

1. Last week I taught in part 1Ti 6:14 and when the clock tolled noon we were about to study the phrase, “the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ.”
2. Before we complete that study I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. Let me first give you an expanded translation of 1Ti 6:12-13.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:12 Now Timothy, it is important for you to fight the good fight of faith and take possession of your eternal life for it was to this life that God called you. You have often provided a dedicated life of faith while firmly professing that faith before many witnesses.

1Ti 6:13 Timothy, I command you in the sight of God and before Jesus Christ the creator of all things, Who made a profound confession before Pontius Pilate;”

4. So far, we have exegeted that portion of 1Ti 6:14 which in the KJV has been translated *“That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the ...”* noting it might better be rendered **“Timothy you must keep on demonstrating that which Christ professed: a profession, intact, unsullied, irreproachable and unblameable until ...”**

5. The entire verse has been translated in the KJV:

KJV-Sentence Continues

1Ti 6:14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

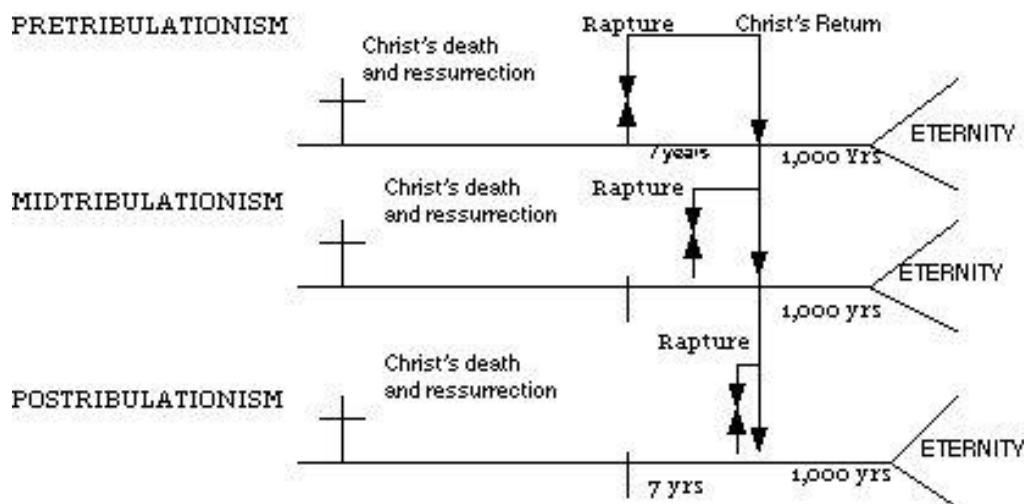
6. Now for the phrase “the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

THE APPEARING Ο ΕΠΙΦΑΝΕΙΑ

1. **Epiphaneia** is better translated “the appearance of the Lord at the Rapture ...”
2. **Epiphaneia** appears some six times where it is translated “appearing” or “brightness.”
3. Now for the concluding phrase. It is well translated “of our Lord Jesus Christ:”

OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: Ο ΚΥΡΙΟΣ ΕΓΩ ΙΗΣΟΥΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ:

4. There are four major theories of the Rapture as it relates to the Second Advent of Christ.
5. The four are: Pre, Post, Mid and Partial; those subscribing to the Partial tend to be of the Mid-Tribulation persuasion.
6. We are in this church Pretribulation and Premillennial in our eschatological views, meaning the Tribulation precedes the Second Advent of Christ ushering in the millennial reign of our Lord and Savior.
7. A chart of the three major eschatological theories is:



8. There is also the "Amillennialist" who allegorizes eschatological Scriptures and therefore, do not view the Rapture or the Second Advent as two separate events.
9. Now for an expanded translation of the entire verse.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:14 Timothy you must keep on demonstrating that which Christ professed: a profession, intact, unsullied, irreproachable and unblameable until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ at the Rapture:

10. Paul reminds Timothy of the return of Christ but in God's perfect timing.
11. At this point I want to review several points from the *Doctrine of the Rapture and Second Advent*.
12. The word Rapture comes from the Latin word "Rapturo" meaning "the state of being taken away or the event when the taking occurs." It only appears in the Latin translation of the New Testament.

13. We can therefore disregard the Greek etymology of the word Rapture. The Latin verb "Rapto" means "to be snatched away."

14. Why are there so many theories regarding eschatology? because the etymology provides no real key in a technical sense.

15. The immanency of the Rapture supports the Pre-Trib and Pre-Mil position.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: **and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds**, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,**

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1Pe 4:7 **But the end of all things is at hand:** be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

Jam 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Jam 5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: **for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.**

1Jo 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; **whereby we know that it is the last time.**

Heb 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Heb 10:37 **For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.**

16. There are three Greek words used interchangeably for the several eschatological events called "the Rapture" and "the Second Advent." The three words are:

- **Parousia**-to be near or to come along-side
- **Apokalupsis**-to reveal, uncover, or unveil
- **Epiphaneia**-to bring forth to light, to show forth

17. Parousia

- At the Rapture I will be so proud of you.

1Th 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his "**coming**?"

- I hope to see your chest decorated with medals when you return with Jesus at the Second Advent.

1Th 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblamable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the "**coming**" of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

- Our deceased loved ones will not miss the Rapture.

1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the "**coming**" of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

- The Lord will preserve you blameless until the Rapture.

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the "**coming**" of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Th 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

- I can't believe you believed this silly lie about the Rapture having already occurred.

2Th 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the "**coming**" of our Lord Jesus Christ, and "by our gathering together unto him,"

2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that *the day of Christ (Kurios)* is at hand.

- Paul does not want them anxious about the "day of the Lord." The "day of the Lord" is the general term for the Tribulation, Millennium and the destruction of planet earth.

- The "day of Christ," is the Rapture of the Church. The day of Christ is therefore a bad translation. It is better "day of the Lord." The day of Christ is the Rapture and it is at hand. The Greek is "day of Lord—**Kurios**."

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there *come a falling away* first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

- The falling away first in verse three refers to either the apostasy of the Tribulation or the Rapture of the Church. The Greek word **Apostasia** can mean either. Since there is always apostasy in all ages, most grace expositors believe the falling away refers to the Rapture.

2Th 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2Th 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only HE who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

2Th 2:8 And then shall that Wicked One be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his "**coming**:"

- The One Who withholdeth is God the Holy Spirit. Clearly since He indwells all believers His removal at the Rapture will make possible the work of the Satan indwelt Anti-Christ. The Wicked One therefore, in 2Th 2:8, is the Anti-Christ and **Parousia** [translated coming] is used for the Second Advent when the Anti-Christ will be placed in the Lake of Fire.
- Be patient and wait for the Rapture.

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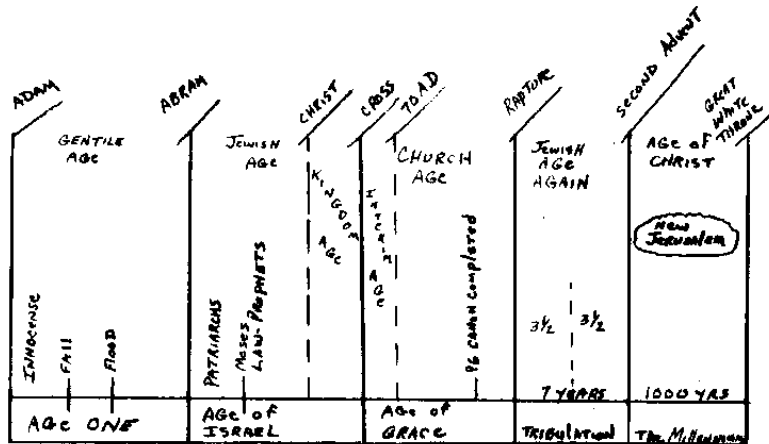
Jam 5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the "**coming**" of the Lord draweth nigh.

- I told you the truth about the Second Advent.

2Pe 1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and "**coming**" of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

- There are some who are cynical about the Rapture as well as the Second Advent.

2Pe 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his "**coming**?" for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.



- After the Great White Throne the world will become one great big ball of fire.

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the "**coming**" of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

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