

FAQ 16

Possible Consequences Of End-Time MISBELIEF

Q #16 What potential perils exist if each position is wrong?

Using the issue of salvation in general as an illustration, if the biblical perspective is wrong, we who have embraced eternal life in Jesus Christ have wasted this short life. (Please keep in mind the idea driving the secular world here: Christians not only “waste their life” but are EVIL because we are speaking against the #1 objective today: Global Unity. From their perspective, we are the enemy because we are speaking against this necessary movement. Once again, another note is needed: It’s most interesting there are *Christian* positions now promoting this one-world system. They, too, believe biblical followers of Jesus Christ who are warning of the dangers of globalization are among some the greatest threats today.)

In like manner, if the end-time positions below are wrong, what are the consequences IF their understanding of the timing of the Rapture—this is the concern we’re especially addressing here—is incorrect? (Please note: We confess a clear objective in this answer, one very specific in nature. The address on “consequences” below is not exhaustive.)

Position	Consequences
	If one of the other three positions below are correct ...
Pre-Tribulational Rapture	If the Rapture fails to occur BEFORE the Tribulation and the appearance of the antichrist, advocates of this position will face ill-preparedness and horrific disappointment, for they will indeed go through the time of Tribulation.
	If the position above is correct ...
Pre-Wrath Rapture	Our Tribulation preparations are wasted*
Final Trumpet Rapture/Gathering	Our Tribulation preparations are wasted*
Post-Tribulational Rapture	Our Tribulation preparations are wasted*

* Please note: This is only one of the many consequences tied to the possible scenario of these positions being incorrect. Much more could (and eventually should) be included in the list of consequences—even on the one specific we are addressing here. We all need to

go on to think about what some of the other consequences might be if the position we espouse is incorrect. But our point here is specific and needs to be acknowledged by the Pre-Tribulation Rapture community. The concern is this: Huge consequences (even eternal ones!) result **IF** indeed the position is incorrect. If you are Pre-Tribulation in your belief concerning the timing of the Rapture, are you at least willing to consider other eschatological options? ... especially given, 1) there are no explicit passages stating the Pre-Tribulation Rapture; 2) the arguments for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture position are—even by advocates' admissions—based on certain interpretive decisions (there are other clear possibilities as to how texts are considered - e.g., II Thes. 2:1-12); 3) the clear difficulties of the position; and, 4) grave disobedience—concerning our Lord's command to be prepared—is (factually) a result if one dogmatically believes this position (if indeed it actually ends up being incorrect).

Also please note, we are **NOT** saying, dogmatically, that the position is indeed wrong. We are simply appealing to the reading audience that the other options be considered and acted upon to a certain degree (as the Lord convicts) whereby the possibility of ill-preparedness will not be your lot if your "T" truth position (i.e., the Pre-Tribulation Rapture held absolutely true as if "Gospel Truth") fails to indeed take place.

This appeal is actually motivated by a sincere concern for you (if you are Pre-Trib) that you not be deceived and caught unprepared ... exactly what our Lord Jesus warned would happen to many before His glorious return. We include this information because we genuinely care for your welfare.

Here's another way to present our appeal:

Since the Pre-Trib. Rapture is **NOT** absolutely prescribed in the Word of God;
Because there are difficulties (i.e., unresolved problems) with the position; and
Because there are personal ramifications if the position actually ends up being incorrect;

Therefore we should at least go back to the Scriptures, study the texts and include other viable options (positions not biblically denied) as possible scenarios of our Lord's return.