*Tuesday, August 28, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

1Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (18) Wherefore comfort one another with these words. (KJV)

This week we are going to refer to ourselves as being the HNN network, heavenly news now, delivering some comforting news to the Church. We all get bombarded with the news of this fallen world dealing with wars, rumors of wars, death and destruction brought about by man’s fallen lower nature. It is good from time to time to look ahead, kind of like watching a movie trailer of coming attractions. As we see above, the Lord is coming back to grab His church away just before the final seven years of tribulation hits like a tidal wave.

1Thessalonians 5:8-11 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. (9) For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, (10) Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. (11) Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. (KJV)

You know, if you spent more time in the Word on a daily basis then you would take comfort in the fact that this nonsense that we are surrounded with is not going to last much longer. As we see clearly, God has not appointed us to wrath but encourages us to look above as our redemption draws nearer daily. Knowing the truth in love builds the Church up and edifies them, as well as providing an inner comfort of peace despite the chaos that we are surrounded with.

Ephesians 5:5-7 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. (6) Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. (7) Be not ye therefore partakers with them. (KJV)

As a parent you wouldn’t punish an obedient child, so why would you think God does? The wrath of God is for those on the outside, not on the inside. God does chasten and correct His people, but that is for their benefit and not their destruction, big difference.

Nahum 1:2-3 God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies. (3) The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. (KJV)

The Bible is very clear and consistent on who God’s wrath is upon; and from what I have read throughout it doesn’t involve His people, unless they decide to step out of His will and not act like one of His.

John 3:35-36 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. (36) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. (KJV)

If you know the Son personally then you know you are in good standing with our Father in heaven, and should not think that you have to go through the tribulation period. If you don’t believe then you are more than welcome to stick around; however, like the old song says,” we don’t need another hero”.