The Rapture and the Boy Who Cried Wolf – Part 3

Introduction

- 1. The evangelical community has cried wolf so many times in regards to the Rapture of the church that there has been a serious loss of integrity.
- 2. In this Bible Study, there are three biblical facts we will examine that would alleviate this foolishness and confusion if people would understand them.

Fir	rst fact: We are living in the time of the, not	
prophecy.		
•	There are timetables for when this mystery program called the	
	dispensation of grace must end.	
Se	econd fact: Signs of Christ's coming are for Israel, not the	
	of Christ.	
•	The prophetic program gives definite world events and tables, but the	
	mystery program of today does not.	
Th	ird fact: The Rapture is imminent and does not depend on	
1.	What do we mean by the word "imminent?"	
	Webster's defines "imminent" as " to take place."	
2.	When we speak of the Rapture as being imminent, we are saying that there is	
	standing in the way of its occurrence. There are no signs that	
	have to take place first. Philippians 3:20-21, 4:5	
	• The word "look" carries the idea of expectation. If you are looking for it, then	
	you are it to happen.	
	 This is the attitude that we are to have toward the Rapture. 	
	"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God	
	and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13	
3.	On the other hand, Christ reveals specific signs that will occur before He returns to	
	to establish His kingdom on earth. Luke 21:25-28	

	• When they see these, they are to start looking up because then
	Christ's coming will be imminent.
	The Tribulation saints aren't to start looking until the time schedule
	says, "It's time." Then start looking up.
4.	But Paul was waiting, looking, and Christ to come at any
	moment. Philippians 3:20; Titus 2:13; Romans 8:23; 1 Corinthians 1:7;
	1 Thessalonians 1:10
5.	What does this mean? It means there is standing in the way of
	Christ coming for us, and the blessed hope taking place. There are no events that
	have to happen before He comes.

(Please scroll down to view timeline chart.)

SIGNS OF CHRIST'S RETURN TO EARTH

Rapture

CHRIST RETURNS
WITH POWER AND
GREAT GLORY

(The Mystery)

Time of Grace

SIGNS

- SPIRITUAL DECEPTION
- WAR AMONG NATIONS
- GEOLOGICAL DISASTERS
- Persecution against Israel
- GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM PROCLAIMED TO ALL NATIONS
- SUPERNATURAL DISTURBANCES IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM

CHRIST
ESTABLISHES
HIS RIGHTEOUS
KINGDOM ON
EARTH

O. T. (The Law)

Church Age

Tribulation 7 Years

Fig Tree Buds

Kingdom 1000 Years

- No signs for the Rapture
- Only general Characteristics of the World are given

- The generation that sees these signs will see Christ's 2nd coming to earth