That's not funny. No, he's talking about what?

It's a euphemism for what? The Christians who've already what? Died. That's all it's talking about, right?

Okay, he says, "**We don't want to be ignorant about those** [*Christians*] **who have** [*Already died or*] **fallen asleep or to grieve like the rest of the men who have** [*What?*] **no hope. We**

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believe that Jesus died and rose again. And so we believe that God will *[Not maybe, not might]* bring with Jesus those who fallen asleep or died in Him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you, we who are *[What?]* still alive, who are left to the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep or died.

[Why?] Because the Lord Himself will come down from heaven *[Here's the order]* with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

After that, we who are *[What?]* still alive and are left will be caught up."

That's your Greek word *harpazo* where we get the Latin word *raptura*, where we get our English word *rapture*, says it right there. They'll be caught up, quickly snatched away **"together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so we will be with the Lord forever."**

Therefore, store up, survive here because you're going to be doomed, you're in the 7-year tribulation!

Oh, oh! I'm sorry. Wrong translation.

He said what?

"Encourage one another with these words."

You may be seated, if you can, okay?

By the way, **"encourage one another with these words."** If I'm even a nanosecond in the 7-year tribulation, what's so exciting about that?

Hey, you having a rough week?

Man, it's rough out there; that inflation is going through the roof! Man, it's just life is horrible. All the stuff that's

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going on in the world and the government, and this and all this, it's the (mumbling)

Let me encourage you. You're going into the 7-year tribulation.

Oh, thank you for sharing that.

That's a little side note, right? But again, this is where we get the basis of the rapture.

We're not escapists. You guys are a bunch of wimps, right? It's because the Bible teaches it, right?

And that's not the only passage. Let me give you a couple other ones.

1 Corinthians 15; Paul talks about it *51-52*. **"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not [What?] all sleep."**

In other words, die, if you happen to be in that generation of the rapture. But we will [What?] we're all going to be changed.

How fast? Bang, just like that! **"In a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."**

Just like that. Wait till we, if we get that far, the second message - also Jesus talked about it here in *John 14:1-3*. **"Do not let your hearts be troubled."**

Trust in God [He says]. Trust also in Me. In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will [Not maybe, not might, will] come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am."

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So not just once, not just twice, three different times in the Scripture we have a clear teaching of a quick snatching, catching away, i.e. the rapture of the church in the Bible.

We're not making this up. We're not a bunch of wimps. We're not guilty of escapism. It's something to be encouraged about, the Bible is clear about, okay?

In fact, when you put all three of these passages together, you see an absolute complete harmonic message, shocker, because God doesn't contradict Himself, right?

Okay, let's take a look at that, right, all of it, passages dealing with the rapture. It's a comforting word, okay? It's good news, not bad news.

Jesus said, **"Do not let your hearts be troubled."** Paul said, **"Encourage one another with these words."**

Also, you need to be saved to go in the rapture, okay? You got to have a personal faith. Jesus said, **"Trust in God, trust also in Me."**

And Paul says this, **"We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who fallen asleep in Him."**

Also, we can God at His Word, right? You don't have to wonder, is it going to happen? Absolutely it will. God doesn't lie.

Jesus said, **"If we're not so, I would have told you,"** right?

Paul said, **"According to [Who] the Lord's own Word."**

We're not making this up, right? And it's a promise of what? He's coming back, okay? He's going to come back and get us.

Jesus said, "I will [Again, not maybe, not might] **I will come back."**

And Paul says, **"For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven."**

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And then we're going to be removed from the earth, okay?

And Jesus said, **"To take you to be with Me."**

Where is Jesus? Acts Chapter 1. Ever since He ascended visibly, by the way, before the disciples, into heaven, He's at the right hand of the Father.

So that's where we're going to go at the rapture, bang, just like that, to take us to be with Him.

And Paul says, **"We who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air."**

By the way, there's at least 20 differences of the rapture from the Second Coming. People say well, he's talking about the Second Coming.

No, he's not, Second coming is at the end of the 7-year tribulation, the rapture takes place prior, okay?

And they are two totally different events. You can't say they're one and the same.

They say, well, you're preaching more than one Second Coming.

No, I'm not, okay? Jesus at the rapture does not come to the Earth. We go up to be with Him. And that's just one of at least 20 differences. You can't say that they're one and the same.

And he says, we're going to forever be present with the Lord. Jesus said, **"That you also may be where I am"** in the state of eternity in heaven, and Paul says, And so we will be with the Lord for a weekend. And for you backsliders, you're getting kicked back out.

I'm sorry, wrong translation. Forever: Aren't you glad when you get there you don't get kicked out? Praise God, all three of you and me.

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But anyway, that's what we see. But complete harmony. This is why we believe in it. The rapture is real. It's really real. Okay?

And if you're a born-again Christian, you're really going to go, okay? That's why we believe in it.

Okay, now let's get down to the importance and the purpose of it, and we're going to start off with taking a look at the importance and the purpose of the rapture for the non-Christian, right?

I don't know your heart today but going to church services doesn't save you any more than a cow sitting in a bar makes you a cow. You got to be born-again.

And if you were here on Thursday, the church is flooded with those people. So that's why I always give the gospel, because I don't know where you're at. You know, don't take offense or anything, but statistically, there's a lot of people who go to church service that aren't saved.

And if you're sitting here, and if you're not born-again, and you say, I'm born-again. Really?

If you're trusting in anything else other than Jesus Christ and His death on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins, you're not saved.

A lot of people think it's about going to church services or getting dunked, or again, stacking chairs or being a deacon and deak all over the place, right?

No, that doesn't save you. So the importance of the rapture, why you need to know about the rapture I think is pretty self-evident.

Because if you don't go in the rapture, i.e. if you don't get saved so you can go in the rapture, then you're going to be left behind. And you don't want to be left behind, right?

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Because imagine this scenario, because it's going to happen, folks. This is not hyperbole. This is not embellishment at all. This is going to happen all over the planet just like that.

Can you imagine waking up experiencing this scenario because you refuse to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior today? They wake up one morning only to discover that their family, their Christian family has totally disappeared.

They scramble, they look around, they run into the living room, they turn on the TV and it's like, what in the world is going on?

And there they spy a special, worldwide global news report declaring that millions of people all over the planet are missing, and not just their family, but literally millions of people simultaneously, in the twinkling of an eye, all over the planet.

And then to their horror, they realize, Oh, no, why? Why didn't I listen to my Christian spouse, my Christian kids, my Christian grandkids? I went to church services, I deaked all over the place, but I never bowed the knee to Jesus Christ, I never...

That's going to happen. That's going to happen. In fact, that news broadcast might look something like this. Let's take a look.

(Dramatic "news" music)

REPORTER: Breaking news: We are getting last minute reports from all over the world of thousands of people that have just vanished. I repeat, thousands of people from all over the globe have disappeared. The total number of people who've

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disappeared has not yet been confirmed, but it is expected to be a lot higher than what was initially reported.

According to authorities, the numbers are expected to be in the millions. Many flights have been canceled because of security fears.

According to reports, there have been plane crashes all over the world because some pilots simply disappeared mid-flight.

Chaos has also spread to the roads where a great number of traffic accidents have been reported. Hospitals have not been able to cope with the number of patients coming in.

Many parents are in complete despair as their children have also disappeared. Rumors are rife that this could be an alien attack, and there are those who believe that Jesus raptured these thousands of people.

Witnesses believed to have seen a bright flash followed by huge, thunderous sound and a being like a man in the clouds. Here are some images caught on CCTV cameras. The images you see now are from CCTV cameras all over the world. These images have been analyzed by experts and they are genuine.

CCTV footage from parks, shopping centers, parking lots, churches, and traffic monitoring systems are indeed real and frightening.

What has perhaps been most alarming is the reports of a hospital where nurses have said in shock that all children just vanished.

We are receiving images like these nonstop from all over the world. We are yet to hear from heads of state from all over the world who are in shock but have not yet released any statements.

Members of various churches are saying that this is the rapture of the church. When asked why they also hadn't

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disappeared, many cried in regret not having taken Jesus more seriously before. We are closing this news bulletin here but will return with more news as and when it happens.

PASTOR BILLY: You can laugh, you can scoff all you want, but guess what? That broadcast, something very similar to that is going to happen all over the world. It could even happen today.

The rapture is imminent, folks. And so if you're not saved, what in the world are you waiting for? This is not a joke. You do not want to be left behind.

Jesus said, I didn't say it. He says when you're left behind, you're in the 7-year tribulation, and the 7-year tribulation - I didn't say it - He did - is the worst time in the history of mankind, so horrible that if God didn't shorten the time frame, i.e. keep it to just seven years, the entire human race would be destroyed.

You don't want to be there. You wouldn't want your worst enemy there. In fact, speaking of broadcast, maybe this will be the weather report that those people who are left behind in the 7-year tribulation will be watching as well. Let's take a look at this.

REPORTER: Now we've got some big changes here for the upcoming workweek starting tomorrow. You're going to have a volcanic eruption right near Charlottesville, and it's going to make things rather toasty across the area.

We're going to see lava spill out into central Virginia and make temperatures in Richmond at 350 degrees, Fredericksburg at 345, Charlottesville, the hot spot, at 400, not as hot off towards the Tidewater, a little bit more comfortable with highs near 100 degrees.

The reason why we're going to have tidal waves moving in ahead of this, a global super storm developing off towards the

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Atlantic Ocean. This thing is headed our way. We could see maybe about 1-200 inches of rainfall, wind gusts up to 1000 miles an hour.

REPORTER: Overnight, it looks calm, but going into the weekend, there will be some slight changes starting Friday. The southeast will see heavy rain and wind speeds topping 700 miles per hour.

There was spotted an F-5 tornado tear westward across the southeast all the way to the West Coast.

Now in the west, temperatures will look to decrease to about 300 degrees below freezing. This is an ice sheet that's been forming in California. Should be a good time to stock up on food as this extreme weather will compromise the food supply indefinitely.

Those along the Canadian border should be on the look-out for zombies. They're moving southward out of Canada. Saturday would have been a great day for beach-goers in the East but looks like the avian flu outbreak and the recent zombie attacks are keeping everyone indoors for a while, so don't forget to wear your masks and only drive during the daylight hours if you're driving along the I-95 corridor.

PASTOR BILLY: Pastor Billy, you're just trying to be funny, Mr. Funny Guy, you Vegas guy. What are you, an entertainer? That's just a bunch of....

Now, if you think I'm embellishing on that, I'm not. Crazy searing heat, volcanoes exploding all over the place, massive weather problems, even a drug-induced population acting like a bunch of zombies: That's all mentioned in the 7-year tribulation.

In fact, let's take a jet tour. What's going to happen to those people who are left behind right after the rapture of the church?

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Here's what you're going to experience for seven years, nonstop, if you even make it to the end. It starts with the seal judgments.

That's the first seal, the white horse rider. This guy rides in on false peace, right? And you know, those nasty Christians are gone, that restraining influence is gone. Yay, we can finally party and do what we want! We build utopia, and boom, he shows his true colors real fast.

All right, with the red horse rider, a global war breaks across the planet.

Then here comes a black horse. You have a global famine.

And then you got the fourth horse, a global death. One fourth of mankind is killed by the sword, by famine, by plague or pestilence, and by wild beasts, right?

And during the famine, did you know that not only people get hungry, but animals get hungry? In fact, turn to somebody and go like this(chomping teeth). That's your universal sign for hungry animals, okay, in case you're wondering. All right, that's what we do in Vegas. But anyway...

Can you imagine that people are going to be running for their lives because animals are going to be chasing them down, trying to eat them. Oh, we're just getting started, man.

Then you got the fifth seal, the alter of souls, a global persecution.

Now people can still get saved in the 7-year tribulation. We see that with at least three different proof texts. We see with the 144,000 male Jewish witnesses. We see that with the two witnesses, Revelation 11.

We also see that God declares the eternal gospel with the angel in the Book of Revelation as well.

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But the problem is, why don't you get saved now, right? And how many unsaved Christians and friends say that to us as Christians?

Well, okay, if you guys disappear at this rapture thing, then I'll know you were real and then I'll get saved then.

Are you serious? You have any idea what's going to happen when you get left behind? I mean, your head is literally going to be on the chopping block.

The Bible talks about decapitation coming back, and this word here that's used for persecution, it's very graphic in the Greek, it's sphazo. It literally means a carving, a fileting, like an animal. You're just chopping them up.

You don't want to be - you won't accept Jesus now when it's relatively easy, but you're going to do it then? Come on, man, don't fool yourself. Get saved now and avoid the whole thing, amen.

But there's going to be a global persecution. The sixth seal: All of a sudden, bang, here comes a global earthquake. The sun turns black, the moon turns blood red, asteroids start slamming into the earth, sky recedes, mountains and islands on the whole planet are removed from their places.

It's not just Hawaii, right, not just a couple of islands here, not just in Tokyo, not just in Southern California. The whole planet, every island, every mountain is jolted. That's how big this baby is.

And then there's a global fear of God's wrath, right? How many people say, well, the first half of the 7-year tribulation is Satan's wrath or God's wrath?

No, it's not! Even the people in the 7-year tribulation say, **"Hide us from [What?] the wrath of the Lamb."** This is coming

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from Jesus. It starts at the beginning, goes all the way to the end, right?

But they know and they're trying - Oh, by the way, you're just getting started Now we got the trumpet judgments, if you can make it that far. It's opened by the seventh seal.

Watch this: Silence in heaven. Now, believe it or not, one Bible teacher said that that's his justification as to why women will not be in heaven.

[Laughter]

Now either, men, you're brave as a married man who laughed at that, or you're single, which might explain why you're still single.

[Laughter]

I didn't say it; he did, right? No, that's not what's going on. Really what I believe is what's going on here is silence for a half an hour.

See, you just finish all the seals, and you thought that was bad. It's basically God's way of saying you ain't seen nothing yet.

And the reason why silence is because I grew up in Kansas, Nebraska, Tornado Alley. We dealt with tornadoes a lot, several of them at a time. And there's always a weird thing that happens right before the tornado hits with its complete ferocity, right?

And it's this: All of a sudden, it's just (growling sound) and the sky is all yellow and green, ugly brown, boiling, and mom's screaming, Get in the cellar!

And me and my brother: What are we doing? We're outside (crying) so that didn't work well for our family dynamic.

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Anyway, so we're out there, and then all of a sudden, right before it hit, total silence. I mean, there's not even a cricket, not a bird chirp, nothing. Complete silence, and then bang!

And so after all what we just saw with the seal judgments, God says for not just 30 seconds before a tornado hits, 30 minutes, nothing. You can't hear nothing on the planet. And I believe it's God's basically foreboding sign. You ain't seen nothing yet.

Now we get into the great tribulation. It's going to be way bad. And here comes the first trumpet, hail and fire, one third of the earth and the trees and all the green grass is burned up.

And then the second trumpet, you got a huge asteroid. One third of the sea dies, one third of the ships are destroyed because the giant tsunami on all the coastlines.

The third trumpet: A blazing comet, one third of the rivers and fresh water are bitter, many people die.

The fourth one: The solar smiting, one third of the sun, the moon, and the stars are struck, one third of the day and night is without light. That's going to completely disrupt communications.

Fifth one: Satan releases a demon horde of locusts. The people who took the mark in the 7-year tribulation, they're going to be tortured for five months nonstop. It's just a horrible thing! In fact, it says it's so bad they want to die, but God doesn't allow them to die, death eludes them.

The sixth trumpet: The four angels are loosed from Euphrates, kills one fourth, or one third of mankind, already one fourth of the population - by the way, one fourth in the seal judgments. If that were to happen today, that's about 2 billion people.

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And then here comes another third, all in one fell swoop there, as we see them, then, hey, you've still got a lot to go.

You got the bowl judgments towards the back-end there. The first bowl: You got the ugly, painful sores on receivers of the mark.

You got the second bowl: All the sea, not just the third of it, all the sea turns to blood, all the sea creatures die.

How many of you guys realize that the ocean's big? Praise God, all two of you, which is a weird response, especially with you guys living in Hawaii, right?

Do you realize as big as the ocean is, we just see the top of it? Can you imagine when all the sea creatures die all the way even down to the bottom? Can imagine the stench from that? That's what's going to happen, right?

And then it's just you're still getting going. The third one: All the rivers and fresh water turned to blood. There's no fresh water on the planet.

And then God turns up the heat. Sun scorches people with fire, and people curse God.

The fifth bowl: the kingdom of the Antichrist is plunged into darkness.

And the sixth bowl: The River Euphrates dries up to prepare the way for the Kings of the East, for the Battle of Armageddon that's done.

The whole plants duped by three evil frog-like spirits to deceive the world, and that's from the out of the mouth of Satan, out of the Antichrist, and out of the false prophet. I mean the Pope. I mean the false prophet.

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The Seventh Bowl - Hey, if he's not the false prophet, he's trying to get the job. That's my theory, but anyway, that's right, we don't know.

But anyway, the seventh bowl, this is it, it is done, this is at the very back-end, watch this: The greatest of all earthquakes, even bigger than the one I just described earlier in the seals.

A new look for Jerusalem: It's split into three, prepares it for the millennium. All the cities.

How many? All the cities on the planet.

How many cities are on the planet?

Every single one is going to collapse, every single one of them.

A cup of wrath is poured out for Babylon. All mountains and islands are what?

Well, last time it was all mountains and islands are what? Are shaken.

This one: What? You can't even find them. You can't find an island. You can't find a mountain. That's how big this earthquake is, right?

It's a massive hail storm then on top of that, 100 pounds each, right? A hailstorm, a hail ball about the size of a football is 2 pounds. That's 100 pounds!

How big are those guys slamming into the earth?

And then here comes the battle of Armageddon, right? Satan dupes the survivors at this point to try to take on God. That's the dumbest thing you can ever do.

Blood as high as horses' bridle for 1600 stadia. That's four feet deep for 200 miles. It's a bloodbath. God doesn't lose.

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The angel harvest of the righteous: God scoops up the one third remnant of the Jewish people and any Gentiles that are still alive at this point who got saved during the 7-year tribulation. Probably not a whole bunch, but they scoop them up.

And then guess what? The angel harvest of the unrighteous.

I like to tell this to those people - I don't need Jesus - I'm the ultimate survivor, I've been watching all those nature shows, and I've got that jeep with that muffler on top. I can go through water and still survive. And I've been storing up all this gear. I don't care. I've spent \$500 million, and I got this deep underground bunker, and you can't get me.

Listen, the Bible says even if somehow you can make it all the way to the back-end of the 7-year tribulation somehow still alive, and you still have not received Christ as your Savior, the angels are going to scoop you up - that's what He's talking about - and throw you straight into hell.

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

[Laughter]

Do you see how bankrupt that is to put the church in there? I don't care if it's halfway, three quarters, all the way: That's nuts!

But that's what's going on, and that's the point for, listen, if you're here today and you're not saved, what in the world are you waiting for?

Because it could happen today. Bang, we're out of here.

You're sitting there, and that's going to begin on you.

Why would you resist? Why would you hesitate? That's the purpose for you.

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Now let's take a look at the purpose of the rapture for the Christian, right? We know we're going. We know we're not going in the 7-year tribulation. We leave prior.

But why does God tell us in advance?

Well, let's take a look at that. The first one is to comfort the living about the dead. And this is why Paul wrote 1 Thessalonians, right, was because they had some questions, right?

They've been saved for a while, right? Jesus hadn't come back, right? And some Christians, their fellow Christians have died. And so they begin to wonder - wait a second - what's going to happen with those guys? They already died.

Are they going to get resurrected like we get resurrected? Are we going to get to see them again?

And so that's why Paul wrote this passage that we opened up with, with that in mind. He's comforting the living about the Christians who'd already died and gone home. Watch this: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*, **"Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, [Or died] or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.**

We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him.

According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left to till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep [Or died].

For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up [Harpazo, raptura, rapture, quick snatching, catching away]

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together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, [What again] encourage each other with these words."

So this is the order of events, right? And this is kind of cool if you really get this.

I know the rapture.

No, no, let me explain it to you.

First order of events is Jesus Christ is going to come down from heaven with the souls who've fall asleep, the Christians who've already died with Him.

The second thing that's going to happen is those who've already died in Christ, they're going to get their resurrected bodies first, right?

And then third, hard on their heels, if you will, we who are still alive at that moment (bullet sound) we get ours hard on their heels right after they get theirs, and we meet together with the Lord in heaven, which means think about this, Christian.

If the rapture were to happen in our lifetime, and it's looking pretty good, it could even happen again today. It's imminent. But do you realize - think of all the Christians that you've known that's already died.

Bible says *2nd Corinthians 5:8*, "**Absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.**" They went straight to be with Jesus.

But think about all the loved ones. It could be a spouse, could be a child, or a fellow congregant, somebody you've known, right?

And do you realize you're not just going to see them again in heaven? Watch this: You're going to see them in the rapture. You get it? Isn't that awesome?

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Hey, Bob, how you doing? I haven't seen you. How is heaven?

I'm going back with you.

Isn't that awesome, right?

So that's why Paul's saying, listen, don't worry about your loved ones, right? That's why he wrote the primary rapture passage; they're okay.

In fact, they're going to get a resurrected body, too, just like you. And guess what? You're going to get to see them in the rapture on the way to heaven, right? That's the first thing.

The second thing he's comforting not just the living about the Christians that have died, but he's comforting them about this Day of the Lord thing.

Now, if you take a look at this time frame called The Day of the Lord, it's mentioned in the Old and New Testament. You see that it cannot and does not have anything to do with the church, and I'll get to that in a second.

But the Day of the Lord is not talking about a specific day like a 24-hour literal period; it's a period of time that starts at the 7-year tribulation and moves forward.

How do I know that?

Because Old and New Testament tells us that the Day of the Lord is not just a day of darkness and gloominess. It specifically says it's a day of God's wrath, right?

And God's wrath starts at the beginning of the 7-year tribulation and moves forward. So the Day of the Lord starts at the 7-year tribulation and moves forward because it's the day of God's wrath.

You get it?

That's just basic Bible, common sense interpretation.

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So therefore, since the Day of the Lord involves God's wrath, that means you and I can't be a part of it, right?

Now, I didn't say that; God did at least three different times, right? *Romans Chapter 5:9*, "**Since we have now been justified by His blood, [Jesus, of course] how much more shall we be saved from God's [What?] wrath through Him.**"

And then, before the rapture passage in 1 Thessalonians 4, and after, Paul says it twice, before and after the rapture. Watch this: 1 Thessalonians 1:10, "**And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.**"

The 7-year tribulation, right?

And then he talks about the rapture, and then he says it again after the rapture. *1 Thessalonians 5:9*, "**For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.**"

So you and I, the Christian, cannot be a part of this Day of the Lord thing that involves God's wrath because the Scripture is very clear. We are saved from, rescued from, not appointed unto God's wrath.

And it was this lie that we actually have, believe it or not, 2 Thessalonians, right? And I love it because in the passage it's almost like Paul is going like, Hello McFly, we've already gone over this! but some false teachers - listen, tell me this is not applicable for today.

False teachers had come in after he'd been there. He wrote 1 Thessalonians telling them about the rapture, right? And then false teachers came in and says, You're going to be in the Day of the Lord, i.e. the 7-year tribulation. And they started to freak out.

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Does that sound like people today? Yeah, they say we're going to be in there, right? And Paul corrects them.

In fact, here's what he says about that. Let's analyze that, right? *2 Thessalonians 2:1-5*, "**Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to Him [i.e. the rapture - let's tear it apart] we ask you brothers, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report, or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that [What?] the Day of the Lord has already come.**" [i.e. you're in the 7-year tribulation, right?]

[What does Paul say?] "**Don't let anyone deceive you in any way,** [You're not going to be in there, right?]

for that day [Not the rapture, the Day of the Lord, the 7-year tribulation] will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness [the Antichrist] is revealed."

When is he revealed?

Daniel 9:27. When he makes that covenant with the people of Israel. That's what starts this final week of Daniel 70th-week prophecy. That's why it's a 7-year tribulation. It's that final week. It's not a 5-year tribulation, a 2-year, 118, that's it. And so that happens.

And then he's the Antichrist, he gets revealed after we're out of here. "**The man doomed to destruction, he will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that He sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.**"

That's the halfway point now, the abomination of desolation. And I love this: McFly, hello! "**Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?**"

You can hear Paul going like, I can't believe I'm going... Why are you listening to these false teachers, what's the context?

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Why are you - don't let anybody deceive you! I can't believe you even entertain thought that you're going to be in the 7-year tribulation.

And yet, what do we have today? People saying you're going to be there mid-trib, half the way, pre wrath, from our timetable three fourths of the way, post-trib, all the way.

Don't let anyone deceive you. We're not going to spend one nanosecond in that.

Why?

Because the Bible says we are saved from, rescued from, not appointed unto God's wrath.

Can I tell you something?

Jesus Christ is not a wife beater. He doesn't beat his bride up before He comes and gets her, right?

Now, let's remind the last thing, all right? So why is the purpose of the rapture? To remind us it's okay to comfort the living about the dead. Our Christian loved ones are going to be fine. We're going to see them in the rapture.

The second thing is, listen, you're not going to be in the Day of the Lord, the 7-year tribulation, all right? Don't let anybody deceive you. That's why it's, **"Encourage one another with these words."** It's good news.

And the third one is this: It's to remind us of our current life here on Earth.

Now, I don't know if you guys know this, but did you know that God saved you for a purpose? Praise God, all none of you, right? I'm glad you're here. We're going to correct that for you.

He did. Now, I didn't say that.

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God prepared each Christian to do something absolutely fantastic. And this is amazing, right?

We read *Ephesians 2:8-9*. **"We're saved by grace through faith, not of works lest anyone should boast."**

Keep reading; what's the scriptures say? *Ephesians 2:10*, for those of you hooked on chronology. It says this: **"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works."**

We're not saved by works, but He saves us in spite of works, not of works, to do good works. You get that? The Holy Spirit begins to do something through you.

Okay, what a concept! **"Which God prepared [Listen] in advance for us to do."**

So each one of us is saved for a purpose, right?

You're sitting there, Pastor Billy, if I only knew what God called me to do. I've been praying and fasting for 15 years. In fact, I even went to that prayer and fasting conference with meals included. I still didn't get a word from God.

Are you kidding me? It's not that hard to figure out. All right, I get it.

You're probably talking about specifics. What's that specific giftedness. Well, you got to try. Do something, get out of the driveway.

Okay, but there's so much of God's known, revealed will to keep you busy every day, right? You don't have to pray. There's lots to do, right?

And one of them is called the grand suggestion.

No, I mean the Great Commission. That's what it is, right.

Yeah, well that is what it is, but that's how we treat it, as a suggestion. No, this will keep you busy every day.

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Matthew 28: The last thing that Jesus said before He ascended to the right hand of the Father, which is where we're going at the rapture, right?

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.'"

Therefore go and crank up the numbers, build the biggest building you can, and get as many people in there and cram them in there and go light and don't teach the Bible and just be happy and chappy. L

earn to be a better you, build up your financial self-esteem and...(choking sound)

He didn't say that. What did He say? Disciples: Do you know what a disciple is? Mathétés in the Greek, where we get the word mathematics. It means disciplined learner.

You get out there and you preach the Word of God, and you tell people about Jesus Christ. You don't just - when people get saved, they need to be disciplined right?

So He says, **"Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."**

Again, this is the Great Commission, not the grand suggestion. Unfortunately, we treat it like that. And believe it or not, the reason why God wants us to do that is because we're out there sharing the good news of the gospel.

Did you know - Newsflash! Newsflash!

Did you know that God wants other people besides us to be saved? What? I can't take all these truths in one day.

Are you serious?

Yeah, He really does, right? He's not willing that any should perish, right? He wants other people to be saved.

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Aren't you glad that somebody witnessed to you? Then do in like kind, you get out there with the bad news, I mean the good news, right? It's the good news.

Paul says, **"I'm not ashamed of the gospel."**

Don't be ashamed; it's the best news ever, man, right? But we get out there, we share the good news, right?

And the reason why is because we're waiting - tie this back in to the rapture - we're waiting for that moment called the fullness of Gentiles, right?

When that last Gentile gets saved, that only God knows, we're out of here, folks. And then God's viewpoint goes back on Israel who is going to be in the 7-year tribulation.

God uses the 7-year tribulation as a discipline rod, if you will, to save a one-third remnant of Israel. He's not done with Israel, right?

But we're here until that fullness of Gentiles. And then God's eyes go back on Israel.

Romans 11, Paul talks about this, 25-26. **"I don't want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be [What?] conceited."**

As if you're the only one that needs to be saved.

"Israel has experienced a hardening in [What?] part [Not in full] until [When?] the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written."

So we're out there with the Great Commission, the Gospel, the Good News. We're out there awaiting the rapture. We're out there sharing it with as many people as we can.

And wouldn't that be the coolest way to go? I don't know who that last person is; God does. Who's that last non-Jewish

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person that - if you're not a Jew, you're a Gentile. Welcome to the club, okay?

And so who is that last person?

I don't know. But isn't that the way to go? Wouldn't it be cool because it's going to happen to somebody, right? It's way better than that golden Willie Wonka ticket thing, right?

But think about this. This is really going to happen. And maybe it's somebody here today, maybe it's one of you.

Being an obedient Christian sharing the good news of the gospel as you await the rapture, and here you are, you witness to somebody, maybe it's today, and you're praying with that waiter or waitress there because they said, Yes, I want to receive Christ as my Savior.

And they're that last one, right?

And you both got your eyes closed, and you say, "In Jesus' name." Boom! You're out of here! Isn't that the way to go?

It's going to happen. We need to get out there and share the gospel.

Now, the second thing, as we're sharing the gospel, again, you're saying what do we do in the meantime as we await the rapture?

Okay, yeah, our loved ones are fine who passed on, we're going to see them again in the rapture. Okay, yeah, I'm not going to be in the 7-year tribulation; that's good news.

Okay, I'm out there sharing the gospel, but what?

I'm backing it up with a holy life. And I think oftentimes we missed this, right?

1 Peter 1:15, "But just as He [God] who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; [Why?] for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"

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Now the reason why - you and I, again, we're not saved by our works, but we're out there, right, emulating, we're walking, living, speaking, acting, behaving like Jesus, right?

And that's a positive witness, right? Because if you and I don't take sin serious, then why should the lost, right?

We don't become sinless. But as we grow in maturity, out of love for Jesus Christ, after we get saved by the power of the Holy Spirit, He begins to change you from the inside out. And so hopefully as you mature, you start to sin less, i.e. your life becomes more holy like Him.

And why is that needed?

Because the lost need to know that sin is serious. Sin is what separates us from God. Sin is why there is a 7-year tribulation in the first place that God's going to pour out His wrath.

And if we don't take it serious, why should they?

Sin is at the very beginning of receiving the Gospel.

God, I'm a what?

Sinner.

I need a Savior, right?

You need to admit that. That's the first step.

But if we don't take sin seriously, why should they? They're not stupid. We need to share the gospel, yes, but we back it up by the power of God's Holy Spirit with a holy life.

So they get the clear message that sin needs to be dealt with really fast because you don't want to be left behind and you certainly don't want to end up in hell.

And hell, folks, is one place you don't ever want to be. In fact, let's remind ourselves real quick, what is that place

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like, right? Because somebody refused to take sin serious and ask Jesus to forgive them of it.

Let's take a look real quick.

REPORTER: Contrary to the father of lies, God's Word describes hell as the place where God pours out His wrath upon the wicked. (Screaming, moaning, crying out) God's Word declares, **"But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to every man according to His deeds... There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil."**

God's Word speaks of a **"certain terrifying expectation of judgment and of raging fire which consumes the enemies of God... severer punishment...for we know Him who said, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.' ...It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God."**

Will hell be a good time?

(Screaming, moaning, crying out) Contrary to the father of lies, Hell will not be a place of friendship and rock music, but of misery, darkness, and isolation. The only thing you will hear from others are their cries of torment.

Jesus Christ warned: **"The subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside into darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."**

The Bible speaks of the wicked for whom the black darkness has been reserved.

(Screaming, moaning, crying out)

Contrary to Sting's video, God's Word declares that there is no rest for the wicked in hell. The Book of Revelation states, **"And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest, day and night."**

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Jesus said of the day of judgment, **"Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels'...**

Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

God's Word says, **"He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of His power."**

(Screaming, moaning, crying out)

PASTOR BILLY: Forever and ever and ever and ever. And it doesn't stop.

When you don't take sin serious and when you don't ask Jesus Christ to forgive you and trust in His death on the cross, the Bible says if you confess Him as Lord, believe in your heart that God raised Him from the grave, you will be saved. If you don't do that, then to hell you will go.

So whether it's hell for all eternity or hell for seven years, nonstop, basically on earth, how many of you guys would say that would be the one of the most loving things for us as Christians to do is to tell them there's a way out. His name is Jesus. Why do we hesitate?

But again, we back it up with our lives. Because if we don't take sin seriously, why should they? And that's the first step you need to admit in getting saved and rescued from hell and hell on earth, amen.

And you go, Pastor Billy, that's nifty and convenient how that all worked out with the rapture - we're supposed to be - No, I didn't say this.

This is the two things that will keep you busy every day as we await the rapture. I didn't say it; God did. This is exactly

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what we're supposed to do. Get the gospel out and be a godly example, right?

Paul said it to Titus, specifically awaiting the rapture. Here's what he said, **"For the grace of God."**

Not by works, remember, praise God! Anybody glad that you're not saved by your works, right?

"For by the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men."

Anybody can get saved no matter how far you've gone or what you've done, right? It teaches us to what, when you get saved? No to what?

"Ungodliness and worldly passions, and to [What?] live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age."

You back it up.

Why?

Because that's what we're supposed to be doing as we what? **"We wait for the blessed hope [The rapture] the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus, Christ."**

Pastor Billy, I don't know what God's calling me to do. I'm still waiting; maybe I should deak or eld or stack chairs.

(Mumbling)

Share the gospel and back it up with a holy life by the power of God's Spirit. Lead as many souls as you can to Christ. That'll keep you busy as He leads you, yes, to that specific. We just need to get back to that.

And so again, as we close, listen, if you're not saved, what in the world are you waiting for? What are you waiting for?

The Bible says in *Luke 16*, Jesus talking about hell, He talked about the person in hell, and He says they will remember.

Right? It says it right there.

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Do you realize that people in hell will remember every opportunity, maybe even this day, when they could have escaped that place, but out of embarrassment, out of pride, out of self-righteousness, whatever it is, you still didn't take Jesus up on His offer to forgive you. You will remember, but it's too late.

That's why the Bible says there's weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What's that?

Aagh! (Screaming out) Why did I not turn to Jesus?

Oh, it never stops. And so I beg you now while there's still breath. Turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you, get saved today.

And for the Christian, Pastor Billy, I don't know who I'm supposed to witness to.

Are you serious? I'm going to teach you a scientific method. Guaranteed, 100%, works every single time. How do you know you witness to somebody?

All right, here's what you do. You put your hand over their mouth, and if you feel air, you witness to them. While they're still alive, you don't quit. I don't care if you shared it 100 times, and they reject it 100 times. Share it again!

You're looking at the biggest skeptic there ever was. And I'm so glad that people put up with my nastiness, and I was mean and nasty to them, and they kept telling me about Jesus.

Don't quit. And that's the purpose for us.

If you're not saved, you need to get saved. If you are saved, there's nothing more important than getting that gospel out, and frankly, saving as many as you can because this garbage can that we call Planet Earth is going up big time.

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And there's only one way out and that's through Jesus Christ.
Save as many as you can.

We'll close in prayer after this. (Ominous music playing)

REPORTER: Meteorologists are at a loss to explain what is causing this weather and why.

(Women talking rapidly about the weather)

(Men talking rapidly about the weather)

(Ominous music playing)

REPORTER: Microscopic tags being planted in a person's body to track his every move.

REPORTER: You will rule on that, mark my words.

G. EDWARD GRIFFIN: A chip in everybody would be the universal monetary system par excellence because there would be no escape from it.

(Explosion sound)

REPORTER: People are running!

REPORTER: We've got an explosion.

REPORTER: As Americans, if you peel off the label, you'll find...

REPORTER: Live from Los Angeles.

REPORTER: What you see is happening now.

(People screaming)

(Ominous music playing)

GEORGE W. BUSH: A New World Order can emerge.

(Ominous music with strong drumming playing)

(Heart-heavy music playing)

MAN: What can we do?

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GOD: Save as many as you can.

PASTOR BILLY: Are you ready for the rapture? If you're not saved, you need to get saved right now. If you are, remember all born-again Christians go in the rapture. But Jesus is going to find you doing something.

Are you ready about every day? That's your heart. Use me, God, in spite of me. Cause this life to be a holy example. Use these lips to declare the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Because all I can think about is saving as many as I can. That's how you know you're ready, amen.

Let's pray.

Father, we love You and thank You. And again, God, if there's anybody still after all this is still not saved, if they're here and they're unsaved, please save them now, by the power of Your Spirit.

And God, we, Your church, if we're off track, we live in this wicked candy world with all these things to distract us, and sometimes we can get off track, and God, we just pray that there's anybody here today that needs to be encouraged to get back on track with You, that also by Your Spirit, You would do that, correct them, and that they would finish strong.

Thank You that we're not saved by our works, but You prepared good works for us in advance to do.

We don't get to witness in heaven. It only happens here.

We don't get to store up treasure in heaven. That only happens here.

The enemy can't take away our salvation, but he can take away our time.

Please, God, help us to be faithful and wise with what little time we have left. May You find us faithful. We ask all this

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in Your wonderful name, in Jesus' name, and all God's people
said, Amen.