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on False Doctrines

What is the

AD 70 Doctrine?

Introduction

There is an insidious doctrine that is causing division among brethren today.

The gospel preacher is charged by God to *"preach the word: be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort with great patience and instruction"* (2 Tim. 4:2)

We must *study to show ourselves approved to God* (2 Tim. 2:15), not to fit our preconceived ideas or fanciful theories.

Introduction

The apostle Paul had to warn Timothy about gospel preachers and mentions them by name along with their false doctrine.

“Hymenaeus and Philetus, men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some” (2 Timothy 2:17).

This same doctrine is destroying the faith of some brethren today.

Introduction

Unless gospel preachers warn and brethren heed the danger there will be more division.

Please examine what is said by God's word.

(1 Thessalonians 5:21-22; Acts 17:11)

We must understand each Scripture as being literal unless the context necessarily infers a figurative or spiritual explanation.

Remember that all the Scriptures will harmonize and not contradict any other passage or you will have the wrong interpretation.

What is the AD 70 Doctrine?

It is called by many different names.

In the 1930's, C. H. Dodd called it "Realized Eschatology" (doctrine of completed last things)

In the 1980's, Max King called it Covenant Eschatology.

Preterist- "a person who maintains that the prophecies in the Apocalypse have already been fulfilled." (dictionary.com)

What is the AD 70 Doctrine?

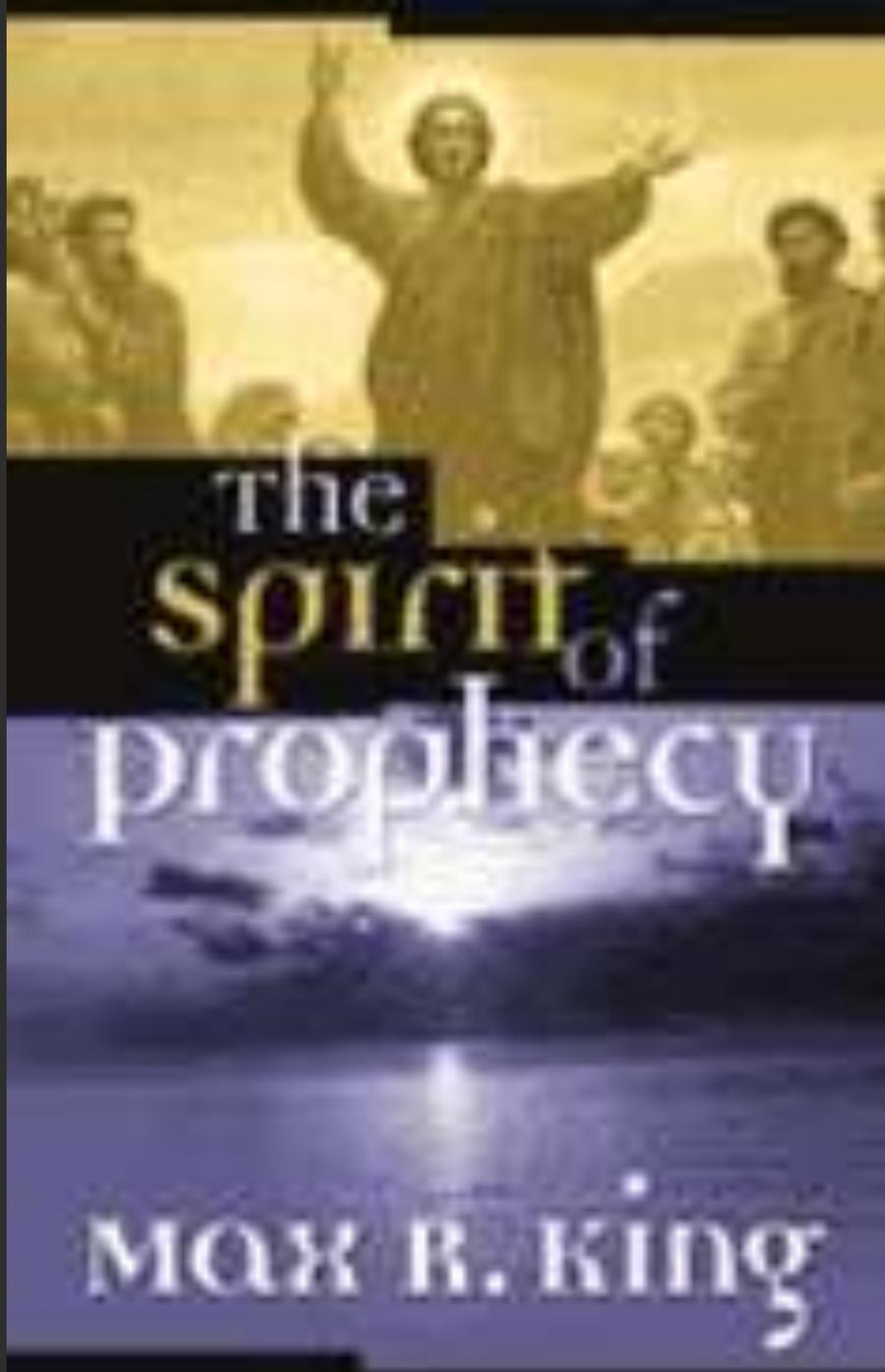
It was called *transmillennialism* by Max King's son.

Tim King wrote, "*By 1999 we began to look long-term at what it would take to extend Max's research as a second generation and prepare the church for the postmodern age....In the summer of 1999 we invented a new word – "Transmillennialism." As a new term, this could stand beside 'pre-,' 'a-,' and 'post-' millennialism, the final forms that had developed in Christian eschatology....*

Transmillennialism

....Unlike traditional dogma, Transmillennialism™ sees Christ's millennial reign in its first-century context, from the Old to the New Covenant, bringing about the transformation of the ages. It sees the thrust of the Bible's speaking about how heaven comes to earth, not primarily about how one gets to heaven."

(The Transmillennial® View by Tim King in SOP, p. 424)



Max Teaches That All These Events Have Taken Place in the Destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70

- The second and final coming of Christ.
- The establishment of the eternal kingdom.
 - The resurrection of the dead.
 - The day of judgment.
 - The end of the world.

Agreements and Disagreements with Their Doctrine

I agree with Max that Jerusalem was destroyed in AD 70 because Jesus said that it would happen in that generation (**Matthew 24:1-34**).

But I don't agree that all these events happened in AD 70 because of what the Bible says.

I agree with them when they teach against premillennialism but I believe they go too far the other way when they preach that all the prophecies in the Bible have come to pass.

70 A.D. Doctrine

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70

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“Last Days” (Transitional Period)

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The Cross



**Destruction of
Jerusalem**

70 A.D. Doctrine teaches...

- The Old Covenant overlapped with the New Covenant.

Max Teaches that the Old and New Covenant Overlap

"A failure to recognize the overlapping of the Old and New Covenants has created a third age or world that really doesn't exist in Scripture."

(Spirit of Prophecy, p. 367)

In the book, Max uses many different terms to describe the Old Covenant (age, system, world) which is used over 100 different times in the book leading to much confusion.

The Bible Teaches ...

- At the cross, the Old Covenant ended and the New Covenant began.
 - **The Old Covenant was nailed to the cross.**

The Bible Teaches that the Old Covenant was Nailed to the Cross

The Old Covenant is described as the tablets of stone, letter that kills, ministry of death, and the ministry of condemnation (2 Cor. 3:3-9).

Many Bible passages teach that Jesus Christ died on the cross to abolish the Law of Moses.
(Eph. 2:15-16; Col. 2:14)

All of the sacrifices of the Old covenant could never take away sins (Hebrews 10:11).

The Bible Teaches ...

- At the cross, the Old Covenant ended and the New Covenant began.
 - The Old Covenant was nailed to the cross.
 - Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant.**

The Bible Teaches that Jesus is a Mediator of the New Covenant

The Old Covenant was prophesied to come to an end (**Jeremiah 31:31-34**). When did it happen?

When Jesus shed His blood it sanctified the new covenant (**Heb. 8:8ff; 9:15; Matt. 26:28**).

Paul used the illustration of the marriage relationship ending at death to show that the Old Covenant ended at the death of Christ.
(**Romans 7:2-4**)

70 A.D. Doctrine teaches...

- The Kingdom Didn't Come With Power until 70 A.D.

Max Teaches that the Kingdom Did Not Come with Power on Pentecost

"We have seven reasons why the kingdom did not come in power at Pentecost. Pentecost was the beginning of his throne, his reign, and his kingdom, but there was a battle to fight, an enemy to subdue, and a dominion to be seized." (SOP, p. 233)

The Bible Teaches ...

- The Kingdom came with Power on the Day of Pentecost.

Jesus Promised the Apostles that the Kingdom of God would Come with Power

There were some who were listening to Jesus who would still be alive when the kingdom came (Matt. 16:28; Mark 9:1; Luke 9:27).

Jesus promised the keys to the kingdom to the apostle Peter and to the rest of the apostles.
(Matt. 16:18-19; 18:18)

They were told, "You are to stay in the city (Jerusalem) until you are clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49).

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How long did they wait? Did they wait 40 years in AD 70 until they would receive that power?

Jesus spoke to them for 40 days about the kingdom of God after He was raised from the dead (Acts 1:3).

After that Jesus said it would be only a few days until they received that power from the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-8).

The Kingdom of God Came with Power on the Day of Pentecost

Power did come from heaven (wind, fire, speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance) (Acts 2:1-8)

The apostle Peter preached Jesus as Lord and Christ, 3,000 were baptized and the kingdom was established on that day (Acts 2:36-41).

The apostles preached the kingdom of God and saints were in the kingdom before 70 AD.
(Acts 28:23, 31; Col. 1:13; Rev. 1:9)

The Kingdom of God Came with Power on the Day of Pentecost

Either the kingdom of God came with power on the Day of Pentecost or it didn't come at all.

When a passage is fulfilled we don't need to look for another time for it to be fulfilled.

But Max King contends **“The kingdom did not come in power at Pentecost, it came in power at the second coming.” (SOP, p. 238)**

70 A.D. Doctrine teaches...

- The 2nd Coming Has Already Happened.
 - It happened in 70 A.D.

The AD 70 Doctrine Teaches that the 2nd Coming Already Happened

"Prophecy found its complete fulfillment in the second coming of Christ, and now may be regarded as closed and consummated"

(SOP, p. 113)

"The end of the Jewish world was the second coming of Christ" (SOP, p. 137)

"The fall of Jerusalem was the last day, and therefore the second coming of Christ."

(SOP, p. 243)

70 A.D. Doctrine teaches...

- The 2nd Coming Has Already Happened.
 - It happened in 70 A.D.
 - It was Spiritual.**

Max Teaches that the 2nd Coming is Spiritual, not Physical

"Christ's first coming was fleshly (of tangible form) because he came to a fleshly Israel. His second coming was to spiritual Israel, and therefore was of spiritual form – this also is true of our temple, priesthood, tabernacle, city, etc. Failure to recognize this simple but vital truth is largely responsible for the misplacement and misapplication of Christ's second advent." (SOP, p. 388)

What Does The Bible Say...

- Is the 2nd coming spiritual?

Is the 2nd Coming of Christ Spiritual?

“And after He (Jesus) had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

(Acts 1:9-11)

Is the 2nd Coming of Christ Spiritual?

The Bible testifies that the disciples actually saw Jesus ascending into heaven.

The Bible says that this is the same manner in which he will return. (His body will be seen)

Did every eye see Him in the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 including those who crucified Him? (**Revelation 1:7**)

Jesus did come in AD 70 in judgment upon Jerusalem, but it was not His bodily return!

Is the 2nd Coming of Christ Spiritual?

Those who advocate the AD 70 doctrine assert that every “coming of the Lord” or “Day of the Lord” in the NT is the 2nd coming of Christ but it depends on the context as to what it means.

There is no Scripture that proves Christ came back a 2nd time bodily for all people.

Max asserts without evidence that the 2nd coming already happened but denies the proof that the kingdom came with power on the Day of Pentecost!

The Bible Teaches ...

- The 2nd coming of Christ
 - Is physical, not spiritual
 - Is a future event (it didn't happen in 70 A.D.)

70 A.D. Doctrine teaches...

- The Resurrection of the Dead is ALWAYS spiritual.

AD 70 Doctrine- The Resurrection of the Dead is Always Spiritual

"While the physical resurrection of Christ stands as a cornerstone of our faith, the question of how we share in that resurrection was on the minds of New Testament writers. In Romans 6, Paul associates our baptism with our death in Christ, and speaks of our resurrection in the same context. The death Paul speaks of here is not a literal or biological death – the resurrection that would follow need not be understood in this light either..... (SOP, p. 309)

AD 70 Doctrine- The Resurrection of the Dead is Always Spiritual

"There is nothing in Paul's corporate language of the "body" of Christ that forces us to assume that the resurrection to come (in their day) would involve the literal process of individual corpses coming out of their graves "Instead, the expected eschatological resurrection was the translation of the children of God from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant (2 Cor. 3:18). The death from which we are corporately raised is from sin-death, or alienation from God." (ibid)

The Bible Teaches ...

- The resurrection of the dead is not always spiritual.

The Bible Teaches a Spiritual Resurrection but is it always used that way?

Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live" (John 5:25).

We were dead in our sins; but, after hearing Jesus and being baptized into His death, we were born again (Eph. 2:1; Rom. 6:3-4).

The Bible Teaches a Spiritual Resurrection but is it always used that way?

“You were dead in your trespasses and sins”
(Eph. 2:1).

“Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:3-4).

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Notice the contrast with John 5:28-29. Is it also a spiritual or literal resurrection? Is it present or future?

"Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment." (John 5:28-29)

70 A.D. Doctrine teaches...

- The resurrection of the dead is “Israel”.

Max Teaches that Israel would be Raised from the Grave of Sin

"In John 5 Jesus addresses two stages of one resurrection, which follow his determinative death and resurrection.... His focus is on the resurrection of Israel, "the dead" from the standpoint of "the life" that Christ came to give.

As they were raised out of the graves of national death by "the word of the Lord" in their historical captivity (Ezek. 37), the hour had come for Israel to be raised out of their graves of sin captivity by "the voice of the Son of God." (SOP, p. 331)

The Bible Teaches ...

- The resurrection of the dead is not “Israel”, but “everyone”.

The Bible Teaches that the Resurrection of the Dead is Everyone

Jesus did not say that Israel would be raised from the grave of sin but all who are in the tombs who would hear His voice.

Has that happened to every single person who is in a tomb? No.

Our physical bodies cannot enter into heaven.

“Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable” (1 Corinthians 15:50).

70 A.D. Doctrine teaches...

- “Judgment Day” and the “End of the World”
 - Are past

Max Teaches that Fiery Judgment Fell on the Old Covenant World in 70 AD

*"The world reserved for fire on the day of judgment (2 Pet. 3:7) was the Old Covenant world. Fire is a symbol of the severity of God's judgment and destruction, "For our God is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29). That phrase is found in the very context that deals with the shaking of heaven and earth (the Old Covenant world) so that the kingdom, or new heaven and earth, may come in its place....
(SOP, p. 214)*

Max Teaches that Fiery Judgment Fell on the Old Covenant World in 70 AD

...Fiery judgment was going to fall on the Old Covenant system. Jesus said, "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" (Lk. 12:49). The fire of 2 Peter 3:10 is no more literal than the fire of Luke 12:49." (ibid)

Did the Judgment Day already happen in AD 70?

The Bible Teaches ...

- “Judgment Day” and the “End of the World”
 - Are future

The Bible Teaches that All People will Stand before God in the Day of Judgment

“God will bring every act into judgment, everything which is hidden, whether good or evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

“We will all stand before the judgment seat of God” (Romans 14:10).

“We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10).

The Bible Teaches that All People will Stand before God in the Day of Judgment

If the Day of Judgment was the destruction of the Old Covenant system, why was governor Felix afraid if that day was about the Roman army destroying Jerusalem?

“But as he (the apostle Paul) was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, “Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you” (Acts 24:25).

The Bible Teaches that All People will Stand before God in the Day of Judgment

Why would the Athenians repent when the apostle Paul preached about the Judgment Day if it was about a Jewish calamity hundreds of miles away?

“...God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead” (Acts 17:30-31).

The Bible Teaches that All People will Stand before God in the Day of Judgment

All people everywhere are commanded to repent, not just the Athenians. Why?

Because there is going to be a Judgment Day in the future where we will have to give an account for our deeds done in the body.

Did all people stand before the judgment seat of Christ in 70 AD or is that still future?

70 A.D. Doctrine teaches...

- “Judgment Day” and the “End of the World”
 - Are past
 - Are spiritual**

Max Teaches that the End of the World is Figurative in 2 Peter 3:10-12

"The traditional idea of the end of the world is developed primarily from the text of 2 Peter 3:10-12, where Peter taught that the elements of the heavens would melt with fervent heat and the earth, along with its works, would be burned up. This is commonly interpreted in a literal sense, and is often quoted to support the end of the temporal universe as part of the end times. If this is the case, why is Peter the only one with this kind of arcane information about earth's last night?...

(SOP, p. 294)

Max Teaches that the End of the World is Figurative in 2 Peter 3:10-12

"Some are uncomfortable with the idea that Peter's language here is figurative, and this idea of fiery destruction is so widespread that objectivity is difficult. There is, of course, a kind of literal application in that Jerusalem – especially the temple – was destroyed by fire. The end of the world, however, is described in a number of ways in Scripture, suggesting the use of figurative language. If we choose to be overly literal with any of these descriptions, we run the risk of making one or more of the other passages contradictory." (ibid)

The Bible Teaches ...

- “Judgment Day” and the “End of the World”
 - Are future
 - Are literal**

The Context of this End of the World Passage in 2 Peter 3

Scoffers were mocking saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?.... all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation" (v. 3-4)

Even though sinful, they understood that the literal world had not changed.

The Holy Spirit records that the literal world was destroyed by literal water and that literal world was going to be destroyed by fire (v. 5-7).

Is that fire literal or figurative?

The Bible Teaches that the End of the World is Literal, not Spiritual

Brethren we know that the end of the world did not happen yet because we are still living in the same world they lived in which has not been destroyed by fire yet.

God will keep His promise to destroy the earth by fire just as He did with water in the days of Noah and that's why we must be diligent to live holy lives (2 Peter 3:9-14).

If the AD 70 theory was correct there would be no reason to repent or be godly today!

70 A.D. Doctrine teaches...

- **When you die, you go straight to heaven or hell.**

Max Teaches that When You Die you go to Either Straight to Heaven or Hell

"Where do people go today when they experience physical death? This depends upon their state before God at the time of death. If one is a faithful citizen of the everlasting kingdom they will be received into a full and complete spiritual state of existence in that eternal kingdom, which was entered by spiritual birth during their fleshly sojourn. If they are found outside of that kingdom, or disinherited, they are consigned to an eternal Hell, known as the second death."

(SOP, p. 290)

The Bible Teaches ...

- **All will be judged and raised on the Last Day.**

The Bible Teaches that All Will be Judged and Raised on the Last Day

“It is appointed for men to die once, and after death comes the judgment.”

(Hebrews 9:27)

Jesus said, “The word I spoke will judge him on the last day” (John 12:48)

When will be raised up to receive the reward?
On the last day.

The Bible Teaches that All Will be Judged and Raised on the Last Day

"This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but **raise it up on the last day.** "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and **I Myself will raise him up on the last day....** "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and **I will raise him up on the last day....** "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and **I will raise him up on the last day"** (John 6:39-40, 44, 54)

The Bible Teaches that All Will be Judged and Raised on the Last Day

There must be a change in our bodies since flesh and blood cannot enter into the incorruptible realm which will happen at the last trumpet.

(1 Corinthians 15:50-52; Mark 9:43-48)

Jesus will separate the sheep from the goats.

“These (the wicked) will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

(Matthew 25:46)

The Bible Teaches that All Will be Judged and Raised on the Last Day

While the AD 70 theorists teach that you will receive an immediate award when you die (not the last day), the Bible teaches that you will be judged and raised on the last day.

The AD 70 theorists believe that you go either to heaven or hell when you die but what Scriptures could they use to get there since they contend that all Bible prophecies were fulfilled in 70 AD?

Conclusion

Hosea said, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6)

"Some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:16-18).

Conclusion

The 70 AD doctrine teaches that the Old and New Covenant overlap while the Bible teaches that the Old Covenant was nailed to the cross and Jesus is the mediator of a New Covenant.

The 70 AD doctrine teaches that the Kingdom did not come with power on the Day of Pentecost while the Bible teaches that it did.

The 70 AD doctrine teaches that the 2nd coming is always spiritual while the Bible teaches that Jesus will come again in His body.

Conclusion

The 70 AD doctrine teaches that the resurrection of the dead is always spiritual and is Israel while the Bible teaches that it is literal and all people will be raised from the dead.

The 70 AD doctrine teaches that the Judgment Day and the end of the world are spiritual while the Bible teaches that it is literal and we will all stand before the Lord in the judgment.

Conclusion

Don't be deceived by this error of the 70 AD Doctrine that is leading souls down the path to torment.

The message of the Bible is the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ while the message of the AD 70 theorists is the destruction of Jerusalem.

Conclusion

We have the powerful weapon of truth with which we can cast down everything that is raised up against the knowledge of God so that we can be obedient to Christ (2 Cor. 10:3-6).

Thankfully those who are faithful Christians can look forward to a resurrection where we will fly away to meet the Lord in the clouds and always be with Him forever in heaven.

These words are of no comfort to the advocates of the 70 AD doctrine.

“For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:14-18)