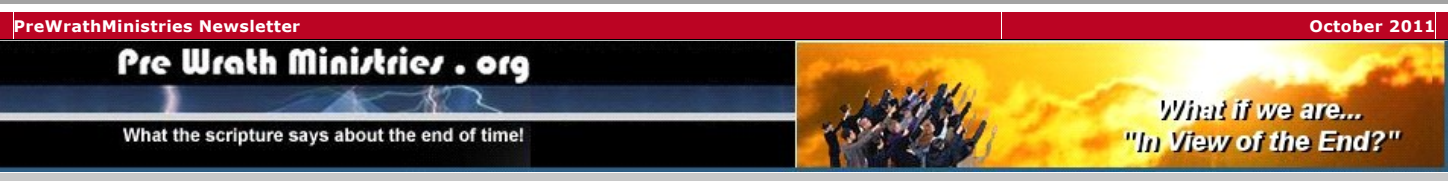


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Welcome to the latest PreWrathMinistries News!

It has been a while since our last PreWrathMinistries Newsletter. I had decided to try to make up for lost time in this latest issue. I have had an extremely busy year, but have accomplished quite a bit. I had the opportunity to participate in a PreWrath Conference with Charles Cooper, have updated the website, and have finally got around to getting out our newsletters again. Keep reading and I will tell you all about these things. Also, I am including some submissions that you, PreWrathMinistries.org visitors have sent to me. God has blessed greatly and I look forward to some exciting things happening in our PreWrath ministry.

PreWrath Conference

I had the great pleasure of preaching at a PreWrath Conference in Crestview, Florida on January 28 & 29, 2011.

While there I got the privilege of meeting Rev. Charles Cooper in person. Bro. Charles is a dear friend and a mentor in the PreWrath teaching. I told the story of how Charles helped me as I first began to formulate my PreWrath theology. I called and asked him a thousand questions, and he patiently helped me work through my understanding of the PreWrath Rapture. I still call him from time to time for advice.

It was a pleasure to finally meet him in person.

I had the honor to preach two messages at the conference. The first was "What do we do about it?" and they video taped this message and you can find it on youtube.com if you search for "Elbert Charpie." The second message was "Caution!" This message detailed things we should be careful about in following the PreWrath view. It basically warned us to be careful about becoming complacent regarding the return of Christ, of becoming obsessed about the return of Christ - and getting caught up in date setting and other tangents in eschatology. It was so special to be a part of this conference and I was honored to be asked to participate.

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New Website!

I have just launched a new version of the website. We have changed the internal structure of the website and this will make it much easier to maintain the site and keep it up to date.

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What If?

by Bert Winters

For several years I listened expectantly for the trumpet to sound, calling believers home. I listened with excitement to messages of deliverance from the wrath coming upon the earth.

With a smile on my face, I embraced those encouraging words admonishing each of us to look up and not out. Joy and laughter filled the halls of churches as thoughts of escaping the judgments to come danced across our minds, hearts filled with the assurance that all was well with our soul.

Several years have passed since then and I have been radically changed by the Power of The True and The Living God. I have matured in my faith, taken my Bible and have been diligent to read and to study.

As the Word commands:

"Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

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Featured Article

The Great White Throne Judgment!

On the topic of the Great White Throne Judgment, I get a couple of questions quite often. The first is: **Will Christians living now face the GWT Judgment?** Second: **Will there be any Christians at the GWT Judgment, or is it strictly a judgment of the lost?** Certainly these are important questions.

The Great White Throne Judgment is found here...

Revelation 20:11 (NIV) Then I saw a [great white throne](#) and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

Will Christians living now face the Great White Throne Judgment?

I have heard concern from some Christians who worry that they may find themselves facing the Great White Throne Judgment of God. In the Revelation passage it talks about the Book of Life being opened and so some are concerned that Christians also will face this judgment. Concerns are also raised because of passages like...

1 John 4:17 (NIV) In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence [on the day of judgment](#), because in this world we are like him.

There is no question that even as Christians we will face judgment. The scripture also says...

Hebrews 9:27 (NIV) Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to [face judgment](#), 28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Because of the presence of the Book of Life at the Great White Throne, it becomes obvious that this is a judgment of eternal destiny. Now the Bible is also clear that for Christians, we will face the judgment seat of Christ. This will be a judgment not of eternal destiny, but of works for reward or lack.

2Cor 5:9 (NIV) So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For [we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ](#), that each one [may receive what is due him](#) for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

The scriptures are also clear that Christians living now will be raptured on the Day of the Lord and that from that point forward their eternal destiny is decided.

Rev 20:4 (NIV) I saw thrones on which were seated [those who had been given authority to judge](#). And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) [This is the first resurrection](#). 6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. [The second death has no power over them](#), but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

I believe "those who had been given authority to judge" are the raptured saints. 1 Cor 6:2-3 tells us that Christians will judge the world and even the angels. The raptured saints are therefore part of the First Resurrection and "the second death has no power over them." So, in my belief, according to the scripture, that Christians living now will appear at the Judgment Seat of Christ, but they will not be subject to the Great White Throne Judgment because their eternal destiny is settled. Now, will there be ANY Christians at the Great White Throne?

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Thank you to the several PreWrathMinistries supporters who have submitted testimonies or articles to include in our newsletter. I wish we could use every article in every issue, but I will try to include as many as I can as often as I can. Please, if you have a testimony, special insights or topics that are important to you, send an email to newsletter@prewrathministries.org. I appreciate so much your passion and desire to spread the PreWrath message.

The Great White Throne Judgment (Continued...)

Will there be ANY Christians at the Great White Throne Judgment, or is it strictly a judgment of the lost?



So, if we as Christians will not face the Great White Throne Judgment, why is the Book of Life there? And, will there be ANY Christians at the Great White Throne Judgment?

The answers to both of these questions is the same. Yes, the raptured saints will not be subject to this judgment, but I believe there is ample scriptural evidence that many people will be saved after the rapture. One of my favorite passages regarding the Day of the Lord is...

Joel 2:11 (NIV) The LORD thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty are those who obey his command. The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it? 12 ["Even now,"](#) declares the LORD, ["return to me with all your heart,](#) with fasting and weeping and mourning."

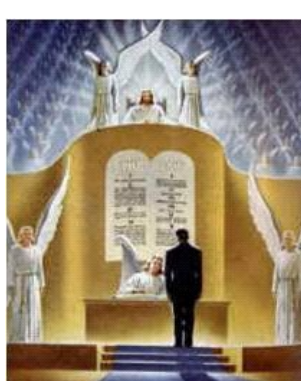
This passage reveals the heart of God and that His greatest interest during the Day of the Lord is the repentance of those who have rejected Him. After the rapture takes place - and knowing that it will not be a "secret" event as we have been taught, I believe many people will be saved. Furthermore, there are many passages that imply that other nations will be a part of God's people at the end.

Zech 2:10 (NIV) "Shout and be glad, O Daughter of Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the LORD. 11 ["Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people."](#) I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you.

In the book of Isaiah it speaks of other nations coming to the Lord...

Isaiah 2:2 (NIV) In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and [all nations](#) will stream to it. 3 Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. [He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.](#)" The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

This passage takes place after the Lord has set up His earthly kingdom. These people that flow to God's house are going for the purpose of learning His ways and walking in His paths. So, we can conclude that these are people who have not known His ways or walked in His paths.



The result is that there will be two groups of people who are followers of Christ that will appear at the Great White Throne because they have missed the Judgment Seat of Christ - those who are saved after the rapture and those saved during the millennial kingdom. This also explains the presence of the Book of Life at the Great White Throne.

New Website (Continued...)

Very soon I plan to start a new blog page on the website where we can stay a little more up to date with happenings in the PreWrath view. I also want to start a directory of churches.

I am excited because the new website will allow for many new features that up until now I have not been able to develop or maintain.

Keep watching for new features!



Zondervan released its newest book on the rapture issue which includes the PreWrath view. It replaces the first edition (1996) which covered Pre-trib, Mid-trib, and Post-trib and was very popular. Let's hope that this one is at least as popular and makes the Prewrath position more known in the evangelical community. The editor of the book and writer of the Prewrath position is Dr. Alan Hultberg of Talbot Seminary. He is an unknown to most of the active prewrath community. It's interesting that Southern Baptist theologian (SWBTS) Dr. Craig Blaising, also of Progressive Dispensationalism fame, authored the Pre-trib position. It's rumored that the

hardline Pre-tribbers did not want Zondervan to publish this book.

Submitted by Chuck Snow

PreWrath Conference (Continued...)

I was so pleased to finally meet Charles Cooper at the PreWrath Conference in Crestview, Florida. Below is a picture of Bro. Charles Cooper, myself and Alan Kurschner...



Caution!

I wanted to point out a couple of things I shared in the message I preached at the PreWrath conference entitled, "Caution!" In this message I shared three dangers I find in those who study end-times theology - and even for PreWrath followers.

The first danger is complacency. There are many reasons we may become complacent regarding the return of Christ. For some they may decide that end-time theology is just too hard to understand. This is one of the criticisms we get from the Pre-trib sector. Their claim is that if we take away the notion that Jesus could rapture His church at any moment, we destroy the urgency of being ready and people will become complacent, and lose the urgency for evangelism.

However, I have found the exact opposite to be true. The pre-trib view that we are going to be gone and miss anything terrible - to me - breeds complacency. "I won't be here so why worry about it!" And I find that Jesus' words to "watch" and "be ready" take on much more meaning and urgency when we know that our faith will be tested.

The second temptation I find is that we become obsessed to the point that anyone who disagrees with us - why they may not even be a Christian!"

No matter what our theology is - we are all brothers and sisters in Christ and if we let our perspectives divide us then the Devil has won!" The last caution is that of getting involved in date setting. I find this s dangerous thing and we toy with the possibility of being a false prophet! This to me was an important message and some thoughts I felt worth considering.

What If? (Continued...)

As I read books by Robert Vankampen, Marv Rosenthal and Michael Pfeil along with studying The Word, nagging thoughts crept in. My smile became a thoughtful gaze, and I was left to wonder:

"What If?"

What if the PreTrib belief were correct? What Harm?

We had waited with expectant hearts the appearing of our LORD. Standing joyfully on His promises to deliver us from the wrath to come.

What if the PreTrib belief were correct? What Harm?

We as a family, with joy and laughter, had discussed what heaven would be like and spent hours attending prophecy conferences with feel good messages, amid shouts of Maranatha, sharing our excitement with like minded believers.

BUT nagging thoughts refused to go away.

What if the PreTrib belief were wrong? What Harm?

I had spent much time waiting expectantly to be saved from the wrath to come but little time preparing my heart and my mind to stand for Him in the fiery furnace of affliction. I had spent little time on my knees weeping before the LORD over the lost within my own family, sharing the gospel with those I love most. Nor had I cried out to my Heavenly Father to save, deliver and heal a lost and dying world. I had far too often swallowed and followed yet spent no time becoming rooted and grounded in His Word.

What if the PreTrib belief were wrong? What Harm? I had not examined my own heart before God, but chose instead to embrace easy belief-ism. I had not looked at my own sins nor cried out to God in broken repentance. I had forgotten, perhaps I had never known what God had said:

"I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy." Leviticus 11:44

There will indeed be a rapture - but whether it is today, tomorrow or a thousand years from now, our LORD has said to each of us "occupy until I come."

We have a command from our King, a mandate from our LORD, and each of us must ask ourselves the question - "...when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8

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