

WALKING IN WISDOM (**Colossians 4:5**) Number #35

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Millennial Mistakes by John T. Polk II

Millennialists (whether they're pre-millennialists, a-millennialists, or post-millennialists matters not) have twisted the Scriptures as if through a blender.

There is no Scriptural (Old or New Testament) teaching that, in the future, Jesus Christ will:

- 1. come again and set foot on earth;**
- 2. establish a kingdom;**
- 3. fight a war with the Devil;**
- 4. re-institute Moses' Law;**
- 5. rule over the wicked;**
- 6. "rapture" away the saints.**

Let God speak:

1. There is no Scripture plainly teaching that Jesus will set foot on earth again, for: "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up" (**2 Peter 3:10**). When "the day of the Lord" occurs, the Lord will cause "both the earth and the works that are in it" to be "burned up." There will be no earth upon which Jesus will set foot and reign over anyone!

2. Jesus established His kingdom, for Paul wrote, "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love" (**Colossians 1:13**). At His Second Coming, "He delivers the kingdom to God the Father" (**1 Corinthians 15:24**), not establish it!

3. Jesus' war with the Devil has already been fought, for Jesus "was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (**Hebrews 4:15**). While "casting out demons" (**Mark 1:39**), Jesus concluded, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (**Luke 10:18**). John said, "the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil" (**1 John 3:8**).

4. Moses' Law saves no one today or tomorrow, "for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain" (**Galatians 2:21**). Since the Old Law of Moses was designed by God to bring us "to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (**Galatians 3:24-27**). No one can be, or has been, saved by keeping "The Ten Commandments," or any of Moses' Law.

5. Jesus will never rule over the wicked: "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be" (**Romans 8:7**), and He saves "all who obey Him" (**Hebrews 5:9**). The "carnal mind" has refused to surrender ("subject") to Jesus Christ, but could by repentance and baptism: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (**Acts 2:38**). "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized" (**Acts 2:41**). God said in **Proverbs 3:34**: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (**James 4:6-7**).

6. Christians will not be "raptured" from the earth: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord" (**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**). Those who will be "caught up" are those living "in Christ" who will be "seized, carried off" to meet the "dead in Christ" who rose "first," and both will "meet the Lord in the air," not on earth! At exactly the same time, Jesus Christ had predicted, "The hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation" (**John 5:28-29**).

This is not two resurrections separated by a thousand years, but one resurrection of two elements of mankind: "those who have done good," and "those who have done evil." Since "the Scripture cannot be broken" (**John 10:35**), these passages are impervious to the Millennialists' "blender." -----jtpll

Salted Speech **Colossians 4:6**

- ~ It seems sometimes that there is no such thing as New Year — it is only the old year come back.
~Elbert Hubbard, "Harriet Martineau," *Little Journeys to the Homes of Famous Women*, 1897
- ~ Some people are looking forward to a Christmas they'll never forget — and a New Year's Eve they'll never remember. ~Author unknown, quoted by Earl Wilson, 1968
- ~ An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves. ~Bill Vaughan (1915–1977), in *The Kansas City Star*, as quoted by *The Reader's Digest*
- ~ *Be at War with your Vices, at Peace with your Neighbours, and let every New-Year find you a better Man.* ~Quoted in Benjamin Franklin's 1755 *Poor Richard's Almanack*, December [quoteinvestigator.com]



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