

SÌ CHUF SÌ LÙ - RAPTURE	
Iwo I yèynì na "sì chuf sì lù" nìn bê iwo kûm ìow ta yi læ gâyn sì gòæsì itu chôs a fî ghi àlenj ìlvì idyal I bemni-I sì wul ì bimini ì kilitèyn. Ghelì ghibimini nô ghì jìm, no mì ghî a ghi sì ghi ma ghi kfítì meyn nì ì ghî a àjenà lè nà bu chi ìlvì nâ ghàyn, ghî lè chuf ko'sì nì àjenà na ghi koyni nì Jisòs Christ ta wù læ kasi gvì "iyví", alen iyví ta ghi timi a nse ghi nà ki ko'sì à. Tèyn, a kilitéynsì nì Bôbo Jisòs kasî ndù iyví a mo'. A lè nà ghi ìlvì ta ghi nìn chuf ko'sì, a Christ ì fañ tì tòm aví a nse, a wù na kë' a ndayn kì sì gheli ghibimini.	The word "rapture" refers to an event which will mark the end of the Church Age and which will be an occasion of great joy to Christian believers. All believers, both those who have died and those who are alive at the time, will be taken up to meet Jesus Christ, who will have returned to "the air", earth's atmosphere. Then, the Christians and the Lord Jesus will return to heaven together. At the time of the Rapture, Christ will not set foot on earth; and He will be visible only to believers.
Jàn 1 Tèsàlonikà 4:17, Ifèl I Ghelì Ntum 1:11	READ 1 Thess. 4:17; Acts 1:11.
Ichuf sì ko' nìn ghi sì a nyiñ nì ànkùmtì I gvì nì Christ. No mì ta ichuf I ko' nìn dyèyn na ànkumti I gvì a nìn ba'sì meyn, awo nâ kèynà nìn ghi àwo sì a nyiñ à bò. Afo ta ghi dyòyn kì dyéyn ifê'nì I ateyni nìn ghi inyà'tì aféyn ta ghi nìn ko'tì ndù.	The Rapture is to be distinguished from the Second Advent of Christ. While the Rapture sets the stage for the Second Coming, these are two separate events. A chart giving comparisons between these two future appearances of Christ is found in a later section of this article.
Àngùmnì-a nìn lum ghi kì ìjwàj ì jwàj kûm na awo a go'sini-a nâ kèynà lè gâyn ìlvì gha a fítítì fî mbzì a. Alej kì a ghelì ghi a ghi n-faytì ka'sì Nwà'lì Fìyìnì ì lì àwo ateyn kì ta kì n-ghi nìn ti ateyn nìn ghi na^	There has been controversy for many generations concerning the timing of the final events in human history. The position held by the majority of categorical and fundamental Bible teachers is as follows:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lvîyn ghesinà nìn ghi ìtu' a fî a ghi nìn tonjtì na ìtu' ì chôs, ghesinà ì kya wi nà ìtu' nà wèyn lè gò'sì achi à ka. • Ichuf I ko' I læ lì àlè' ta ìtu' chôs ì gò'sì, achi a ichuf I ko' a lè nà ghi àchi a kì asì a bèñ sâ a fî ì nsòmbo a ghi tonjtì na à nìn ghi àlej ìlvì a Nge' Ibemni. • Ànkùmtì ì gvì nìn Christ à lè gâyn a ngo'sì alej ìlvì a Nge' Ibemni ì gvì nì Bejsì Nkam sisì a Jisòs Christ lè nà sa'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are presently in the dispensation known as the Church Age, and we do not know when this age will end. • The Rapture will occur at the end of the Church Age; and the day of the Rapture will be the first day of the seven-year period known as the Great Tribulation. • The Second Coming of Christ will occur on the last day of the Tribulation period and will usher in the thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ.
Awo kèyn abàs iku nìn ghi abàs awo a lì a ta ghelì ghi li nìn ti ateyn, kësa dzì zì a ghi nìn ki ateyn, kûm ta awo ateyna lè nà gâyn kalì à a fítítì fî mbzì, a ghi iwo abàs iye'i ghi tonjtì na Ichuf iko'sì jæ na ìlvì Nge' Ibemni gvi/Jæ na Bèñ Nkam ìlvì Nge' Ibemni ghi. Ìnôyn nì dvì ki tèyn ta wu nin kfa'tì kì a dzisì a dzisì sì gheli	The statements above are part of a position, or viewpoint, concerning the chronology of the final events of human history, a doctrinal concept known as the Pre-Tribulation Rapture / Pre-Millennium Tribulation view. There are several other schools of thought among Christian scholars; and this article does not

ghì a ghì nín faytì ye'i ta gheli ghibimini, inyà'tì ì yèynì nín kìn wi sì nà bê awo kûm sì nyin ta gheli nín keli.	attempt to sort out the differences in these viewpoints categorically.
Ta ghì faytì yè'i awo kì a gheli nín ti atu, fì faytì kì awo kì a kì nín dyéyn iku iko'si-I nín gàyn jae na ɿvì Nge' ɿbemni/Jæ na Bèj Nkam nín ghi samo', nín ghi lye'i fomi-a. Mitì wàyn lye'inì n-keli sì nà faytì kya awo ibàm nô sì a ɻan jae ta ka wù na faytì byem iwo nà yeynì, wu fì keli sì nà kya nô awo à jìm kûm àwo kì a ghi nín læ bë na kì lè gâyn à, fì faytì kya kì nô Nwà'lì Fìyìnì ì jìm, fì kya sì lì awo a Nwà'lì Fìyìnì kì ɬwen ì lwen sì gvì sì kòynì. Sì nì iwo kûm kì iwo zì a iye'i yèynì nín ghi inyeyni, ghesìnà ì fanj kì a...	The study of the various points of view, and an examination of the proofs that the Pre-Tribulation/Pre-Millennial position is the correct one, is indeed a fascinating study. But the student needs considerable background to handle such research, including a thorough knowledge of general prophecy, a good general orientation to the whole Bible, and a lot of practice in tracing threads of logic through interwoven networks of Bible doctrine. For the purposes of this study we will settle for ...
Dzi zì a Ichuf I ko'si-I nín ghi ateyn	A Description of the Rapture
Ichuf I ko'si-I nín ghi ma à nín læ chfìnì Bòbo Jisos Christ jf ta ka ghi baynti ɻweyn, Joyn 14:1-3. À nín ghi ichuf iko'si, wu lèm ichfìnì I ɻweyn fì luynsì iwo zì a ghi bë na yi lè gâyn à. Ichuf I ko'si-I nín mesì iyuyn I fvìsì I ɻwùyn bòm ta wul ì bimini nî wù fsì ɻwuyñ ì fì ɿvì nâ ghàyn, Filibây 3:20, 21, 1 Joyn 3:1,2, À na ghi lwo yi gâmtì à alej ɿvì aféyn sì jàn ta ghi nín faytì fè'tì ta ichuf iko'si-I nín ghi a 1 Kolin 15:51-53 sì fi sì ki nà ghi bëysì na gha isas ateyn nì ɿtu awo vzì a ghi nín tanjì ateyn.	The Rapture was promised by the Lord Jesus Christ just before His crucifixion, John 14:1-3. At the Rapture, He keeps His promise and fulfills the prophecy. The Rapture completes the Redemption of the body because the believer receives a resurrection body at that time, Phil. 3:20,21; 1 John 3:1,2. It would be useful at this point to read the description of the Rapture in 1 Cor. 15:51-53 and then to note the comments below concerning the terminology used.
Iwo ileytini-i- iye'i "ma ghi leytì meyn" sì gheli ghiñwa'nì a Mìkàyn ìn MÛ. Ichuf iko'si nín ghi lwo to kì ɿtu' chôs bula ghi læ dyèyn a ndayn sì gheli ghibimini ta ghi nà chi jae ta ka ɿtu' chôs ì zìti.	mystery -- a doctrine "hidden" from the Old Testament saints. The Rapture is pertinent only to the Church Age and was never revealed to believers living before the beginning of the Church Age.
Ghesìnà læ bunì wì ghi jìm —yi n-ghi na, Gheli ghibimini ghi li læ nà bu chi à ɿvì ta ghi nín chuf ko'si gheli.	we shall not all sleep --- i.e., there will be some believers alive at the time of the Rapture.
Ghesìnà nô ghi jìm læ kelì ikfìnì- n-bê iwo kûm itimi i sì kfì i ɻwùyn.	we shall all be changed - refers to the resurrection body.
Kì isì i ɿvì, kì ta wùl nî wu mìtì isì-n-bè iwo kûm ɿvì ta yi n-gâyn. Ichuf I ko'si I nín ghi wi ɿvì ɿdfa, ta ghi nín gûf ì sì lì sì lù nì gheli. Ghesìnà læ gvìtì à na sì ghi kì ghesìnà ì Christ.	in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye -- a reference to the time element. The Rapture is not a long, drawn out process of evacuation. We will be with Christ instantly.
Ghi læ laysì kfisi nse ghi bu fì ghi wi sì læ si bef-ɻwuyñ vzì a wul lâlì sì ikfì nín bu kelì wi àfè nì ibef zì a mbi n-gvi nì ikfì-i.	the dead shall be raised incorruptible -- the resurrection body does not include the decay and corruption of sin and death.
Ghesìnà læ kfìnì nô ghi jìm-kìmì iwo I li ghi	we shall all be changed -- another reference

bê kûm ìwuyن ì fì ì vzì nì ìfwo vzì a wu n-ghì ìwùyn a fì a wu timi meyn sì ikfì.	to the new physical body and new personal attributes associated with the resurrection body.
Afo kèyn a kì nìn befì ndû têyn læ mà' àfo kì bu fì ghì wi sì lè sì fì sì bef- Nô ìwo I to-I ìwùyn i fì nìn ghì na fìnì fì mbi fì lè nà bu fì ghì wi ateyn.	this corruptible must put on incorruption - the most important feature of the resurrection body is that there will be no Sin Nature.
Ìwuyن wèyn a wu n-kfì têyn ì lè mâ' àfo kì bu fì ghì wi sì lè sì kfì-wul ì bìminì lè bu fì kfì wi miòlì ì fsì ìwuyن wu bu fì ghì wi sì lè sì kfì.	this mortal must put on immortality -- the believer will not die but will receive an immortal body.
Ghelì ghì kfítini antêynì nì Christ, (gheli ghìbimini ghì a ghì kfì jae ta ka ichuf iko'i li alè'), ghì lè lásyì àjenà sì asì. Tèyn, ığhì a ghì nìn bu chi a ghì li kò'sì. 1 Tésàlonikà 4:16-17.	The dead in Christ (believers who have died previous to the Rapture) will be raised first. Then, those who are still alive will be taken up. 1 Thess. 4:16,17.
Ichuf iko'sì nìn ghì àlè' ta ghì gvi kòynì sì nà chi-à, kìlitèyn sìsì a sì nìn bu chi nì sìsì a sì kfítì meyn. Isamsì kûm ichuf iko'sì nìn ye'tfì kì itimi si ikfì nì Jisos Christ, 1 Tésàlonikà 4:18.	The Rapture is a rendezvous for living and dead Christians. Confidence in the Rapture is based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 1 Thess. 4:18.
A dzì ta ghì kà' a ghì li, Bôbo Jisos Christ n-ghì "fìtam fì asì fì" ì gheli ghìbimini, ta yi n-ghì a 1 Kolìn 15:20-28. Jànì ale' nà kèynà sì asì ì ki miwolì meyn a ghì bèysì kàli:	In principle, the Lord Jesus Christ is the "first fruits" of the believer, as noted in 1 Cor. 15:20-23. Read this passage first, then note the following comments:
Mítam mì àsì —dyéyn àlijsì a itimi sì ikfì nì Christ yi dyéyn na ghèsìnà lè lâlì sì ikfì ìwùyn.	firstfruits -- pictures the resurrection of Christ which is a guarantee of our bodily resurrection.
Toynì a wùl ikfì-I gvi —toynì a Adàm ikfì-I ayvis I gvi i nà gó'sì ikfì I acha' ìwùyn no mi sì wùl ì kfà.	by man came death -- through Adam came spiritual death with the end result of physical death for every human.
Toynì kìmì a wùl, itimi sì ikfì-I gvi —toynì a Jisòs Christ, ta wùl, itimi sì ikfì àbàs ayvis (ibòè) I gvi a ghì sì jùmtì itimi sì ikfì acha' ìwùyn, Filibây 3:21.	by man came also the resurrection -- by Jesus Christ, in His humanity, came spiritual resurrection (salvation) followed by physical resurrection, Phil. 3:21.
Iwo I yèynì na "kfà' a jùnì kûm àsì" ma ghì bèysì a Gòlís na elpis, yi n-ghì na, "sì nà kfà' wì" nìn ghì ghì nà bè kûm ichuf I ko'sì ìlwé' ì twal a Ñwà'lì Fìyìnì:	The word "hope", translated from the Greek word elpis , meaning "confidence", is a technical designation for the Rapture in at least three Bible passages, including:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ikfa'tì ijuji asì zì yi n-chi, 1 Bità 1:3 • Ikfa'tì I juji kùm àsì zì a yi n-kelì iboysi, Taytùs 2:13 • Ikfa'tì I juji kûm àsì zì a yi n-sû laynsì, 1 Joyn 3:3. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The living hope, 1 Peter 1:3 • The blessed hope, Titus 2:13 • The purifying hope, 1 John 3:3
Ichuf Iko'sì-I nìn cho' fvìsì ìnchyà ikfì, 1 Kolìn 15:54-56. Tèyn, ichuf iko'sì-I nìn nìn cho' jìsì	The Rapture takes the sting out of death, 1 Cor. 15:54-56. Therefore, the Rapture removes the

<p>kimì ìkayn I mbzi ìlvì ta wùl ò kfì, 1 Tèsalonikà 4:13-18. Isamsì nà iyèynì a ichuf iko'sì nà ghàyn n-gvì ta wùl ò kèli itof, nà faytì kà'sì àwo, ò nà fì kya mba'tì Fìyìnì. Jôb 19:25-27. Wul ò bìminì vzì a wù n-faytì bà'lì ngej ò ñweyn nì iwo I Fìyìnì ì nìn kfà' wì iwo. Yi n-gvì kì nì ìboysi-I, nì mbôynì, nì ìkfa'tì-I yi keli wi adìli, fì ne'ò wì.</p>	<p>despair of bereavement, 1 Thess. 4:13-18. This confidence in the Rapture comes through the obtaining of wisdom, discernment, and knowledge of the Plan of God, Job 19:25-27. The edified believer has confidence. The result is blessing, peace, a relaxed mental attitude, and stability.</p>
<p>Wul ò bìminì nìn keli àbo ta ghi "ghal ò lèm" sì ñweyn iyvi. 1 Bità 1:4, Efesùs 2:6. Ichuf I ko'sì-I nìn lì wul ò bìminì ì ndû nì ñweyn a "ndô ibemni" a fì a Christ tì ba'tì ò lèm, Joyn 14.</p>	<p>The believer has a "reservation" in heaven, 1 Peter 1:4; Eph. 2:6. The Rapture takes the believer to the "mansion" which Christ has prepared in advance, John 14.</p>
<p>Imòd zì a wul ò bìminì nì chôs tì nà tàn ateyn ìtu chôs nî yi mæ ìlvì ichuf I ko'sì nà ghàyn. Ìwuyn ò Christ nî wu bù nà fì ghi àfo na Satàyn na nu à a inù i abàs ayvis.</p>	<p>The testing which the believer and the Church endure during the Church Age is terminated with the Rapture. The Body of Christ is no longer a target of Satan in spiritual warfare.</p>
<p>Ghi kya wi, ma ghi lì ghi bù ò kàntì ìlvì vzì a ichuf iko'sì lèr gàyn ateyn. No mi si ankàyn, Njwà'lì Fìyìnì tisì meyn ghesìnà na ghi na nî àwo a li a ta ghi nìn chîytì achi ichuf iko'sì nà yèynì. Ghi fù àlè' a go'sì na inyà'tì aféyn. Sì a lvìyn, ò ki...</p>	<p>It is not known, and cannot be predicted, when the Rapture will occur. Nevertheless, the Bible directs us to pursue certain activities while waiting for the Rapture. These are given in the last section of this article. Meanwhile, take a look at ...</p>
<p>Awo kì a ka wà na ni-à ò chîytì achi ichuf iko'sì.</p>	<p>What to do While Waiting for the Rapture</p>
<p>Faŋ wa yìnì aka' à mò'. "Yi ti n-dyèyn a wôyn ò ghem na zì nìn keli faŋ kì zì ò Christ ta ka wu lâe gvìtì fvì mi ìtu' gha achi I gvì nì ñweyn, a ghesìnà na ku kì a jùn, wumì wì a ñweyn asi. 1 Joyn 2:28.</p>	<p>Stay in Fellowship. "And now, little children, abide in Him; that when He shall appear, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." 1 John 2:28</p>
<p>Wa chì a mî dzìtì ye'tì iyvìtì I bimi. "Ghès nìn kij sì tanji sì ò zì kûm kì ìgvì I Bôbo ghesìnà Jisos Christ, fì kûm ta ghesìnà nì ñweyn lâe nà chîytì ghi a mo'. Ghès nìn chwotì zì a woyn-ghìnì na, ka yì na visì gheli ghi a ghi n-dyéyn na achi kì a Bôbo nìn ghi sì lèr sì gvì ateyn sì ghi ma kì gvi meyn, fàynsì zì, fì bìl nì àtu à ki a. Iow nà yèynì ka' a à na ghi ma à bë ò wul ghi na yì nìn fè'tì ntum ma yì lù sì Fìyìnì fì, ò lvì fì li a yì na ghi ma yì fvì iye'i I li, lvì fì li a wùl na ghi ma wù fè'tì ò bë na yì yvì a njwà'lì ma à nyà' chîynsi ghès sì ò zì.</p>	<p>Employ the Faith-Rest techniques. "Now we beseech you, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by forged letters as from us, as that day of Christ is at hand." 2 Thess. 2:1,2</p>
<p>Wa keli ìsamsì. "Mì n-fì fu tèyn bòm ta mì n-kya samo' na ifèl I juŋì yèynì a Fìyìnì fì zìtì a yì antêynì tèyn na ndû kì nì àsì a sì chem achi ghè a Christ Jisòs ò lèr kasi gvì ateyn." Filibây 1:6</p>	<p>Have Confidence. "Being confident of this very things, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:6</p>
<p>Wa keli ìweynsì. Yì na weynsì kì weynsì a</p>	<p>Have Patience. "Be patient, therefore, unto</p>

woyn-nà ghem sì chem ta ka Bôbo lâè kàsî ì gvì..." Jêm 5:7.	the coming of the Lord..." James 5:7
Lêma a Christ toynî ta wà n-bà'lì kì ba'li ngeñ. "... Yì ghal kì tì ì nà kelì ìweynsì bòm ta ìlvì ba'sì meyn na Bôbo kasî ì gvî." Jêm 5:8. Ki kìmì lsayà 33 4 nì 2 Timotì 2:15.	Grow in Christ by continuing to be edified. "...be ye also patient, stablish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5:8 See also Isaiah 33:4 and 2 Tim. 2:15