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In fact, the Bible teaches that the Rapture will be just the opposite. When Jesus comes, He will come with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and trumpet of God (1 Thess. 4:16). Also, the Revelation letter says it shall be a visible coming of Jesus, seen by all. "Every eye shall see Him, and they also that pierced Him" (Rev.1:7). This false teaching of Secret Rapture Theory also promotes that following the seven years of tribulation Jesus will return with the Saints and set up an earthly Kingdom from Jerusalem for 1,000 literal years. From this teaching we get the word "**Premillennialism**". The Latin word "**Millennium**" means 1,000 years and the prefix "pre" means before---thus it means that Christ is going to reign as King on earth 1,000 years before eternity is ushered in.

As we study the Word of God, may we realize that when Jesus comes again, He will come as a thief in the night, or unexpected. Also that there will not be a secret rapture of His Saints but a universal recognizing Him as Lord of Lords. May the Lord help us to be careful of the many theories that man promotes as though the Bible teaches it in very plain language.

Now, **the important question** that each of us must answer is: **ARE WE READY TO MEET JESUS WHEN HE COMES?** The question is not if our spouse is ready, or our children, or our parents - but are we as an individual ready to meet our Maker. The Bible (in Acts) teaches that one must:

1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (16:31) 2) Repent Of Sins (17:30) 3) Confess Christ Audibly (8:37) 4) Be Baptized In Water (2:38) 5) Live A Christian Life (14:22) 6) Be Active In The Church (14:22) **The local church is to be a "Lighthouse" in the community.** It is in need of one's abilities and support as much as a person is in need of the church. May each of us be understanding that it is only by God's grace that anyone can be forgiven of sins and have the opportunity for heaven.

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