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premillennialists may differ, points which are not essential to premillennialism one way or another. I have mentioned above that which seemed to me to be essential to premillennialism. As to the many questions regarding the millennium, there is no clear teaching in Scripture. ~~All~~ teaching is capable of being interpreted in various ways. Many questions as to the exact details of the coming of Christ have not been clearly explained. In fact, we are clearly told in the Scripture that one of them is not told us at all. Our Lord says that of the day and hour of the return of Christ to this earth no man knows, no not even the Son, only the Father in heaven.

Among premillennialists the majority today feel that the Scripture teaches that Christ is going to come for His Church a few years before the time of ~~the~~ His actual return to this earth. They feel that I. Thessalonians ~~4~~ describes a sudden removal of the Church from this earth and that this will precede the great time of misery upon the earth which is known as the great tribulation. Recently a number of individuals have written books and pamphlets arguing strongly against this view and maintaining that the rapture of the church does not take place until after the tribulation and very shortly before the return of Christ to the earth. In this article it is not the desire of the writer to enter into this controversy. It does impress me, however, as very important to mention this, that the difference between the pretribulation and post-tribulation view is not one-fifth as important or as vital as the difference between premillennialists, postmillennialists and amillennialists, and the difference between premillennialists, postmillennialists and amillennialists is not ~~one-fifth~~ ^{truth} as vital as the difference between those who accept the Scriptural statements of the substitutionary atonement of Christ and of his visible personal return and those who deny these statements. Among Christians who believe in the return of Christ there should be true fellowship regardless of their view ~~of~~ ^{of} the millennium, and among premillennialists there