

10 Reasons Why I Question the *Pre-Tribulation Rapture* of the Church

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1. This end-time position has NO explicit biblical support. There is not one passage which teaches the **Pre-Trib Rapture** in all of Scripture. This reason, alone, is sufficient warrant to question the **dogma** of Pre-Tribulationism.
2. The “imminent” **inference** (in supposed support of the Pre-Trib Rapture) is poor. Please see [this document](#) (titled “Because His Truths Matter”) for facts in denial of this tradition of men.
3. The **inference** of “[Dispensationalism](#)” is circular when the Rapture is included therein. How so?

Look at many of the Dispensational charts and they often teach the *Dispensation of Grace* ends at the Pre-Trib Rapture event. The problem with this is that there does not exist even one explicitly biblical passage in support of this presupposition – that the conclusion of the Dispensation of Grace is the Pre-Trib Rapture event. So on occasion when we are exposed to the appeal that the Pre-Trib Rapture concludes the Dispensation of Grace, what will be our response? Let’s, in part, simply ask for **explicit biblical** support for this assumption. There is none.

Also, in general, Dispensational theology teaches the Dispensation of Grace takes place during the Church age. But another biblical problem with this viewpoint is that the New Covenant, a very biblical Truth, is eternal. Do the Dispensationalists teach the Dispensation of Grace is different than the New Covenant in Jesus Christ? If so, on what biblical grounds do they make this claim?

4. The teaching that Daniel’s 70th Week is the “Tribulation Period” is yet another crucial (but incorrect) **inference** in the theological system of Pre-Tribulationism. Fact, though: The Bible never teaches this tenet – that is, the tenet that Daniel’s 70th Week is the “Tribulation Period” as defined by the Pre-Tribulation Rapture advocates.
5. The **inferential** teaching that Rev. 6 – 19 represents the “Tribulation Period” is not substantiated by biblical data. (The *interpretation* that Rev. 4:1 provides Bible support for the Rapture fails the “actual data” test. The rapture is not taught in this verse. We really do need to better discern between Bible Truth and Bible interpretation).
6. The Pre-Trib Rapture teaching regarding the details of the “last trumpet” of I Cor. 15:51, 52 is weak when contrasted with the positions which affirm the actual data of this passage: The event of our being changed, in a twinkling of an eye, takes place at the last trumpet. The only **series** of eschatological trumpet blasts (where there would be a “last” trumpet) in the entire Bible is found in Rev. 8 – 11 and the final trumpet blast of this series is the 7th trumpet. It’s at this time (just after the 7th trumpet sounds) that the 24 elders say, “... Your wrath has come.” (Rev. 11:18; NKJV)
7. The “tribulation” of Mt. 24:9-22 concludes well BEFORE the 2nd Advent. In other words, the astronomical signs of vs. 29, the sign of the Son of Man (vs. 30), the gathering of the elect (vs. 31) and the final round of false teachers (vs. 24) ALL take place AFTER the tribulation and AFTER the great tribulation is cut short. But the Pre-Trib Rapture view teaches the “Tribulation Period” concludes with the 2nd Advent of Jesus Christ to the earth. [We have a problem](#) here and it’s due, in part, to their faulty definition of “tribulation” – what they often call, the “Tribulation Period.”
8. The [Day of the Lord](#) follows the tribulation (vv. 9-22) and astronomical signs (vs. 29) of Mt. 24, for in Joel 2 we find the astronomical signs come BEFORE the great and awesome Day of the Lord. In other words, the Day of the Lord is separate from the [tribulation as defined in Mt. 24:9-22](#). The Day of the Lord is NOT a part of this tribulation period.
9. Our Lord, in His Word, warns against false teachings in two (of many) ways:
 - A. Do not put traditions of men above the Word of God – Mt. 15
 - B. Do not embrace the end-time myths; do not follow those who teach them – II Tim. 4:1-4

When these warnings are honored, the unbiblical traditions and myths are rejected (or at the very least, they are not held as *dogmatic* doctrine). Traditions and fables are NOT affirmed as “T”ruth by God’s Saints in Jesus Christ. So WHY do we continue listening to those who teach doctrine which is not taught in the Word of God?

10. Two great chronological end-time passages (Mt. 24 & Revelation) teach contrary to a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. They actually teach the *gathering together* (Mt. 24:31; II Thes. 2:1) event takes place **after** the Man of Sin is revealed. The Book of Revelation affirms this when the historical parentheticals of Rev. 12 – 14 are taken into consideration.

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A summary calling for the reconsideration of a poorly supported doctrine of the contemporary church

1. The Pre-Tribulation Rapture is not explicitly taught in Scripture.
2. Pre-Tribulation Rapture advocates' inference of "imminence" is not taught in Scripture.
3. Dispensational Theology's inferential teaching that the event which closes the *Age of Grace* – the Pre-Tribulation Rapture – is not taught in Scripture.
4. Pre-Tribulation Rapture advocates often teach Daniel's 70th Week is equivalent to the "Tribulation Period." This, too, is not taught in Scripture.
5. The inferred interpretation (by many Pre-Tributionalists) that Rev. 6–19 represents the "Tribulation Period" is not explicitly taught in Scripture.
6. How Pre-Tribulation Rapture advocates interpret the "last trumpet" of I Corinthians 15:51, 52 is not very credible when contrasted to more explicitly biblical (via *Scripture interpreting Scripture*) answers.
7. The "Tribulation Period" concluding with the 2nd Advent of Christ (as taught by Pre-Tribulation Rapture advocates) is not biblically supported, as Jesus Christ teaches to the contrary – see Mt. 24.
8. The unsubstantiated (biblically speaking) opinion that "The Day of the Lord" is the "Tribulation Period" is unbiblical because the Scriptures teach the Day of the Lord is separate from the tribulation of Mt. 24:9-22.
9. We are told by our Lord Jesus NOT to uphold traditions, theological tenets or unbiblical myths as more authoritative than the explicit Word of God – see Mt. 15 / Mark 7.
10. In addition to the problematic tenets of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view above, the Bible teaches the Rapture Gathering takes place **after** the Man of Lawlessness is revealed – see the preceding page for specific details.

For informational charts on this contemporary topic, please visit www.currentmatters.org.

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