

**Sunday Session 2 – June 1, 2014**  
**The Millennium – 1,000 Year Reward – Revelation 2:26**

Read Revelation 2:18-26.

Literal Translation of Revelation 2:26: *"And the one overcoming, and the one keeping my works until the end, I will give authority over the nations."*

Review from First Session: RAPTURE – (END-TIME CHRONOLOGY)

1. There are no prophetic events that have to precede the rapture; it can happen at any moment (I Thessalonians 5:2)
2. The rapture is the next major event, which happens prior to a terrible 7-year period of time called the "Tribulation".
3. Jesus calls the second half of these 7 years the "Great Tribulation" (Matthew 24:21) directly preceding His second coming.
4. The rapture occurs before the 7-year tribulation because the Antichrist cannot appear until that which "restrains" him is "taken out of the way" (II Thessalonians 2:7).
5. The restrainer in the world today is the power of the Holy Spirit who indwells the Church. This prevents Satan from being able to utilize his full power in his evil schemes.
6. When the Church is removed, the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way, and the Antichrist is revealed.

We must keep in mind the difference between the pre-canon periods of the Church Age, so that we do not get confused about what gifts are available to believers now, in the post-canon period.

Take a look now at Revelation 2:27:

*"And He will rule them with an iron staff..."*

"And He shall rule" FAI 3<sup>RD</sup> P.S. of POIMAINO, meaning to tend, to pasture – this is a GNOMIC future – a statement of fact

ACTIVE VOICE – JESUS CHRIST PRODUCES ACTION

INDICATIVE MOOD – THE MILLENNIUM IS A VERY REAL EVENT.

This Gnostic Future anticipates the absoluteness of the millennial reign of JC over the earth.

When JC rules on the earth it will be a time of perfect environment.

It will also be a time when believers in resurrection bodies are going to rule under the Lord's leadership.

## THE CHURCH GOES TO HEAVEN - Session II

1. The word rapture is taken from a Latin verb, meaning "to be seized" or "to be caught up". Our Lord promised this event just before His crucifixion (John 14:1-3).
2. This word refers to the end of the Church age. Believers dead and alive will be taken to meet the Lord Jesus Christ "in the air" I Thess.4:17.
3. We are presently in the dispensation of the Church and we do not know when this age will end.
4. The day of the Rapture will be the first day of the seven-year period known as the Tribulation.
5. The Second Advent will occur on the last day of the Tribulation and will usher in the thousand-year reign of Christ.
6. The Rapture completes the Redemption of the body because the believer receives a resurrection body at that time. Phil.3:20, 21; I John 3:1, 2.
7. This Biblical content was "hidden" from Old Testament saints (Called Mystery). The Rapture was pertinent to Church Age only. Believers living before the beginning of the Church Age did not have this information (Note "silence" by the prophets).
8. The rapture will not be a long, drawn out process of evacuation. We will be with our Lord instantly, and changed. The Resurrection body does not include the decay and corruption of sin and death.
9. The Rapture is a rendezvous for the believers living and dead. I Cor. 15:20-23.
10. The Rapture takes the sting out of death. I Cor. 15:54-56.

Now, we celebrate the graduation of one of our own, Jason Sartor, 4<sup>th</sup> in his class at Sterling High School.

Congratulations to Jason and his family!