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Christ of course is our perfect and most adored hero. He is King, Lord, Savior, Friend, Rock, Master, and my all time favorite, Refuge. He is all that, and so much more. Endless pages would be needed to write of all His attributes...And then, it would just be the beginning of all there is to say about Him...And then we would just scratch the surface of Who He Really Is.

Pam and I are doing a personal study on Revelation right now. We have shied away from it in the past because, well, uh, hmm: it is difficult. What is literal? What is symbolic? Who is Christ talking to, & when? As Pam & I have been going through a series presented by Dr. David Jeremiah, I have been spending time reading a commentary book on Revelation by Bullinger. I had never heard of Bullinger until my brother Woody gave me a copy of one of his books. WOW! Talk about DEEEEEEEEP! I thought Tozer, C.S. Lewis, and Spurgeon were deep---and they are---but Bullinger is an expert linguist in Greek AND Hebrew, seems to have the Bible memorized from cover to cover, and is able to point out both glaring and subtle scripture references that connect the past to the future. If you want a quick read: DON'T read Bullinger.

I love the challenge though. Often Jeremiah & Bullinger do not agree. At times I am at odds about what to think, what to feel, what to believe, and what God is truly telling us about the end times. Is it important that I know what exactly is going to happen during the Apocalypse? Do

I need to know how the world will end? Will it help knowing about the future, either in general terms and/or specific matters? Is my knowledge going to change anything?

A few conclusions I have drawn, and I share them with you now. These are personal; I am not trying to convince you to believe as I do. Just the opposite. I am sharing these thoughts so you can mull things over for yourself, search the scriptures---be a Berean---and see what the Lord is telling you. If we differ, I am sorry that you are not gifted enough to see my way of thinking--- just kidding! I would expect some differences. More important though is knowing the things we agree on. We can build on those. Here we go.

1) Even though the word "Rapture" is not in the Bible, there will be a rapture, a twinkling of an eye moment, when Christ calls all past and present Believers to be with Him, to be "The Body of Christ."

2) There is a book called "The Book of Life." I would think that a Book of Life would indeed have the names of all people from all times in it since all people are, or were, living at one time. The Bible talks about names being blotted out of the Book of Life. Here is my take on that: each of us has the choice to either leave our name in the Book of Life, or to blot our name out of the Book of Life.

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The scripture makes it pretty simple and clear: those who believe in Jesus (that He is the Son of God, the Savior of the world, born of a virgin, grew up teaching about His Father and His love for all people, was rejected by the church, crucified, died, and rose from the dead three days later, appearing to over 500 eye witnesses after His resurrection) will keep their names written in the Book of Life. Those who reject belief in Jesus make their own decision to blot their name out of the Book of Life.

3) People reject Christ is because they do not want to be accountable to Him. There are lots of reasons: bad Christian examples, deep hurt and pain, suffering, evil, the list goes on. These reasons are real, and I can understand how some folks reject God altogether...but there are also many good Christian examples, those who love instead of inflicting hurt, pain, and suffering, and there are many who reject evil and strive for righteousness.

4) At the end of time, many will continue to reject God.

O.K...enough for now. Chew on those thoughts a bit and see what you come up with. Could be that I am all wet. The real question for me is this: What do I want to do about it? How can I help people understand that God truly is a God of love and justice and Truth? What can I do to help someone see, feel, and absolutely KNOW the love of God? And, what can you do?

Pam and I leave on October 10th for a two-week medical mission with an agency we have never worked with before call Sea Mercy. We will be going to the South Pacific, starting and ending at Fiji. Every day or two we travel by boat from one island to another with a team of seven---five who we also do not know---to provide medical care for the islanders. KMI has always chosen to go to places where no one else will go, where the "least of these" live. They have little or medical care on some of these islands, so we are excited to see how God will use us as His hands and feet to love on the people there. Sounds like a vacation: isn't. The agency made that VERY clear. We boat at night, and work in villages during the day. Bigger islands may take two or three days, while smaller islands take only one day. Whatever comes our way, it is our prayer that the Lord will use us to help people see, feel, and KNOW the love of Christ. Please pray that Christ will be glorified in this venture .

Thank you once again for your love and support for KMI. We deeply appreciate your kindness and love. The November newsletter should have some interesting stories from the sea. Until then, have a blessed fall.

Serving Him,

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