



Bible Prophecy Update: August 2, 2020

On The Brink

Pastor JD Farag

All right. Well good morning and welcome to our online viewers. This is our weekly Bible prophecy update and today before we get started, I want to apprise you of a couple of things. The first of which is for the benefit of those who may be new, certainly those of you who are new online. This is our first service that we "go live" and live stream at 9 a.m. but actually starts at 8:30 here local time and then we live stream the first service and that's the Prophecy Update. But second service is actually the teaching verse by verse through the Bible and we live stream that at 11:15 Hawaii time.

We are currently in 1 Timothy and I would encourage you to join with us for that teaching particularly today because it really does tie into what we're going to be talking about for the Prophecy Update. So, I wanted to encourage you to do that.

Then the second thing I want to let you know about is this Thursday August 6th Kalo TV is going to be here for a panel discussion titled, "Social Justice: A Kingdom Perspective." My assistant Pastor Mac along with Samuel Garner will address questions moderated by Malala Paul of Kalo TV on how this current generation is being misled and really deceived and how the Black Lives Matter Movement has been able to create this culture of division and where those who believe in Jesus Christ should stand concerning these issues and really the appropriate response from the church which sadly... Well, I'll leave that for Thursday night.

But this is really going to be geared particularly and even specifically to the young people many of whom are caught up in this. I really encourage you to come Thursday night beginning at 7 o'clock. We'll begin with worship as we do on Thursday nights. Then for those of you online it will live stream at 7:30 and then, of course, be aired on Kalo TV here locally and then the Livestream Kalo app which can be viewed anywhere in the world. I really encourage you to join with us Thursday night. Okay, let's get to it.

I want to talk with you about how with everything that's happening in the world today. We may very well be on the brink. I know saying it that way is usually phrased or couched in terms of something catastrophic. But I actually want to talk about it from a different perspective concerning how we are on the brink. This last week I took some time to sort of catch my breath and seek the Lord for some much-needed perspective.

I readily admit and acknowledge that particularly the last couple of updates have been pretty gnarly for lack of a better word. I kind of like that word. It kind of dates me a little bit but I still like it. It's so '80s but whatever. Really gnarly, really weighty, really heavy, really intense and I know that you on the receiving end and the hearing end of it have really...

Think of it this way and I know this might sound sort of self-serving. But as hard as it was for you on the hearing end of it, what about me on the teaching end of it? I mean it's been so hard and there's been so many times where I've just really sought the Lord and said Lord are you sure because I really don't want to talk about this.

Anyway, I took the better part of the week and just really stepped back from the proverbial tree in order to better see the prophetic forest as it were. In so doing the Lord ministered to me and greatly encouraged me that being on the brink is actually a good thing and even a God-thing. I hope that you will kindly hear me out.

I want to explain why it is that first and foremost we today maybe on the brink of the rapture of the Church of Jesus Christ and for those who may not fully understand what the rapture is that's okay. It's found in 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 verse 17.



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Here the Apostle Paul says that the dead in Christ are going to rise first. That means that those who were born-again believers in Jesus Christ who died before the rapture, their bodies will be resurrected first. "Then we who are alive and remain at that point will be caught up..." "

In the original language of the Greek New Testament, it's the Greek word, *harpazo*, but in the Latin, it's, *rapturus*, where we get our English word transliterated for rapture. That's where the word, rapture, is in the Bible if you have a Latin Bible. But we are caught up and very fast.

In fact, when Paul writes to the Corinthians in his 1st epistle Chapter 15:50-51 he says, that when the rapture happens that we're caught up it will be in the twinkling of an eye. That's not a blink of an eye; That is the twinkling like the sparkle, that fast. Actually, Bible scholars have actually done the math on it. It is mind-boggling how fast it's going to be. I mean it's a fraction of a fraction of a second.

That's how fast it's going to be when we're caught up and we're going to put off our corruptible bodies. I can't wait for that! We're going to put on our glorified incorruptible bodies. We're going to meet the Lord in the air and all of our loved ones that died before prior. I can't wait to see my daughter, Noel, again. I can't wait to see my mommy again. I hope I see my dad; I believe I might.

Because they're going to get their new bodies first and rise first and then we who are alive and remain are going to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. It's going to be so fast, so sudden keyword. That's what the rapture is.

I'm going to take it a step further and suggest that it may very well be that the rapture is the trigger that sets in motion the fulfillment of many other Bible prophecies that are also on the brink. Now this, of course, presupposes that one understands and knows the biblical truth and the sound doctrine of the pre-tribulation rapture which I want to talk a little bit more about shortly towards the conclusion of our time together.

What I like to do now is present what I believe is a plausible scenario related to how everything may play out in the weeks and months ahead. Please know that I in no way wish to posture myself as having everything figured out because I don't. Nobody does and nobody can. But what we can do is interpret the signs based on what we know to be true about prophecy in the Bible.

I want to draw your attention to Matthew's Gospel Chapter 16. I want to read verses 1 through 3 but I kind of want to give you the back-story so you have a better understanding of what's going on here. One has suggested that in the Old Testament there are over 300 prophecies about the first coming of Jesus Christ. So, when he came the first time there were many who did not believe him.

Of course, the Jews rejected him and there were many times that the religious leaders, known as the Pharisees and the Sadducees, would try to trap him and trick him. Big mistake. Corner him; Ask him a trick question. Let's see how he answers this one. We got him. I love it because Jesus just, of course, perfect answer and he's silenced their big blasphemous mouths.

Such is the case here, verse 1, "The Pharisees and the Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven." I mean if you're really the Messiah we need a sign because as you know as they say seeing is believing. You know that's not true, right? It's actually the way around; believing is seeing. Not for them; No, I'll believe it when I see it. I need a sign.

One thing that is so striking to me is that the harshest words that ever came from the lips of the Savior were reserved for the religious leaders of that day. So, this is Jesus' answer. He replied, "When evening comes you say it will be fair weather for the skies red. And in the morning today, it will be



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stormy for the sky is red and overcast. Hypocrites. You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky but you cannot interpret the signs of the times."

Do you know what Jesus is saying here? He's saying that the prophetic signs are given to us to interpret. So, we know how close we are to that which is coming and/or that where we're going in terms of our final destination. All these signs pointing to in the Old Testament Jesus and his final destination coming to earth. It's a very interesting word in the original language.

It's actually the same word in Hebrew as it is in my native tongue of Arabic. It's the word, maweid. It carries with it this idea of a sign pointing to an appointed time, even an appointment. So, like for example if I was to say to you in Arabic... [Arabic] I didn't say anything bad to you. I can; I won't.

What I just said to you in Arabic was, I have an appointment with you, maweid, an appointment. I have that which points to yet future and appointed time. It's an appointment and it points to and that's what signs are maweid, point to, points you to the final destination. That's what Jesus is talking about here. It's like road signs; they are maweid if I can say it that way.

In 1997, My wife and I went to Jordan and Egypt, and to the Middle East actually. We went to Jordan that's where my mom was born. We went to Egypt that's where my dad was born and this was BC. Not before Christ; Before Children. When we could we traveled the world. I remember not so much here in Hawaii but on the mainland, you see these really expensive RVs. They would have a bumper sticker on the back and it would say "We're spending our children's inheritance."

I wanted to get a bumper sticker that said "We're spending the children's, we don't have, inheritance. As many of you know we couldn't have children. Ten years; we were infertile, tried adopting and that's another topic for another time.

But we were in Egypt and I wanted to go to Alexandria, beautiful on the Mediterranean. We stayed with my aunt; She lives in Giza where the pyramids are. So, she booked us a train ride from Cairo to Alexandria. We were so looking forward to it. It was actually one of the main reasons that we went to Egypt. So we missed the train because of the traffic. Listen you think the traffic is bad here? Go to Cairo; You haven't seen traffic until you go to Cairo, Egypt.

We finally get there; We missed the train. So, my aunt says while I'm going to have to get you guys a taxi if you still want to go. Yes, we still want to go. So, she gets this taxi and agrees on the price that in and of itself was... So, we get in this taxi and my wife's sitting in the back. I'm sitting in the front.

I've got my fellow countryman Egyptian Muslim driving. This guy knows that the quicker he gets us there the more money he makes. So, he drove very fast. So much so that at one point I said to him in Arabic, if you don't slow down, I will not pay you. How about that?

There was one point, oh my goodness and there's no AC. The windows were down, and it's so dusty, and it's so smelly, and it was horrible and miserable. There was one point I looked back to my wife and she has this look on her face like we're going to see Jesus. We're not going to see Alexandria Egypt. We're going to see Jesus; This is how it ends.

At one point he passed a truck so close that if I didn't have my arm inside it would have hit the truck; That close. For real, I thought this is it. This is how it ends. I'm going somewhere with this. Some of you are looking at me like what... About halfway through I started really looking for the road signs because I wanted to know how much longer until we got to Alexandria.



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The sooner the better and I mean that was our only hope. Then I saw one, it was like oh, thank you, Jesus. It was in kilometers; It was in Arabic. Of course, it was in English too. It gave me hope, not much longer, not much longer and then the closer we got the more frequent the signs and the more joy and hope I had and the closer we got to Alexandria there would be this sign, you're that close, now you're this close, now you've arrived. Those signs to me were the hope. Can I say it this way? The blessed hope that we were going to make it. That we were going to arrive to our final destination.

We get out of the car and I looked at my poor wife. She's such a beautiful woman and she had these sunglasses on. She took them off and she was my color; she was all brown. We were for once not an interracial couple because all the dirt from the ride. That's an image that has burned indelibly in my memory. We're all in this taxi on our way to Alexandria and there are signs along the way that are pointing us to how close we are. I think you get the metaphor here, the analogy, right?

As we get closer to the 7-year tribulation the prophetic signs are greater in both frequency and intensity. The closer we get the more the signs. It's for this reason that I sensed the Lord would have me address the matter of how the world today is on the brink of disaster.

I'm not going to quote the reports or list the statistics of which there are many. I'm not going to do it for a couple of reasons. Chief of which is that if you're anything like me and I think that you are, it's getting really hard to know what's true anymore. You hear one report and then you hear a conflicting report and it's so confusing that you don't know what to believe. I think that's from none other than the devil who's the author of confusion.

Another reason I'm not going to quote reports or list any statistics which are very grim is that it would take too much time and truth be known it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out just how dire it really is. Would you agree? I am keenly aware that even as I speak from behind this pulpit as is my privilege to do that, I am speaking to some here locally that have lost your job, your livelihood and I know many online.

If the numbers I'm reading are the same numbers you're reading, and if there is accuracy to those numbers, then just by virtue of those numbers there are many that are watching this and it's not looking very good. I do want to encourage you. God will always provide and he will do so in ways that perhaps you could have never imagined. He will provide from an unseen treasury in ways that you could have never dreamed of. He will always provide. He will always take care of his own.

I am of the belief that the world economy is on the brink of a total financial collapse just a matter of time. I am also of the belief that the Middle East is on the brink of an all-out war. This is exactly what we were told would happen in Scripture. Numerous prophecies in the Bible speak to this happening, yet future I would argue that COVID-19 is the way everything will be brought down in order to reboot what's being dubbed as "The Great Reset for a Brave New World Order". Their words.

While I realize that what I'm about to say might be difficult for some to grasp I say it nonetheless. God is the one that is allowing all of this to happen. Keep in mind and this is very important. This is where a lot of Christians get into a lot of trouble concerning their relationship with a loving God.

The devil is God's devil. The devil is not God's equal. The devil is not omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, all-knowing, all-powerful, all-present. He is a created being; he is limited. He can only do that which God will allow him to do.



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God will never allow the devil to do anything unless in the end, it serves his ultimate purpose, and it's for his glory, his kingdom, and our good. The devil can do nothing. Wait a minute, Pastor, what are you saying here? God's allowing all this? Yeah. Because the devil can't do... Ask Job.

You'll get a chance when we get there; I can't wait. Of course, we always say that, right? When I get to heaven, I'm going to ask the Lord. No, you're not! Listen, first of all we've got the Millennium. During the Millennium you're not going to be asking the Lord anything. You're going to be going on... Eternity future for the first trillion, jillion, zillion, years you'll just should be going, "Worthy is the Lamb." You're not going to be asking him anything. You're going to be praising him for everything.

God is allowing all of this to happen. Everything is going perfectly according to God's prophetic plan. Now this brings up a question and it's the "why" question. Why is God allowing all of this to happen? Good question. I believe there are two reasons.

First for the Christian. God is allowing our lives in this world to become so miserable and intolerable that we won't want to stay here any longer. God is allowing this to happen so that we'll want to get to Alexandria our final destination as quickly as possible because this is so miserable and intolerable. I have to confess, I know I've shared this before, I'm just being open and candid with you and transparent.

My wife was born and raised a Kailua girl. We met on the mainland 34 years ago. Wow, that was a long time ago. We moved here in 2003 to start this church. You know they say you can take the girl out of Kailua but you can't take the Kailua out of the girl. So, I brought her back. Not that I'm a martyr for the cause. Sure, God called you to go to Hawaii and start a church to which I was like here am I, lord, send me. Somebody's got to do it. Suffering for the Lord; the burden.

It was like that for a while. Oh, my goodness so many times I remember walking Kailua beach and listening to great Bible teaching and worship music and just I was just in heaven. In paradise on earth; I had fun then...

I go to the beach now and it's not like that anymore. I have to say, I don't want to come off like a Debbie Downer. But the sun doesn't quite shine as bright as it once did. The beach isn't as beautiful as it once was and that's a good thing because to me it's, I believe God's way of saying, you know if you're too comfortable down here, you're not going to want to leave. It's only when things become uncomfortable and miserable and intolerable as they are that's when you want to leave.

In high school, I was a teacher's kid. My father was a teacher. He was my teacher and made me call him Mr. Farag. I rebelled. I didn't know the Lord yet; Don't judge me. I got suspended, almost expelled, almost didn't graduate. High school for me was horrible. I mean for you maybe it was great. Praise the Lord for that if it was.

It doesn't help when the teachers say, hey your high school years are the best years of your life. I'm going, this is it? This is as good as it gets! This is the best it's ever going to be? Well, it's all downhill from here on out. But I just couldn't wait to get out; couldn't wait to graduate. I had a teacher, not a Christian who took me aside. This was the Lord. You know the Lord can speak through non-Christians by the way. You know that, yeah? This was the Lord before I had come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, at age 19.

After I graduated this teacher took me aside and said listen, if your high school years were so good you would never want to graduate. It's because you're a teacher's kid and because things were not good, you're going to be one of those that after you graduate, you're going to be off and running.



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You're going to hit the ground running. She talked about many of her students over the years that you know those were the best years of their lives and they still lived in their past. They never graduated. They never moved on; they never wanted to. It was too good. It was great.

This is why, and you'll forgive me, I still struggle with the whole "Make America Great Again." I really do and I'll tell you why. I just did that. No, you didn't. Yes, I did. I did, didn't I? Because when and if our lives here on earth are so great then eternity is not.

You've heard it said that God comforts the afflicted. Have you also heard it said that God will afflict the comfortable? God has a problem; not that God has problems but for a better way of saying it. The problem God has is, well, we're the problem. The problem is he wants to get us from the proverbial point A to point B. But the problem is we're way too cozy and comfortable at point A and we're not even thinking about point B. It's not even on the table.

So, what's God going to do to get us to even consider point B? Let alone move us to Point B? Oh, he's really good at this. He disrupts point A. He disturbs point A. He allows difficulty and hardship in point A and then here we are at point A going, God, what are you doing? I have your attention now, don't I. Yeah, what? I want you over here and the only way I can get you here is to get you to let go of here.

Do you see where I am going with this, right? Would you believe me if I told you that since this crisis hit there have been multitudes... We'll never know this side of glory, multitudes of people that have come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ because of this. Yeah, I'll take it even further. So many Christians have come back to the Lord. They've gotten serious about the things of the Lord because of this. That's why God's allowing it for the Christian.

Well, there's the other side of it too. Sadly, and conversely for those who are not Christians their lives will become so miserable and intolerable too. But they will be left behind and will do anything to get back a semblance of normalcy.

What's being dangled before them is this yet future vaccine. That is their "golden ticket". Do you want your life back? You don't want to have to wear a mask? You don't want to have to social distance? You want your job back, your life back, your freedom back? It's ironic because they call it "new normal" which is a paradox of paradoxes. Because if it's new it's not normal; and if it's normal it's not new. A new normal, I'm sorry.

Over the last four months, I have learned so much from so many of you particularly online members that have sent me really good information to inform me. Because when this first happened we really didn't know what we were dealing with, right? Then as more information started coming out, I began to realize what's really going on. This is an agenda and God's allowing it.

By the way, I would probably be grossly remiss were I not to say that if you still believe that life as we once knew it is going to return? I'm sorry to tell you it will never return to the way it was. We passed that point of no return really months ago actually. Our lives here in this world will never be as they were prior to this. I've done my best particularly over the last 4 months to provide you with the significance of all that's happening through the lens of God's prophetic Word.

For the benefit of those who maybe weren't with us, I would really encourage you to go back starting with the March 29th Prophecy Update and then the updates that followed and ensued as well. We went very in-depth into all the patents. How there's this agenda. It was preplanned for this global reset by way of the World Economic Forum, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation. This is this has been in the works for years.



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I remember one update I quoted from a report from a Rockefeller Foundation scenario, "Future Scenario" in 2010. Everyone has to wear a mask... 2010; 10 years ago, hello! Everybody has to wear a mask! Everybody has to social distance! We're going to have surveillance! 10 years ago. It reads like a script and it's exactly what's happening today! It's happening; It's really happening.

Over the last 14 years, I've done my best and again, I'm going somewhere with this bear with me. I've done my best in doing these weekly Bible prophecy updates to keep you apprised of the lateness of the hour, the urgency of the times in which we're living.

In fact, it was 2006, and I remember it very clearly. It was the year our daughter, Noel, died and I just had this sense. It was two years before Barack Obama was elected president. I just had this sense from the Lord that I was to begin teaching Bible prophecy and talking about the end times.

The sense I had from the Lord was that we were entering into a period of human history that was the likes of which we had never seen before and would never see again. That was 14 years ago. Here we are 14 years later if you would have told me I mean I have to admit this really blindsided me.

Again, I'm too close to the tree to see the forest. I'm thinking this is probably how it's going to go down and then boom out of nowhere! I'm like, whoa! Maybe it's not; maybe this is it. I mention this because I truly believe with all my heart that we are now closer to the rapture of the church than any of us could possibly even begin to imagine. Pastor, you've been saying that for 14 years. I know! But we're actually closer because every day makes this one day. I know that is deeply profound.

During my time with Lord this last week, I was praying about and actually planning to talk about the rapture sometime in the early fall. But the reason I'm doing this today is because everything is happening so fast. Simply put the scenario that seems to be swiftly playing out, please listen to me, and here this. It's the sudden rapture for us and the sudden destruction for them.

If you're anything like me, and again I suspect that you are especially those who are students of Bible prophecy, nothing is off the table. Let me explain what I mean by that. It's like anything goes now. If we took anything off the prophetic table? We would do well to get it back on the table and revisit it especially when it comes to Scripture and prophecy in the Bible.

Prior to this crisis, we viewed Bible prophecy differently than we do now. Would you agree? And I think rightfully it has caused us, forced us, to revisit many of the scriptures in the Bible, these prophetic passages. One such a passage for me personally is 1 Thessalonians Chapter 5. I want to read verses 1 through 5. I had to put this back on the table. Blow the dust off of it as it were and revisit it.

Paul is writing in the context of the rapture and he says verse 1, "Now brothers and sisters about times and dates we do not need to write to you for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying peace and safety..." Now in the original language of the Greek New Testament that word safety, is the Greek word *asfaleia*, and it could be translated security or safety. So, let's go with safety; peace and safety.

"While people are saying peace and safety destruction will come on them suddenly." Sudden destruction. Do you know what I think about sudden destruction? It's sudden! Again, I know very profound. Then Paul really echoing the Savior himself draws upon the analogy of a woman in labor, with birth pains. He says, "The destruction will come on them suddenly as labor pains on a pregnant woman."



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I want you to listen very carefully to what he says next. He says, "And they [they keyword] will not escape." The implication being is that there will be some who do. Are you thinking what I'm thinking? But you... " He says they will not escape, "But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief."

I know it's a Jewish idiom but think about this whole thing of a thief in the night. Have you ever had a thief text or call and say, hey is 2 a.m. good for you? It's the element of surprise. "This day should not surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness." Notice the delineation, the distinction between we and they.

In Chapter 4 we just talked about it. The chapter prior, again, in the context of the rapture he says, "We who are alive and remain... " Not they; We will be caught up. They won't. Dare I say we will escape the coming wrath; they won't. Could it be that said sudden destruction comes down on them and when it comes down, we go up?

Here's the bottom line. If this crisis leads to what's believed to be an orchestrated destruction of the current world system, then we are on the brink of the tribulation. All the signs are pointing in that direction. That's the destination; That's where it's all going. That's where it's all headed.

If we are on the brink of the 7-year tribulation and the rapture has to happen prior to the 7-year tribulation? Then we are on the brink of the rapture. That's how I get there. Now this brings me to the aforementioned pre-tribulation rapture and with it the importance of knowing why we believe what we believe especially now. Again, stay with me on this.

Nine years ago, it was 2011. I did an 8 weeks series on why the rapture of the church has to happen before the 7-year tribulation; has to. Well, you're pretty dogmatic about it. Yes, I am. What about the mid-trib or the pre-wrath or the post-trib view? They are wrong. How can you be so sure? Because of the more-sure Word of Bible prophecy; not the interpretation of man.

If the rapture is not before the 7-year tribulation? Then God forbid you'll start having to take and rip out of your Bible large portions of Scripture. I've heard some very good teachers say there's really no silver bullet so to speak proving a 7-year tribulation and I will respectfully disagree. I think there's more than one silver bullet so to speak proving, not just beyond any reasonable doubt, but proving without any doubt that the rapture absolutely must happen before the 7-year tribulation.

Here's just one. It's the time of Jacob's trouble. You're not Jacob. Who's Jacob? Israel. It's the time of Israel's trouble; the 70th week of Daniel. The purpose of the 7-year tribulation is for the salvation of the Jewish nation. We're already saved. We're not appointed unto wrath. What would be the point of putting the bride of Jesus Christ into and through the tribulation for any period of time? Why do I bring this up? Because unless the Lord shows me otherwise, I'm planning, Lord willing, to do a teaching on this for next week's update. and I would certainly covet your prayers.

I'm going to be condensing an 8-week teaching into 1 prophecy update on the pre-tribulation rapture, "Proof of a Pre-tribulation Rapture." So, if you're going to come bring your toothbrush and pajamas. I don't know yet I mean I'm going to seek the Lord about it this week and again I really covet your prayers.

I might even preempt our verse by verse study through 1 Timothy and do Part 1 for 1st service which will live stream at 9, and Part 2 for 2nd service which will live stream at 11:15. Just so that I'm not rushing through it. I have to abbreviate it anyway and I don't want to leave anything out. Because



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what I want to do next week Lord willing is prove, there is proof, there is evidence, that proves that the rapture has to happen before the 7-year tribulation.

Pastor, why are you doing this right now? Why would this rise to the level of devoting an update and in fact an entire Sunday morning to this topic? Because if you're unsettled, unsure, concerning the pre-tribulation rapture? I say this, and the Lord knows my heart, I speak this truth in love. I feel so sorry for you. Honestly, I don't know how you're doing it. How are you...? What...? How do you...?

How are you able to sleep? How are you not freaking out? If the rapture isn't before the 7-year tribulation? If I had any ambiguity or uncertainty about that right now? I would be, well, I wouldn't be here. I'd be digging a tunnel. No, I'm not trying to be funny.

I'm doing this because first and foremost because I sense from the Lord that I need to do this. Because there are many people who unnecessarily and needlessly live in worry and fear and anxiety concerning the uncertainty of the future of this world in which we are living today. I've shared this before many times, I hope you don't tire of me saying it. I'm going to say it again and we're almost done. I appreciate your patience.

This is not hyperbole when I say it and for those of you who know me you know this to be true. Was it not for the sound doctrine, the biblical truth, of the pre-tribulation rapture? I would literally go out of my mind. I would go insane and I'm serious about that. That is not hyperbole.

It would be so earth-shaking to me. Because if you take that blessed hope of the soon return of Jesus Christ in the rapture of the church away from me? I can't go on. Knowing that soon and very soon that trumpet is going to sound and my Jesus is coming back to take me out of this world. That's what enables me to put my head on the pillow at night and sleep and that's what enables me to get out of bed in the morning and work. Was it not for that? I'd be curled up in the fetal position.

Let me say lastly that we're living in a day that is most unforgiving of any uncertainty concerning the doctrine of imminence. It's imminent; The rapture is imminent. There's nothing that has to happen before the rapture happens. It could happen at any time. This is why we do these updates and this is why we do the salvation by way of the ABCs of Salvation.

What is the gospel? The gospel is a word that means good news. Your debt has been paid; You're free to go man. That's what the word gospel means. Wait! What debt? What do you mean? Oh, you didn't know? You didn't hear? You've been sentenced to death. You have the death penalty over your head because you were born a sinner, which is why you have to be born-again to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

That's the good news and that's what the ABCs of Salvation are. That Jesus Christ came, He was crucified, buried, and rose again on the third day, and he's coming back again one day. That's the gospel; the good news. And that is good news wouldn't you agree in a world like we're living in today?

The A is for: Admit or acknowledge that you're a sinner. That you've sinned and that you need the Savior. Now one would think that this would be a firm grasp of the obvious. Certainly, for the believer who has already come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. But this is one of the biggest obstacles and it has to be dealt with first.

Because the average person when you talk with them, when you share the Lord with them, when you share the gospel with them, the one thing, the one obstacle, the one hindrance is, well I'm a good



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person. It's a lie from the father of lies that good people will be in heaven and bad people will be in hell.

Actually, it's the other way around. There will be a lot of very bad people in heaven. I'll be at the front of that line. Don't look at me like that. You're not going to be too far behind me either. There's going to be a lot of good people in hell because being good is not the gauge by which your entrance into eternity is measured.

There is none good. You might be good, a good person. You'll never be good enough. Roman 3:10 says, "There is no one righteous; not even one." And Romans 3:23 tells us why. It's because "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

In fact, that's what the word, sin, means by the way. It's missing the mark; It's an archery term. This is interesting because I don't know if any of you were into archery. But if you shoot the arrow and you miss the mark they would say, you sinned. You sinner! What? I missed the mark. That's what sin means. You missed the mark; you fell short. We've all sinned. We've all missed the perfect bull's eye of God's perfect standard of righteousness. That's what sin means.

Okay now, what happens? Well, that's the bad news. Don't you hate it when somebody comes to you and says I've got good news and I've got bad news. Which one do you want to hear first? To which I say, get thee behind me Satan. I don't want to hear any bad news; I only want to hear good news.

No, you need to hear the bad news because the badder the bad news is that gooder the good news will be. I know that's not proper English. Please don't email me. What's the bad news? Well, the bad news is that there's a penalty for missing the mark. There's a penalty for sin. It's the death penalty. It's Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death." But here's the good news. "The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Give me just a moment, I want to focus our attention on that word, gift, right? What's a gift? It's something that somebody gives you that they paid for. Not you; because if you paid for it it's not a gift. It's a purchase, right? Are we good with that? So, he purchased that gift to give to us as a gift.

Well, he purchased it; He paid the price. How much did it cost? Everything. He paid in full. He purchased us with his blood and because the purchase has been completed and it is finished, he offers us this gift of eternal life. How? By going to his death in our stead; his blood shed.

The Bible says there's no remission of sin without the shedding of blood and he shed his blood in payment for all our sin. He offers us this gift. We don't earn it. For by grace you are saved through faith. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.

Can you imagine if there was something we could do to get to heaven? Man, that wouldn't be heaven. I think that's the other place. Because there would be people in heaven going, hey, what did you do to get here? Well, I did... Well, that's nothing, I did... That's not heaven! Nobody is going to be able to say, hey this is what I did to get here. I didn't do anything; He did everything.

Here's the B. The B is for: Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord and that God raised him from the dead. This is Romans 10:9 and 10 it says, "If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead you will be saved."

I love that word, will. Because it's not tentative. It's not, you might, you could, you should. No, you will. It's a done deal. The jury is no longer out; The verdict is in.



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The C lastly is for: Call on the name of the Lord. Or as Romans 10:9 and 10 also says, "Confess with your mouth." By the way, every knee is going to bow. Every tongue is going to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. He is Lord. But here's the thing. When they, we've talked about that delineation? We are not "they"; we are "we". When "we" confess it's for salvation; when "they" confess with their mouths it's for damnation.

Romans 10:9 and 10 also says, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" and here's why. "For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." And Romans 10:13 lastly tells us how. Very simple, "All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved." It's that simple.

Why don't you stand? We'll close prayer. For those of you watching online again we're so glad that you joined us today. If you're still with us I would pray especially for anyone who not by accident but this video came up for a reason.

That reason is that God led you here because today is the day of salvation for you today. Don't delay. Don't delay the most important decision of your life for eternal life. I implore you today: Call upon the name of the Lord, confessing with your mouth, believing in your heart, trusting in him for the forgiveness of sins.

He paid the price. You didn't have to clean up your act, before you come to Christ. That's like taking a bath before you take a shower. It's ludicrous. He cleanses you; He's faithful and just when we confess our sins, 1 John 1:9 says. He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness no matter how bad you've been or the things you've done.

By the way, again, I would really encourage you to join us at 11:15. Hawaii time because we are going to talk about that very thing.

Let's pray. Father, thank you. Lord, man. I don't know what to say. I don't really even know how to pray. Because everything you said would happen is happening. Jesus, you said, "I've told you these things before they happen so when they happen you will believe."

You also said that when we see these things begin to happen that we can look up and lift up our heads. Because we can know, not hope or wish, but know that our redemption draws ever so near. Lord, we believe you're at the door.

Lord, I just pray for anyone who's not ready for you that they would get right with you so that when that trumpet sounds it will not be for them as a thief in the night.

In Jesus Name. Amen.