

Parson to Person

1 Corinthians 15

(The Resurrection) – Part 15

(Problems with a Post-Tribulation Rapture)

~Repeated from Last Week~

“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’ ‘O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?’ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:51–58).

“But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught

up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, comfort one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18).

Having made a solid case for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture, and identifying problems with a Mid-Tribulation Rapture, we will move on to identify the various problems associated with a Post-Tribulation Rapture.

As was the case with the Mid-Tribulation Rapture problems, we could spend a great deal of time identifying problems with a Post-Tribulation Rapture. However, as examined the last two Sundays, today, and possibly next week, we will limit our study to 13 fundamental apologetics that show the fallacious nature of the Post-Tribulation Rapture.

They are as follows:

1. A Post-Tribulation Rapture would provide a measurable time frame, defile the Doctrine of Imminency, and allow “date setting” of the Rapture.
2. A Post-Tribulation Rapture fails to see the distinction between Israel and the Church, her temporary spiritual blindness, the significance of the Church Age, the purpose of the Tribulation, and the promise of Israel’s future restoration.
3. Post-Tribulation Rapture fails to see the purpose of the 70 “weeks” of Daniel 9.
4. Post-Tribulation Rapture violates the study in typology.

5. Post-Tribulation adherents apply Biblical passages addressed to the Jews about the Second Coming to the Church and Rapture.
6. The Church Age overlapping the 70 weeks of Daniel 9 makes no sense.
7. Jesus returns from the wedding to the earth at the Second Coming.
8. At the end of the Tribulation, Jesus returns to reign on the earth—not take believers away.
9. The Rapture will occur in the “twinkling of an eye.” At the Second Coming, “every eye will see Him.”
10. Post-Tribulation Rapture ignores Jesus’ promise to take us to the Father’s house.
11. If there is a Post-Tribulation Rapture, there would be no mortals left “*of the nations*” to inhabit the Millennial Kingdom.
12. An interpretational observation concerning the word “apostasia.”
13. Because the Pre-Tribulation Rapture is true.

As mentioned already, we know that the Lord is coming soon. His coming for the Church coincides with the spring harvest (ingathering) and last trumpet of the Church Age—ending the Church Age. His coming for the Jews will coincide with the fall harvest (ingathering) and last trumpet heralding the Second Coming of Jesus—ending the Tribulation.

It is my prayer that we pray for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. God has promised a remnant of Jews will be saved—now in the Church Age. Moreover, please pray for the soon coming of the Lord, that many may be granted eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to receive the word of the Lord. An affirming response to the Gospel is the only hope we have. It is both a promise of eternal salvation and the only certainty for latter day believers to be rescued from the wrath to come.

Today is the day of salvation...This is the time to trust Jesus with our lives—and prepare for the coming future storm we may all face prior to His soon coming. Look up my friends—our redemption draws near.

I love you all,
Pastor Paul