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**EMPATHY!
EXPOSITION!
EDUCATION!
EVANGELISM!**

And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "***Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved.***" Romans 9:27

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Foreword

As you turn the pages of this book, you may find yourself wondering: why the Remnant? My dear reader, this is not a novel revelation, nor a radical departure from the faith. It is simply a call to return to the roots of Christianity, the Everlasting Gospel, a truth buried beneath the sands of time, yet rekindled in these last days by a devoted few... those we call **the Remnant**.

Before we continue, let it be known: the work of Jesus Christ is far from done. In these turbulent times, His mission is more urgent than ever, as many faithful Bible preachers recognise that we are indeed living in the **final days of the world as we know it**.

This book presents the **original Christianity** as preached and practiced by the Remnant – fully rooted in Scripture, unwavering in its foundation and untainted by the opinions of those who promote other gospels. Let us not forget that Jesus Himself warned against false Christianity, a warning we must heed with the utmost seriousness. As He declared in Matthew 24:3-5:

As He sat on the Mount of Olives, His disciples came to Him in private, asking, "Tell us, when will these things happen? What will be the sign of Your coming and the end of the age?" Jesus answered, "Be careful that no one deceive you. For many will come in My name, claiming, I am the Christ, and will deceive many."

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Foreword

Indeed, the church today is not the same as the original Christianity of Paul's time. Paul foresaw this and issued a solemn warning to the elders in Ephesus, as recorded in Acts 20:29-31:

For I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also, from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore, watch and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

Established churches have long catered to the masses, offering a **false sense of security** rooted in pagan traditions and Greek philosophy. In doing so, they have contributed to a distortion of the true doctrine.

In AD 321, the Roman Emperor Constantine, who worshipped the sun, imposed a man-made decree that altered the sacred day of rest, effectively overriding the Fourth Commandment. **This shift marked a turning point in church history, replacing divine instruction with human tradition.**

I conclude this foreword with a solemn call: To know truth from deception, we must **return to the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles**. Only then can we expose the falsehoods of heretical and non-Biblical doctrine **and reclaim the faith as it was originally intended.**

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Introduction

When I started this project called **The Remnant**, the thought occupying my mind was: What is the **Purpose of Life**? What's the point of running around, chasing the wind, only to end up with a nice tombstone?

Dear Reader, this question begs to be asked. If God exists and there is life after death, what does that in fact mean? What is God's purpose and the importance of the Remnant church?

Well, that's what this book is all about.

Surely the Creator had a purpose for you and me when He created us? (I don't debate the truth of the Creator – check the evidence for yourself!)

Oh yes! Don't let the enemy rule your life.

King Solomon sought purpose in life through wine, women, song and many other earthly pursuits, yet he concluded that none of these brought lasting happiness.

"All was vanity and grasping for the wind."

If King Solomon came to this conclusion, I ask: Are you satisfied with going through this life without ever asking the question **why**?

Surely as a serious-minded person you would like to know the purpose of your existence!

The answer is in the Bible, and you may well be surprised to know that what the Bible says, is quite shocking... yet exciting!

- I trust that, as you read these pages, you will discover that God does indeed have a purpose for the Remnant in these last days.

My Utterance

Dear Reader

What is so special, so **very special**, about the Remnant church?

So special that **no other church** has it? I hope you've got a good answer to this! (If not, **be cool**, that's what this book is about!)

So read on. When? **Now!** (I urge you to continue!)

Attitude Adjustment

How long does it take to bring about this **profound change** from your fixed ideas about **God's Truth**? Years and years, right?

Wrong! *One* minute.

The whole idea is **personal commitment**. A simple but unshakeable commitment that you will **never again**, under any circumstances, do anything that does not submit to **God's truth and laws** for your life.

It is a matter of choice.

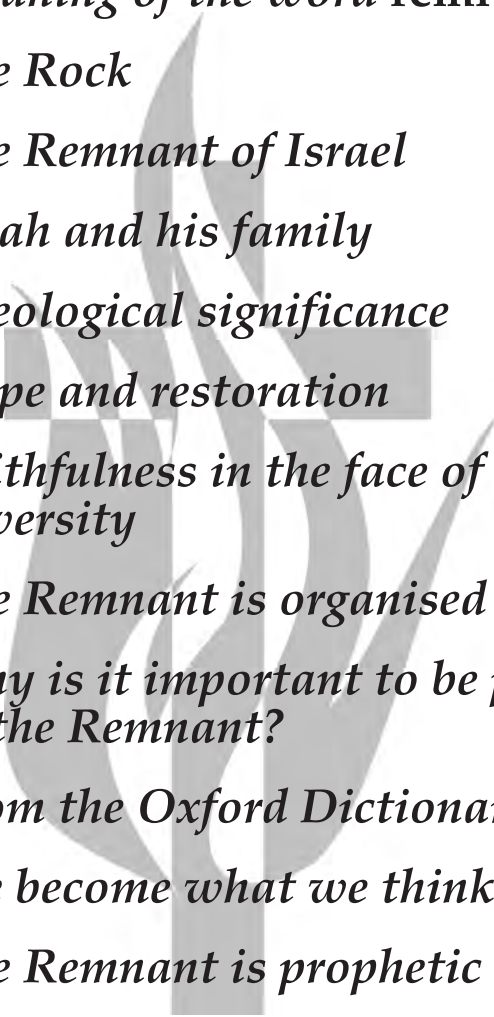
Whose choice? Yours!

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The Remnant

A Short Definition



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#1 Meaning of the word **remnant**

The term *remnant* (from Hebrew words like *she'ar* and *she'arith*) signifies *what is left over* or *the rest*. It can refer to a small group of people who survive a catastrophe, or those who remain loyal to God when others have fallen away. (The secular world often uses the term to describe a small piece of cloth that remains after a larger section has been used.) A word from a writer of fiction:

Why not just tell the truth?

Raymond Carver

The problem with lying, in addition to the moral cost, is of course the amount of time and effort that must go into maintaining the cover-up – and the extent to which the whole affair deadens the soul.

Or even deadens an entire church, with their work in promoting the truth about the Remnant.

So, dear Reader, I guess you're into church stuff! Right? That's why you're reading this, isn't it? The truth that the Remnant church has to offer, is **perfection**. The evangelist's dream, **the truth that never changes!**

- So read on and see what we have to say. It will change your life, like it did mine.

*Raymond Carver (1938 – 1988)
was an American author. Nobody
knew the intricacies of the human
psyche better than he did!*





**The Remnant
tells the Truth!**

#2 So, what is the **Rock**?

*The Remnant church is built on **the Rock**, which is Christ*

*Well, let's clear up some **confusion**.* One large denomination claims that their first leader was that rock and they refer to Matthew 16:18 for proof:

And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

The New Testament was written in Greek and there's a play on two Greek words found in this passage. Both mean *rock*.

Peter is referred to as *Petros*, while the word used for **rock** is *Petra*.

Why two different words? What difference does that make?

The difference is significant. *Petros* means a *small rock*, or a *piece of rock*. In the New Testament it is translated as *Peter* 161 times. *Petra* refers to a *massive rock*. **Jesus was telling Peter that He would build His church on a massive Rock, namely Himself.**

Note: Petra, when referring to a person in God's Word, refers only to Christ (see Romans 9:33).



*Petros =
small rock*

*Petra =
massive rock*



I ask, just ask, is your life built on the Rock?



*Dwight L Moody's sermons, particularly those focusing on the concept of *building your house on the **Rock***, emphasise the importance of grounding one's life in **faith and obedience to God's Word**, as opposed to worldly foundations.*

*In the Biblical context, the **Rock** symbolises God's **strength, constancy and unwavering nature**, while the *Remnant* refers to a small group of people who remain faithful to God during times of apostasy or tribulation.*

The evidence is overwhelming!

Jesus said He would build His church on a *Petra*, a massive Rock, **a word reserved in the Bible for Jesus.**

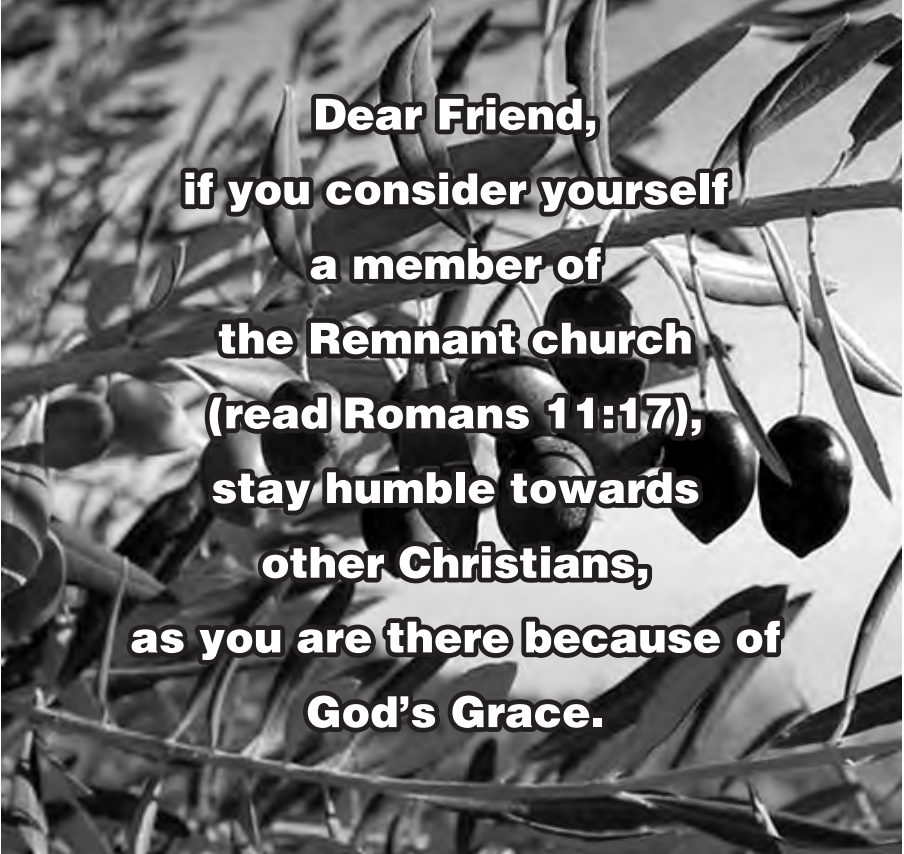
As it is written:

Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock (that is Petra) of offence: and whosoever believeth on Him (that is Christ) shall not be ashamed. (Romans 9:33)

#3 *The Remnant of* **Israel**

in the **Old Testament**

The concept of a Remnant is prominent, particularly in the context of the Israelites' exile and subsequent return to their land.



**Dear Friend,
if you consider yourself
a member of
the Remnant church
(read Romans 11:17),
stay humble towards
other Christians,
as you are there because of
God's Grace.**

In the **New Testament**

Isaiah and other prophets spoke of a remnant of Israel who would return to God and be restored. A reminder to Gentile Remnant Christians not to be arrogant from Romans 11:17-21:

If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches.

If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.”

Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. For if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you either.



So... stay humble!

#4 *Noah and his family,*

an early **Remnant**

Noah and his family are considered a remnant of the antediluvian world, saved from the flood and representing a new beginning for humanity.



A life-size copy of Noah's ark in Kentucky, USA.

Made in accordance with the dimensions given in the Bible, it indicates the massive size of the ark!

How long did the antediluvian world last?

Based on the genealogies from Genesis, the period between the Creation to the Flood was 1,656 years. During that time, if the growth rate of the population was the same as in 2000, namely 0.012, then there would have been around 750 million people on earth during the antediluvian period.

How do we know Noah and his family were the Remnant at the time of the flood? Well, the Bible says so, in Hebrews 11:7. By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in Godly fear built an ark to save his family. By faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Are we up to the challenge?

From the beginning of human history, Man has demonstrated by his actions that he is not up to the challenge of establishing peace and goodwill on earth. His actions indicate that he is at odds with God's will.

Genesis 6:6-8 gives us the perspective:

And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. There will be a remnant of believers who are faithful to God in the last days, characterised by obedience to God's commandments and a unique end-time gospel proclamation.

And Matthew 24:27 warns us:

As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

Revelation 12:17 describes a ***remnant of her seed who keep the Commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.***

#5 *The theological significance of*

*the Remnant in **simple terms**...*

What is the significance of the Remnant?

Consider the following:

Old Testament Remnant examples:

The 7,000 who did not bow to Baal during Elijah's time, and the Israelites who remained faithful to God during the Babylonian exile.

New Testament Remnant context:

The idea of a Remnant is further developed in the New Testament, particularly in the book of Revelation, where it's associated with Revelation 14:12: ***Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.***

End-Times significance for the Remnant:

In the context of end-time prophecies, the Remnant church is often seen as a group called to proclaim God's message and prepare the world for the Final Judgement.

Mission:

The Remnant church is believed to have a divine mission to proclaim the **everlasting gospel, call people out of false religions and prepare the world for the end-time crisis.**

Characteristics:

The Remnant church is characterised by its faithfulness to God's commandments, including the Sabbath, and its unwavering faith in Jesus Christ.

Maybe like me...

Maybe like me, you were brought up in the mainstream understanding of *the Gospel* while growing up. Or perhaps you learnt it from the information overload of religious publications, and YouTube broadcasts that are popular in this information age.

Yet most likely you had no reason to question your beliefs! After all, the mainline churches agree here. Or do they?



Take heed that no man deceive you, for many shall come in my name, saying: "I am Christ and shall deceive many."

Matthew 24: 4-5

But do not make careless assumptions! Find out and prove for yourself what is true. Then you will really know, and nobody will be able to fool you.

So how do I do that?

It's easy! Study a good Bible translation, then what we share in this book will be clear to you!



#6 The Blessed Hope



Nathan Greene's inspirational painting, The Blessed Hope

Hope and restoration: The Remnant is associated with hope and the promise of future restoration.

Titus 2:13 KJV: ***Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.***

Nathan Greene's precious painting, *The Blessed Hope*, captures the emotion and joy of the moment when Christ returns to redeem His children from all walks of life and take them home to Heaven. Set against a dark sky, the explosion of light and colour, framed by countless angels, this scene reminds us that this world is not our home, and that our hope and trust in Jesus coming soon will be realised. It's a portrait of the beautiful blessing that Christ's return will bring us.

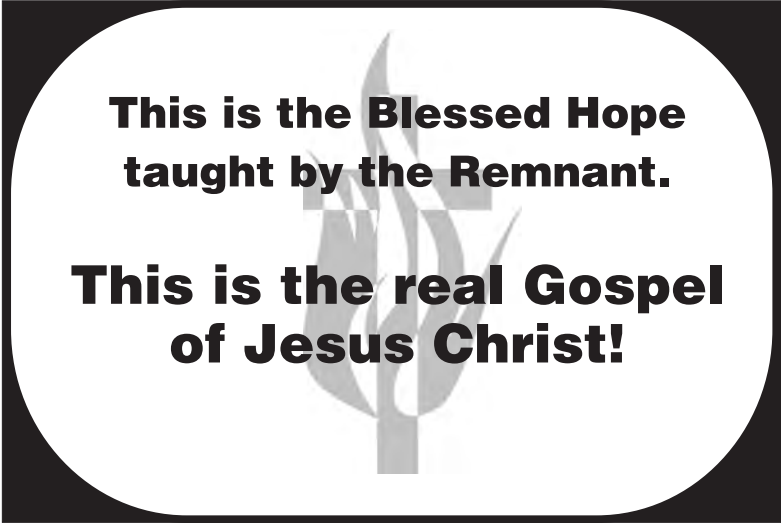
- **The Remnant proclaims this comforting reminder that Christ is coming soon!**

The **Blessed Hope** (*continued*)

So, when you hear the evangelist preaching the 'Gospel' and salvation, make sure he is not talking about the first phase of the Christian life – our forgiveness from past sins through Jesus' blood.

The true Gospel preached by the Remnant goes far beyond that! Far beyond what most people understand or comprehend.

It challenges you toward a glorious life of active service in the Kingdom of God, leaning on that **Blessed Hope** of Christ's soon-coming reign on this earth, and further serving and ruling over the infinite universe.



**This is the Blessed Hope
taught by the Remnant.**

**This is the real Gospel
of Jesus Christ!**

#7

The Remnant in the face of...

adversity



Richard Wurmbrand after his arrest

The testimony of Richard Wurmbrand is a modern-day example for the Remnant. In his book *Tortured for Christ*, Wurmbrand shares his harrowing journey of faith amidst years of brutal imprisonment and torture.

His unwavering dedication to Christ serves as a powerful testament to the resilience of believers who continue to suffer for their faith.

Wurmbrand not only highlights the plight of those enduring unimaginable persecution today, but also inspires readers to stand in solidarity with their persecuted brothers and sisters around the world, **reminding us of the strength found in faith and the importance of compassion and support for those in chains.**

**A remnant is characterised
by its faithfulness to God,
and its preparedness even
in times of widespread
apostasy or persecution.**

Richard Wurmbrand in his own words:

A great part of my family was murdered. It was in my own house that their murderer was converted. It was also the most suitable place. So in Communist prisons the idea of a Christian mission to Communists was born.

I have found truly jubilant Christians only in the Bible, in the Underground Church and in prison.

A faith that can be destroyed by suffering is not faith.



Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand

#8

The Remnant church is...

organised

The Remnant church is organised.

Many people today have given up on what they call *organised religion*, and we know that there's far too much hypocrisy, insincerity, greed and corruption in today's churches.

But this is not new!

The history of professing Christianity is a sad one indeed, a history of bloody wars with swords and guns fought between major denominations, and predatory priests abusing thousands over the years.

How can anyone believe that God is working in such churches?

We understand sin is found everywhere on earth, but war and institutional abuse are another matter.

How can one subscribe to a church that teaches the opposite of what Jesus taught?

**Does this mean all
organised religion is
wrong?**

Consider:

What is the opposite of *organised*?

Is Jesus the author of
disorganisation and **confusion**?

One chapter from Paul's letter to the Ephesians brings clarity to this subject.

In no way does he describe a *disorganised body of believers scattered through multiple organisations*.

In fact, quite the opposite!

Are we saying that the Remnant is a particular
organised denomination?



What we are saying is that
after reading this book (which
is only a signpost) you will be
able to recognise the
true Remnant church.

#9 Why is it **important** to be *part of the Remnant?*

In answer to this question I maintain that it makes all the difference to your life and to God whether you strictly adhere to the **identical Gospel** that Jesus and the Apostles preached.

So, I ask you, dear Reader: Do you *really know and follow* the **genuine Gospel**? Because that is why it's important to be part of the Remnant! Or have you made a careless assumption, following the crowd as described by Mark Twain:

In religion and politics, people's beliefs and convictions are in almost every case gotten at **second hand**, and **without examination**, from 'authorities' who have not themselves examined the questions at issue, but have taken them from other non-examiners, whose opinions about them were not **worth a brass farthing**. (From Mark Twain's autobiography, 1959)



*Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain, 1835-1910)
Famous author of the Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn books.*

*Because the Remnant serves as a **beacon of hope!***

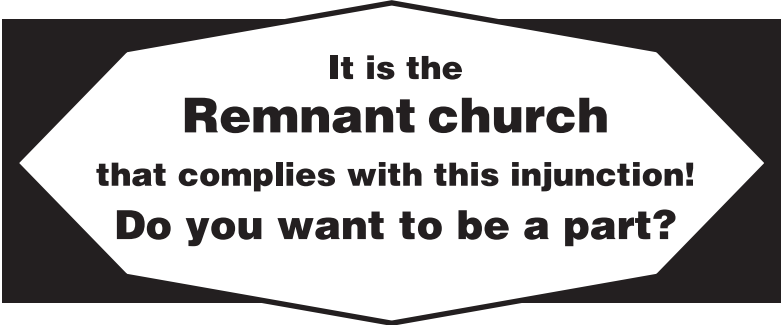
A beacon reminding believers that God is **always at work**, preserving His faithful people for Himself. It assures Christians that, no matter how dire the circumstances, **God's purposes will prevail, and His kingdom will be established.**

The New Testament continues the theme of the Remnant, expanding it to include both Gentile believers and anyone who might be unaware of this Truth.

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Romans, speaks of a Remnant chosen by grace: ***So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace.*** (Romans 11:5). This passage highlights the continuity of God's plan and the inclusion of all who have faith in Christ.

So why is it important to be part of the Remnant?

I base the following on Revelation 14:12: ***Here is a call for the perseverance of the saints who keep the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep His commands and remain faithful to Jesus.***



**It is the
Remnant church
that complies with this injunction!
Do you want to be a part?**

#10 A dictionary definition

of the Remnant

According to the *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary*, **remnant** means *a remaining part, quantity, or number, or a fragment, and can also refer to a small or unused piece of cloth. It may be used as either a noun or an adjective.*

Here's a more detailed breakdown of the meaning of *remnant* used as a noun:

A remaining part, quantity or number. Think of it as something that is **left over after the main part has been used, removed or destroyed.**

Example: The woods are the remnants of a huge forest which once covered the whole area.

The word may also mean a **fragment** or **scrap**: *A small piece or part of something; a small, unsold or unused piece of cloth or lace, like a piece of fabric left over after the main bolt has been sold.*

A trace or vestige: *A small sign or indication of something that once existed.*

Example: The museum is one of the last remnants of the 17th-century palace.

*But what does Remnant mean for **YOU**, the individual?*

Just talking about Christ is *not* a definition of the Remnant! (There is no contradiction here.)

LIVING FAITH = ACTIVE OBEDIENCE = SPIRITUAL LOVE

How do we know if we are in the Son?

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, 'I know Him' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His Word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 1 John 2:3-5



“Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.”

Mother Teresa

The Biblical Remnant therefore refers to the small group of God's steadfast, loyal and non-compromised followers that remained.

#11

We become what we

think about

The Remnant is fully aware of this – see the book of Proverbs

Yes, it all starts with how you have chosen to think about your life. The Bible says in Proverbs 23:7: ***For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.***

Or in more modern English: **Your thoughts shape your being.**

Words that the Remnant church can teach us, and that we can live in our everyday life.

I become what I think about.

So from where did the Remnant church get this truth? It's very simple, really.

By reading God's Word, which is inspired by God, our thought patterns learn to be the way God intended.



But this a **24/7** thing!



This thinking pattern is an all-day long thing, 24/7, and it's a function of the Remnant church's emphasis on **daily Bible study**, which culminates every week on the **Sabbath**, when the week's studies are discussed.

And once you **know** what you think about, you (all of us!) need to be very careful about **what** you think about. Do not allow your thoughts to dwell on anything you don't want, things you don't want to have in your life.

The book of Proverbs was mainly written by King Solomon, and it's mainly about **wisdom**.

The Remnant teaches that the reader becomes wiser by studying this book, as Proverbs 1-7 lays down foundational principles about wisdom.

Surely, my dear Reader, you must agree that the Remnant has a good point here! What can be better than learning how great it is to have wisdom? And who can deny the benefits of having wisdom?

#12 *The Remnant is*

prophetic

So, what does that mean in simple language?

The Remnant church is a **prophetic movement**, believing in a unique understanding of Bible prophecy.

The Remnant church has the gift of **prophecy**

The Remnant church has a **message** for the world, based on Revelation 14:6-12

The Remnant church is **Bible-based**, resting on prophecies from the Biblical books of Daniel and Revelation, as well as Jesus' statements in Matthew 24.

The Remnant church holds a **historicist** interpretation of prophecy, believing the Second Coming of Christ will be preceded by a global crisis with the Sabbath as a central issue

The Remnant church upholds the **observance of the Sabbath** on Saturday as a key doctrine, along with the doctrine of the heavenly sanctuary

The Remnant church believes in **present truth**, which means that as more is learned or revealed, the beliefs or positions of the church may need to be adapted to accommodate this spiritual growth, while still remaining **solidly true to its Biblical roots**

Prophecy *versus* Prophecy

A quick language lesson!



Prophecy is the noun, and *to prophesy* is the verb.

To prophesy is to pronounce prophecy.

Prophecy, at its most fundamental meaning, is *a message from God*. Hence, **to prophesy** is to convey a message from God, or to give a prophecy.

Let's look at the lexical definition for each for more clarification:

Prophecy: Noun; a prediction; the faculty, function or practice of prophesying.

Prophecy: Verb; to utter by or as if by divine inspiration; to predict with assurance or on the basis of mystic knowledge.

In short:

We can describe *prophecy* as the message and *prophesy* as delivering that message.

2

Is God being
fair?

*Is God being fair by calling out
only a small Remnant church?*

*Is He calling them out,
or have they made a choice?*

- #13 *The Potter and the clay*
- #14 *The Remnant will teach the true Gospel*
- #15 *The Remnant will teach repentance*
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#13 *The Potter and the clay...*

It's God's choice!



Romans 9 deals with God's sovereign choice to bless some, and not others.

Paul's **core argument** is that as God is the Creator, He has the right to do as He wishes with what He has created. A potter can choose how to use the clay, and that clay has no cause to complain that it was chosen for one purpose or another.

Likewise, God has the **absolute right** to choose whom He will use for whatever purpose. Note that Paul quotes (in the New Testament) from Isaiah to show that this sovereignty extends even to God's plan to include Gentiles in His plan of salvation.

Yet, aside from that first statement, it is you, the reader, who have been given *free choice* to accept and obey the true Gospel.

Yet this true Gospel is proclaimed only by the Remnant church. Am I being presumptuous? Please continue reading to understand what this true Gospel is that is preached by the Remnant church and by Jesus during His three years' earthly ministry.

- **Remember, Friend, the Remnant church teaches the truth (the *uncompromised* truth) that **never changes**. It then becomes *your responsibility* to make this choice.**

And the Truth that **NEVER CHANGES**

Pastor,
I suspect you
are being a little
cheeky, as it seems
you are promoting
your denomination
as the **last-day**
Remnant!

Sister,
let's be clear,
we do **not** say
there are no good
Christians in
the other
churches!



Yes, Sister,
on the face of it
you are right, and to
a great extent I agree
with you! However, most
churches do **not** preach the
same Gospel that Jesus
did, and that's why the
Remnant church dif-
fers from all other
churches.

Dear Friend, God has the
supreme choice, but it is
your choice to know and
accept the true Gospel:
the **Remnant church!**

YOU get to choose!

#14 *The Remnant will teach* *the **true** Gospel*



*Most important before we go further: The eternity that you inherit, depends entirely on your willingness to understand and believe the **true Gospel**.*

I am sure you would agree that the twelve disciples, if they were here today, would be a good example as to how we define the **true church**.

Then the answer to the question of which church those first disciples would choose, is rather easy. They were known as **regular Sabbath worshippers** and actively participated in the services. Also, Jesus never said that the Sabbath was no longer valid. He insisted that He was the Lord of the Sabbath, and that **He Himself created that day for the benefit of all humankind**.

So, to begin to define the Remnant church, everything points to the **continued importance of the Seventh Day Sabbath**.

Most churches accept nine of the Commandments, but ignore the fourth one!

Mark 2:27-28 says: ***Then He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."***

*So what is the **true Gospel** that the Remnant teaches?*

Alright! I understand, as a supporter of the Remnant church, that we must not be too quick to congratulate ourselves.

However, we can be a little introspective! What would we learn about Jesus' character, about teaching and about the ways in which the disciples interacted with people some 2,000 years ago? It is that they would pick a denomination where every person is welcome, regardless of education, social status, gender or ethnicity, and where love and tolerance top the hierarchy of values.

- **They would look for a community where people are concerned about the needy and the distressed. They would look for men and women who practice peace and forgiveness and have learned to be non-judgmental.**



So, if you want to know the answer as to whether the Remnant church matches the church that Jesus started, and whether it is a **true Bible church**, keep reading!

And also, check what we say by reading your own Bible. That is an approach that identifies the church that Christ began on earth and what is proclaimed by the Remnant.

#15 *The Remnant will teach...* *repentance from sin*

In addition to believing the same Gospel Jesus taught, we must also repent, but repent of what?

Why, sin, of course!

But what is sin, as the Remnant church teaches? It is, simply, the transgression of the law!

That is not the same message taught in most churches today.

Yes, most churches teach repentance from sin, but here comes the rub: they also teach *once saved, always saved*.

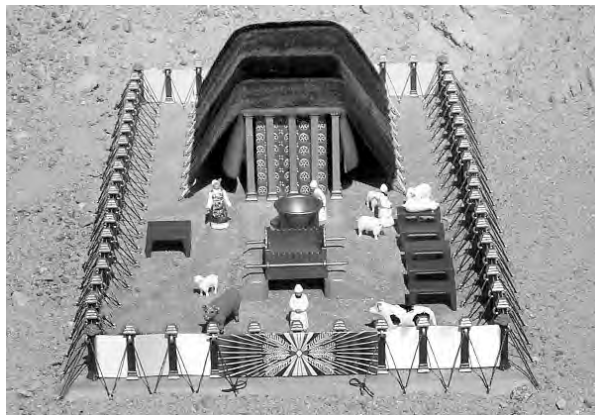
Well, what does the Word say about this?

We know that we have come to know Him if we keep His commands. 1 John 2:3-5: ***And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that saith, "I know Him," and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth His word, in him verily is the love God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him.***

Whoever claims to live in Him, must live as Jesus did.

That is what John tells us about who knows God and who does not. This truth is **fundamental** to the Remnant church and a most important component of the Gospel Jesus taught.

*So let's look at the **Tabernacle** in the wilderness for some perspective*



Often described as a **picture of Christ** in the Old Testament, the Tabernacle gives a clear picture of Redemption. The surrounding white linen fence, representing the law, reminds us that it is not possible to gain entry to salvation and grace via the law.

Entry was only made possible via salvation through the four coloured cloths at the gate that represented the four Gospels.

Then comes the laver in the Tabernacle, a large bronze basin used for washing, symbolising the need for daily spiritual cleansing and preparation before entering God's presence. So having been forgiven for past sins by the Gospel, the Remnant member will purify his heart and repent daily of recent sins.

Yet back to the subject of this page: The Remnant church of God will be preaching a message of repentance from sin, which the Bible defines as the violation of God's law.

Note: The Tabernacle in the Wilderness is a beautiful study, but not the subject of this publication. Download our tracts #20-23 (they're free!) for an exposition of the wonders and mysteries – and the deep meaning – of the Tabernacle.

#16 *How does the Remnant member*

*achieve **unity** with others
of the same belief?*

*Different Bible translations, while remaining true
to the content of the original text, often vary in
emphasis. Here are two versions of
Philippians 2:1-4 for you to compare.*

This paraphrased version from the **Living Bible**
gives us a modern language perspective:

*Is there any such thing as Christians cheering
each other up?*

*Do you love me enough to want to help me?
Does it mean anything to you that we are
brothers in the Lord, sharing the same Spirit?
Are your hearts tender and sympathetic at
all?*

*Then make me truly happy by loving each
other and agreeing wholeheartedly with each
other, working together with one heart and
mind and purpose.*

*Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good
impression on others. Be humble, thinking of
others as better than yourself.*

*Don't just think about your own affairs, but
be interested in others, too, and in what they
are doing.*

It is **unity** *with* **humility**

*Perhaps you prefer the classic style of
the New King James version:*

**Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ,
if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the
Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfil my joy
by being like-minded, having the same love,
being of one accord, of one mind.**

**Let nothing be done through selfish ambition
or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each
esteem others better than himself.**

**Let each of you look out not only for his own
interests, but also for the interests of others.**

**... being like-minded, having the same love,
being of one accord, of one mind...**

**This text speaks to the very essence
of being a Remnant church member!**

**St Paul was in prison
in Rome when he wrote the
Epistle to the Philippians.
Timothy was with him.**



#17 Terms & Conditions *apply!*

*Terms and conditions are coupled
to **discipline***

T's & C's apply –
I love it!

*Yes, there is grace,
but the law
still applies!*



The Remnant church member lives a **disciplined life**, yet this is not an *external compulsion*; but rather has an *internal commitment*, a deliberate choice to align with your deepest desires to fulfil the Word of God.

And of course, the Remnant understands well that discipline (obedience to God's laws) in its true sense is not a *constraint*, but a *liberation*! Let me put it this way: It's the bridge between your **current** state and your **desired** state.

**It's the vehicle that transports you from
where you are to where you want to be!**

a **O B E D I E N C E** 

The Remnant is **disciplined**

And it is through the **consistent application of discipline** that you become a person capable of living the life of **God's true Remnant calling**.

Philippians 3:13-14: ***But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize of God's heavenly calling in Christ Jesus.***

To elevate to new heights, the Remnant member must exert a force to **think and act** in alignment with the written Word of God.

The Remnant knows and teaches that this force is a disciplined yet loving commitment to the Will of God.



#18 *The Remnant* **commits to**

becoming like **Christ**



OK, so how do we do this?

I am sure you think it's a big challenge!

This is where **discipline of the mind and spirit** comes into play.

Force yourself to be aware of your thoughts

Catch yourself when your thoughts are out of line. Such thoughts are not serving your calling in Christ. They are not aligned with the Word of God. When you catch these spurious thoughts, ask the Holy Spirit with loving discipline to re-direct your mind to serve His Will.

Imagine the person you wish to be and see yourself living the life that you know you should be living. But discipline of thought is not enough, it must be coupled with the indwelling and spiritual discipline of the Holy Spirit

Discipline

of mind and spirit

Yes, there *will* be times when your circumstances seem to contradict your desired state, even for the Remnant member, and there will be moments when doubt creeps in, when fear threatens to overwhelm you.



In these moments you must force yourself to persist with your desire to follow Christ, and then you must take hold of your emotional state, choosing to feel joy, abundance and peace regardless of external conditions.

Richard Wurmbrand, who spent fourteen years in Communist prisons for his faith (with three years in solitary confinement), later recounted that he kept his sanity in those terrible conditions by sleeping in the day and staying awake at night. During each of these long nights he exercised his mind and soul by composing and then delivering a sermon. Due to his extraordinary memory, he was able to recall 350 of these sermons, a selection of which he included in a book.

- What a testimony of true faith, and what an encouragement for all of us!

#19

Take heed *that no man deceive you* Matthew 24:4-5

The Remnant church stands out as a **beacon for the Truth** in these last days, and we remind the reader that Christ, by using the expression *take heed*, knew that His children would inevitably meet these deceptive prophets. **It is unavoidable.**



Any sensible vehicle driver who wants to arrive at his or her destination safely must pay **careful attention** to traffic signs on the highways – especially the **caution signs**, which show there is possible danger ahead. Many lives have been lost by ignoring such signs, and many saved by observing them.

Jesus, who gave His life to save men, has given us a warning as to what will come to pass in the last days. The disciples came to Him privately to ask Him concerning the end of the world, and Jesus said:

Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. Matthew 24:4-5

But what does the word deceive really mean?

We have all heard of credit card or bank card theft. This mostly happens through deception by a false email or WhatsApp message.

deceive (*verb, transitive*): deliberately to mislead the mind; to cause to err; to cause to believe what is false or disbelieve what is true; to impose on; to delude

Every deception has a sad result. Therefore, no one wants to be deceived.

Christ explains in Matthew 24, verse 5): ***For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.***

Verse 11: ***And many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many.***

Verses 24 and 25: ***For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before.***

Mark 13:22 and 23: ***For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.***

This is why we need to stick to the Remnant's proclaimed Truth, the Truth that is infallible and contained in God's Word, the Bible.

#20 *The Remnant church will*

teach and practice God's law



Note these statements by the One who said He will build His church on a rock, that rock being Christ:

Matthew 5:17-18: ***Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.***

Yes, we are talking about the Remnant church here, yet I encourage you to not just believe the truth written in these pages, but to prove these things for yourself in your own Bible.

Luke 6:47-8: ***Whosoever cometh to Me, and heareth My sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.***

And the word used there for rock is *petra*, a clear reference to Christ.

The apostle John tells us in 1 John 3:4: ***Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.***

***Do we then make void
the law through faith?
God forbid: Yea, we establish
the law.***

Romans 3:31

*A reminder: The Remnant church teaches the **same Gospel Jesus taught**. That means the **whole package**, not just 'cheap grace'.*

Without the law there is no **sin**, and without sin there's no need for **forgiveness**. And where there is no need for forgiveness, there's no need for a **Saviour**.

Therefore, the Remnant church Jesus is building will be striving to **keep the law**. The Remnant church will keep and practice God's law; this is **far more important** than people realise, because **the whole subject of Grace is dependent upon the law**.

Yet to take this matter further, there is a reminder which is summed up by Jesus' words in Luke 6:46: ***And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?***

A serious reprimand from Jesus!

#21 *The Remnant gets*

busy for the Lord!



As a young man, when I was still in the UK, I was invited to a good Bible church.

The preacher was an American, and his accent caught my attention. Yet it was not the accent that I remember 60 years later... it is his words:

“Get Busy for the Lord!”

By recalling that preacher, I am encouraged that I can remember him – his dear words – so clearly.

The Word says in 1 Corinthians 2:4: ***And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.***

- Even after 60 years the words of that preacher still ring in my mind. I hope to meet him one day and thank him for that important moment in my life!

**Yes! Get Busy
for the Lord!**

Or are you asleep



at the wheel?!

But there's more!

Many years later, in a moment of inspiration, it dawned on me that this preacher had paraphrased James 1:22: Do not merely **listen** to the Word and so deceive yourselves. **Do** what it says.

The Remnant preacher is encouraged by the Words from the Creator Himself: ***So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*** Isaiah 55:11

#22 *A blinding flash of the* **obvious**



Paul on the road to Damascus

The book of Acts portrays Paul as **capable and self-sufficient** until his 'Damascus moment', when everything changes for him.

Paul has lost sight of his reliable certainties – the way he always thought, that just weren't true.

By disabling our sightedness, we like Paul, encounter the Remnant through a new perspective, challenging our blind spots.

“It ain't what we don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so.”

Mark Twain

*Like Paul, the Remnant
backs away from the
mere appearance of truth*

What does **blind faith** mean to you?

True faith opens the **deeper possibilities** of God's activity in the world.

Consider Paul's *blinding flash* on the Damascus Road.
This moment overturned his old, Pharisaic perspective.

The Remnant teaches that God is able to do more than we can ask or imagine.

This realisation allowed Paul to embrace the **radical vision** of the Gospel.

Such lessons are not for Paul alone: each of us benefits from his writing. **The Remnant teaches by losing preconceived doctrinal falsehoods.**

**Through this
teaching, the believer
gains spiritual perception –
he is able to see Jesus
clearly.**

#23 *Because it's different tools*

for the age of **Gen Z**



Those of us who are a bit north, of *that* age (say $35^{1/2}$) can indeed have an 'appetite for technology'. But will we ever truly *get it*?

Not a chance!

So, we must surround ourselves with young people. People well under the age of $35^{1/2}$, who don't need to 'reinvent' themselves.

WHY NOT? Because they were born and bred and genetically certified as belonging to Generation Z.

Unlike previous generations, Gen Z prioritises technology – driven solutions favouring convenience, accessibility and forward-thinking information answers.

Their approach to getting answers *immediately* reflects a shift in expectations. This is where we need to be *right now*!

WHY? Because that's the church in ten years' time!

A fuddy-duddy vs **Gen Z**



Why did this cell phone evangelising* thing have to happen on my watch? Shame!

Yet much better.

This is cool, but I don't fully get it. Yet I'm certainly going to surround myself with people who do get it.

And I'm going to listen to them – and then act fearlessly.

But what does Gen Z stand for?

Gen Z stands for **Generation Z or Zoomer**. It refers to the generation after the millennium and encompasses anyone born between 1995-2010.

* Check out our tract on **Cell Phone Evangelising**.
Download it from our web site – it's free!

#24 The signpost Christian?



You've probably met him.

I call him 'the signpost Christian'. He is *very good* at pointing the way, but has never been there!

And there is a definition of the Remnant as a **spiritual signpost**, which is exactly what we are saying in this book.

But that's not what I am talking about here. This is about the signpost that points to the Bible Truths.

**You will recognise it in the
Remnant
when you take the trouble to look!**



Yet there is only one true signpost:

The Remnant

And there is a definition of the Remnant as a **spiritual signpost**, which is exactly what we are saying in this book.

In the context of the Bible-based church, the Remnant church is a **signpost** that serves as a symbolic marker or indicator that will guide an individual on their spiritual journey, pointing them toward **God's will and purpose**.

The Remnant church provides divine guidance, moral direction and prophetic indications of future events.

The concept of signposts is woven throughout Scripture, illustrating how God through His Remnant church provides **end times direction and clarity to His people**.

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*"Old" Biblical Rules
and Prophecies
still apply*

(Yes, even in the
Age of the Internet)

- #25 *How do I recognise a member of the Remnant movement? (1)*
- #26 *How do I recognise a member of the Remnant movement? (2)*
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- #33 *Let's not misunderstand – rather, let's be clear*
- #34 *Few there be that find it – the strait gate*
- #35 *Who will pass the test?*
- #36 *A conclusion so far*

#25 *How do I recognise*

a member of the Remnant church? (1)

Tell me, Pastor, I see this book has a lot to say about **identifying the Remnant**, but what I would like to know is, how do I identify an **individual** who is a member of the Remnant?



Friend, this is partly answered when one looks at the **character** of a person. You see, the Remnant believes **character** is what you take with you **into the eternal life**.

Naturally there are other, most important, factors that determine the answer to your question, such as being **born-again**, your **obedience to the Commandments**, observing the need to **live a pure life**, but first let's take a quick glimpse at what the character of a person implies.

First, a little background *on the word* **character**

We are all controlled by our character.

Of course we can discuss whether this is determined by **environment**, our **submission to God's Word** or whether it is **inherited** from our parents.

The word is derived from the ancient Greek *kharakter*, meaning an engraving or stamping instrument.

Character then by implication is something that is carved or ingrained in us, so deeply that we are compelled to act in a certain fashion, often beyond our awareness or control.

Yet the **positive news** is that the Remnant teaches by using God's Word. We can **learn to transform** negative and weak aspects of our character into **actual strengths**.



#26 *How do I recognise*

a member of the Remnant church? (2)

Let me expand my answer to this crucial question, namely how to recognise a member of the Remnant.



As a believer and with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we need to develop skills in **reading the character** of the people we encounter. Time and experience will help you to *judge (discern) well*, as a Christian relating to another soul.

The word used here is *discernment*. In a spiritual context, discernment is the ability to perceive and understand spiritual truths, to distinguish between the genuine and the deceptive, and to make wise choices in spiritual matters.

Such skills are a prerequisite for a pastor or elder.

This spiritual skill is essential to the answer to this question. Many people try to **cover up** their deceptive character traits by presenting them as something positive.

**Yet the most important and salient features
of a person's character are revealed by
their actions over time.**

Reading *the character of the person you meet*



Sadly, there *are* toxic characters in this world, and we get lured into their circle if we are not careful. It is often only over a period of time that the true nature of such people becomes apparent.

The honest Christian's best defence is to be armed with knowledge of these types, which all of us will meet at some point in our lives.

This is not the subject of this book. I'm giving just a cursory glance at the toxic characters we may meet in this life that we need to be aware of.

- Nevertheless, the Remnant is not appointed as judge or critic. It is, however, appointed to be a **lighthouse of truth** for the lost soul by preaching redemption, the true Gospel Jesus preached and obeying the Commandments.

#27 *How do I recognise*

a member of the Remnant church? (3)



It begins with yourself! Hold up a mirror to your own character, not that of others. The key is self-awareness.

Because it's *me*, not someone else, that is a claimed member of this Remnant!

So, let's start with what the Word says in Matthew 7:3: ***And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?***

- You are no longer the captive of your own weaknesses of character, forever taking a wrong turn! For each weakness that you may have, there is a **corresponding strength!**

*I must recognise **me** first*

All humans have weak spots, so the Remnant member learns to channel them into **WORK FOR THE LORD** instead of nit-picking and looking for faults in other people.

Show the world that your God is worth ten thousand worlds to you.

Remember: For each weakness that you may have, there is a **corresponding strength!**



“Show rich men how rich you are in your poverty when the Lord God is your helper. Show the strong man how strong you are in your weakness when underneath you are the everlasting arms.”
CH Spurgeon

#28 *The good Old Days*



I remember as a young man the school headmaster telling us when he was a kid, walking down the street in South Wales when it was dusk, in every house the father would be **reading the Bible** under the gas light.

That would have been about 1920.

Maybe for many those times weren't so good financially, **yet we knew where our strength was.**

Church attendance was a priority in the past, and was **insisted on in any civilised society.**



But where are we **now?**

So, do we embrace the changes in church attendance and the new requirements that result from changing human behaviour?

The Remnant does not accept the way the world is going and teaches regular Sabbath attendance in God's house of prayer.

The prophet Hosea lamented: ***People are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*** Hosea 4:6

The Word provides vital information that can inform all areas of life, yet most in the UK are following in the way of the Israelites by rejecting the God of Israel and the knowledge He has given us.

Today's UK (my home country) is essentially a **post-Christian society** – God no longer has an active place in the hearts of its people. Like Israel in the time of Hosea, the people have **forgotten their God.**



Dear Reader!
Have *you* forgotten your God?

#29 *The Remnant preaches a*

warning *about false teaching*

The Remnant understands that they will not preach and convert the whole world at this time. **Jesus made it clear** that right now we are living in Satan's world:

Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. John 12:31

And I quote the Apostle Paul from 2 Corinthians 4:3-4: ***But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.***

Why do mainstream churches not teach this important truth? **It's because Satan is now the god of this world and has deceived it.** Moreover, there is a lack of knowledge, from not reading the Bible and learning for yourself.

Jesus answered: ***Watch out that no one deceive you. For many will come in my name, claiming, I am the Messiah, and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.*** Matthew 24:4-6

The Remnant teaches the **true Jesus of the Bible**

Just the same message that Jesus preached while in the flesh, recognising the last days in which we are living.

Just as Noah preached righteousness, warning the pre-Flood world, the Remnant is obligated to do the same as we approach the climax of Satan's 6,000 years of rule over mankind.

Let's hear God's Word on this matter:

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; if He did not spare the ancient world when He brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; and if He rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless; if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. 2 Peter 2:4 onwards

#30 *The Remnant is farsighted 1*



Sadly, most of us see the passage of time as something negative, as getting older and moving closer to the grave. Yet the Remnant are not monks; they connect to the current flow of life, and do not see the passing of the *sands of time* as an enemy, but rather as a great friend.

They understand that each stage of life has its advantages, youth being the most obvious. However, aging does not frighten the Remnant, and death is their friend.

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. John 12: 24-25

The Gospel of John is traditionally attributed to the Apostle John, though the authorship remains debated. Noted theologians believe that John, one of Jesus' disciples, wrote this famous Biblical book. The book is anonymous, but early Christian sources suggest that John wrote it between AD 85 and AD 96, while serving the church in Ephesus. **Biblical Archeological Society**

The Remnant is not content with **vague dreams**

It has concrete objectives! Studying the Word maps out a path to reach them.

Yes, it's true that we are constantly changing, but these changes are on the surface.

In truth the character of the Remnant was set in their earliest years along with a heartfelt inclination towards God's creation, His church and His Word.



*The Remnant member
will pay great attention
to the mistakes and sins
of the past as part of
learning to carefully
avoid such pitfalls in
the future.*

The Remnant understands that most of us do not want to go far into the past or the future, and most folk live within the present timeframe. Most live for immediate pleasures that distract us from the passage of time, pleasures that make us feel more alive.

Yet we pay a heavy price for this!

Repressing thoughts of aging and the inevitable grave causes a continual underlying anxiety.

- **The task of the Remnant's teaching is to reach the greater potential of the individual by good solid teaching of the true breadcorn of God's Word.**

#31 *The Remnant is farsighted 2*

So often by living in the present moment we have difficulty in finding perspective.

Yet the Remnant has a prophetic vision for the future, which is well laid out in the Bible for those who wish to study God's Word and prophecies.

As an example, when looking at the base of a mountain in a thick forest, we only see what is before our eyes. If we walk up the side of the mountain out of the forest, we get an overview of the surroundings and see more clearly how they relate to other parts of the landscape.



The higher we go, the more we realise that what we thought further below in the forest was not quite accurate. As we study the Word we begin to get a more panoramic insight into God's truths.

In other words, this 'farsighted view' taught by the Remnant involves distance from the present, a deeper look at the prophetic teaching offered, and a look further into the future – which at the end of the day includes:

- 1) the **consequences of our actions** in the here and now, and
- 2) **our long-term outcomes** regarding the place the Almighty God appointed for us in the Final Judgement.

★ **Did you think about that one?** ★

Moving higher up the mountain to a clearer perspective, as explained by Paul



Present knowledge is a term often used by the Remnant and explained by Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:12: ***For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.***

As we go through this process by studying the Word and keeping good fellowship, new explanations will appear and be shown as more correct than others that had grabbed us in a hasty moment.

This view as we climb higher in our Christian walk will calm us down and make it easier for us to maintain our presence of spiritual mind as events unfold.

Good advice is to **avoid** deep contact with those whose time frame is **narrow** and who are constantly in **'react mode'**. Rather associate with those who have an **expanded awareness of time**.



#32 God's purpose for

the Remnant member...



As a young man at the invitation of a friend I visited a Bible church for the first time. OK, I had been a church-goer all my life in a traditional church, but this one was immediately different. The brother that gave out the song books at the door remembered my name, and greeted me so kindly! I never spoke to the pastor, but that dear man made a big impact on my life.

From the moment we are born, we humans feel a never-ending need for attention. The Remnant knows this and reaches out to the underprivileged and the downtrodden.

The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman is a significant narrative found in the Gospel of John, specifically in John 4:1-42. This passage is rich with theological and cultural implications, illustrating Jesus' mission to transcend traditional barriers and offer salvation to all people.

The woman then left her water pot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, "Come see a Man, which told me all things that ever I did. Is not this Man the Christ?"

John 4:28-29



Christ and the Samaritan Woman (Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld)

*The Remnant offers **salvation** and the **true Gospel** to all peoples of the world*

The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman highlights several key themes: the breaking down of social and ethnic barriers, the offer of salvation to all people, and the nature of true worship.

Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman exemplifies His mission to seek and save the lost, regardless of their status or background. The account underscores the **transformative** power of encountering Christ and the role of **personal testimony** in spreading the Gospel.

The Remnant church believes that Christ has called His followers in the Great Commission to reach the whole world.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what My Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:44-49

#33 *Let's not* **misunderstand**



We never pride ourselves that we have made it! We don't claim that, because we are members of the Remnant church (which has the right confession), we enjoy God's favour. To think that is to fall into the sin of Israel, which is that the grace of God's call gave one a special privilege in His sight.



**That would be a sin against
God's gracious call!**

God will not ask us in the Judgement whether we were good Protestants. He will ask whether we have done His Will! And He will ask the **same question** of every other confessing Christian.

Let me reiterate!

The Remnant is marked off from the world not by a special privilege. In His grace, God calls the ones who chose to serve Him.

Let's be a bit more specific. The Remnant are **doers of the Word** as outlined in James 1:22: ***Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.***



But this does not mean an ordinary contrast between word and deed. It indicates **two different** relations between man and God.

The first is the man who says *Lord, Lord*, and claims he is with God on the strength of having said that, justifying himself through his confession.

The second is that the Remnant by definition are the folk of *humble obedience* as explained in John 14:21:

He who has My Commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.

#34 **The strait gate**

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Matthew 7:13-14

The Bible verse ***For many are called, but few are chosen*** is from Matthew 22:14, and it is part of Jesus' parable of the wedding feast. The concept of a small group of followers, or disciples, is central to the New Testament narrative, particularly in the Gospels.

The Remnant is small in number and will always be few. Never let a disciple of Jesus pin his hope on large numbers:

Few there be □□□

On the side of the narrow path there is a deep chasm.

To be called to a life of extraordinary quality, to live up to it, and yet be unconscious of it, is indeed a narrow way.



Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matthew 7:14

Few *there be who find it...*

As the Remnant we may see the weakness and wrong in others, and at the same time we must **refrain from judging** them. To deliver the Gospel message without prejudice and condescension requires us to be **humble**.



The way Jesus trod the earth, and the way that the Remnant must also tread as **citizens of two worlds**, is like a razor edge between the world and the Kingdom of Heaven.

This could hardly be called a broad way. The way is unutterably hard, yet this narrow way is bound to be right.

But if we behold Jesus Christ going on before us step by step, we won't go astray. Yet if we gaze at the road instead of at Him who goes before, we are already straying from the path.

For He is Himself the way, the narrow way, and the strait gate.

#35 Who will pass the **Test**?



In the judgement the **confessor** and the **doer** are separated from one another. Only the doers have survived the test so far, and they don't appeal to their **confession**, but to the **deeds** they have done.

They have performed deeds in the name of Jesus.

The doers know that their confessions do not justify, and so they have evangelised and made the name of Jesus great among the nations **by their deeds**.

Now they appear before Jesus and tell Him what they have done, and Jesus reveals the possibility of a **demonic faith** which brings works **quite indistinguishable from the works of the true disciples**. Works of charity, miracles, perhaps even personal sanctification – which is a **denial of Jesus and of the life of the Remnant**.

- Paul describes this in 1 Corinthians 13, when he says that **it is possible to preach , to prophesy, to have all knowledge, and even faith to move mountains, and all this without love, without Christ, without the Holy Spirit.**

*Here we rest on the **truth** proclaimed
by the Remnant and that we have been
obedient to the Word*

Without love in all this ‘works’ activity, the activity of discipleship is absent. In other words, that activity, at the end of the day, is Jesus Christ Himself.

Here is the most serious, most incredible satanic possibility in the church, the final division which occurs only on the last day.



But the Remnant must ask by what criterion Jesus will accept or reject them. **Who will pass the judgement and who will not?** The answer lies in the words of Jesus to those rejected:

I have never known you.

Here is the *crucial question* – has Jesus known us or not?

- First came the division between church and the world;
- Then the division within the church;
- And then the final division on the last day.

There is only one word: **I have known thee.**

The word of the Last Judgement is foreshadowed in the Remnant teaching: ***If you love Me, keep My Commandments.*** John 14:15

**If we follow Christ, cling to His Word,
and let everything else go, it will see us
through the Day of Judgement.**

#36 *A conclusion so far:*

Simple Surrender *and* Obedience



I am sure we have all read the famous *Sermon on the Mount*. It's found in the book of Matthew, chapters 5-7, and is widely accepted as one of the best-known and most influential teachings of Jesus Christ.

But have we taken it to heart? Jesus doesn't allow us to make of His sayings what we will, cherry-picking and choosing what suits us.

This Word, whose claim the Remnant recognises and which emanates from His saying 'I have known thee', **this Word**, which sets us at once to work with obedience to the messages of the three angels in Revelation 14:6-12, **this Word** is presented as *a series of warnings and calls to action*.

- Our proper response to this Word, which Jesus brings with Him from eternity, is simply to do it.

**Jesus has spoken:
His is the Word, ours the obedience.**

Yes, surrender and obedience.
Simply that.



Only by the Remnant doing it does the Word of Jesus retain its honour, might and power among the nations so much in need of salvation.

The Remnant fully understands there is only one other possibility, that of failing to do this crucial job. **It is impossible to want to do it and yet not do it.**

Once again, the parable of the rich young man (related in Matthew 19) raises its head. However vehemently we claim our faith and our recognition of 'the truth', Jesus still calls it 'not doing'.

But that which we fail to do, is no rock to build a house on. There can then be no union with Jesus. He will never have known us.

The word we had was not Christ's, but a word we had wrested from Him and made our own, by *reflecting* on it instead of *doing* it.

If you would enter life, keep the Commandments.

Matthew 19:17

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End Times



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#37 *A few* **considerations**

concerning the Antichrist



The Remnant teaches the **truth** in the following eleven subheadings about what to expect and **how to clearly identify the end times** before the coming of Christ.

This Antichrist is identified as a *system*, yet is comprised of three major figures:

- The beast rising from the land,
- The beast rising from the sea, and
- The 'dragon' (Satan), that controls both beasts.

This combination exhibits an imitation of the Bible truth, presenting the world with a false 'Christ', a false 'John the Baptist' and a false 'God'.

Satan is a deceiver. He can't create anything, but he can deceive by imitation.

The two beasts and the dragon

So, how do we relate to such radical and serious prophecies? Well, we must be aware that the Antichrist's religious system, which he **is busy selling to the whole world**, exists today, as you are reading these pages! Yet so many who call themselves *Christian* are **already deceived by it**.

The Remnant believes we do not need to wait until these religious beasts appear on the scene. **The Remnant has already started undertaking God's commission to *act now* by proclaiming the *truth* and exposing the Antichrist's counterfeit 'Christianity'.**

We take to heart Paul's last words to Timothy before his execution in Rome:

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.

2 Timothy 4:2 NIV



Rembrandt's painting of St Paul in the prison

#38 The Sea Beast:

a short summary



The description of the sea beast connects it to images we see in Daniel 7.

- ❖ He will perform **great signs**: The beast rising from the sea backs up his false teaching with 'signs and wonders'.
- ❖ A **specific miracle** of the false prophet is described in Revelation 13:13: ***He makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.***
- ❖ Note that John highlights these powers in Revelation 11:5: ***If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies.***
- ❖ To the deceived world, this also puts this false prophet in the class of Elijah in 1 Kings 18:39: ***And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.***
- ❖ It is conceivable that the dragon (Satan) **takes possession** of this false prophet as in the case of Judas, who was possessed by Satan.

The **Beast** *rising from the* **Earth**

He exercises all the authority of the first beast:

- ❖ The beast rising from the earth is essentially a **Satanic prophet**, who leads the world to worship the beast and the dragon.
- ❖ **This land beast is someone like the sea beast** , because the same word, *beast*, is used to describe them both. At the same time, this beast is different, obviously because one comes from the sea and the other from the land.

For a perspective:

- ❖ The dragon (Satan), the beast rising from the sea and the beast rising from the land are an **unholy trinity**. The dragon is the **anti-Father**, the beast rising from the sea is the **anti-Christ**, and the beast rising from the land is the **anti-Holy Spirit**.
- ❖ This land beast, known as the False Prophet, promotes the worship of the first beast and enforces the *mark of the beast*, which will be necessary for economic transactions. **This mark is placed on the right hand or forehead, thus symbolising allegiance to the sea beast, the Antichrist.**

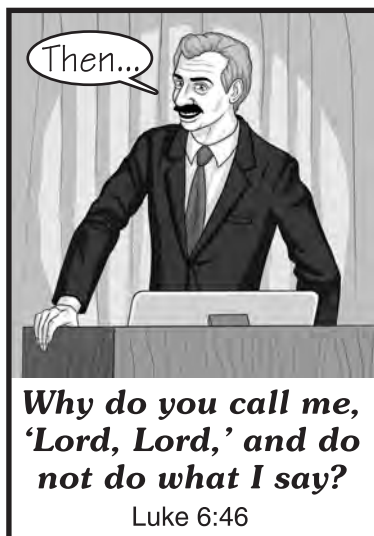
#39 *The unenlightened lend their ears*

to the devil's influence

Did you know that Satan is behind much of what has been *incorrectly accepted* as supposedly 'Christian' throughout the history of mankind?

Jesus answered: ***Watch out that no one deceive you. For many will come in My Name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah', and will deceive many.*** Matthew 24:43-5

Yet it's a fact that Satan garners influence in churches so that people who are Biblically ignorant will literally worship him through his false teaching!



An example: Matthew 13:24-43 describes a farmer who sows good seed in his field, but his enemy sows *tares* (weeds) among the wheat while he sleeps .

The Remnant discerns **false teaching**

One of Satan's primary desires is to be worshipped (Revelation 13:4). He even had the audacity to tempt Jesus: "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Matthew 4:9



NIB!

How to discern false teaching

- 1 ***Study the Bible:*** Familiarise yourself with the core doctrines of the Christian faith and be able to identify deviations.
- 2 ***Test the spirits:*** Examine the teachings of any speaker or teacher against the standard of Scripture.
- 3 ***Consider their fruit:*** Evaluate the character, behaviour and impact of a teacher and their teachings.
- 4 ***Beware of those who deny the core Gospel:*** Anyone who denies the essentials of the Gospel (like the deity of Christ or salvation by grace through faith) should be viewed with caution.

#40 *The Remnant shares* **awareness**

of Biblical Prophecies



I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'

Isaiah 46:10

These prophecies relating to the Antichrist are not decayed old documents, irrelevant in the 21st century. They were written **for the times in which we are living**, and are inspired by Almighty God, who declares the end times from the very beginning.

The whole Bible is and will remain relevant, regardless of the times.

Isaiah's prophetic warnings regarding the end-time Antichrist are crucial, because the rise of this figure will bring more death and human suffering than this world has ever before experienced; a time the Bible calls the **Great Tribulation**.

- **Isaiah is widely regarded as one of the greatest prophets of the Bible. His name means *YHWH (the LORD) is salvation*. He lived in Jerusalem and the prophecies God gave him were directed toward Israel, Judah and other nations.**

And awareness also of the **end-time Antichrist**

It's a Biblical and prophetic fact that the Antichrist as he rises to power will deceive most of mankind, quietly and subtly seducing men and women around the world. The Word says he will seduce even the believer: ***For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.*** Matthew 24:24 NIV

People will accept a **false and demonic counterfeit Christianity**; in fact, such a false teaching is **already present** in churches and exercising great influence.

**Yet even with all Satan's might,
the combined alliance of religious,
military and economic might, will
be no match for the returning
Jesus Christ.**

#41 *The Antichrist will emulate*

a revived **Roman Empire**



*Illustration of the harlot and beast of the End Time,
from Martin Luther's Bible (printed in 1534)*

Revelation 13 describes significant events in the end times, focusing on the rise of the **harlot** and the **beast**.

**While the harlot represents
a *religious* entity, the beast
symbolises a *political* power.**

The picture of religion riding the secular and political powers points to two separate entities. The prophecy shows, however, that these two monsters will join together at the end time.

The concept of riding a beast denotes dominance, as the rider of the scarlet beast. This end-time religious system will dominate the secular and political powers.

The Remnant teaches these end-time events with a **clear Biblical understanding**

Remember: These two beasts, empowered by Satan, set out with a mission to deceive many during the Great Tribulation. This will lead to a 'Revived Roman Empire' that will eclipse the power and might of the world's largest powers.

So read further as we describe these soon-to-appear worldwide events as we cover them in the following six titles.



The Spanish Inquisition, the Holocaust, Pol Pot, Genghis Khan, the Gulag, Roman Crucifixions...
these horrors are mere precursors in a 'lite' form of what to expect from the Antichrist.

This is a political and military powerhouse that will wield strength and might such as the world has never seen before, leading to the worst and most widespread suffering in human history.

#42 *The Antichrist will* **reject God's Law**



Luca Signorelli - *The Deeds of the Antichrist* (c 1505)

The Antichrist will oppose the laws of God. He will replace those laws (as revealed in the Word) with pseudo-religious laws rooted in paganism and human tradition.

The prophet Daniel tells us in Daniel 7:25: ***He will speak against the Highest and oppress His holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time.***

You've probably noticed as you read these pages that many churches have already been affected by this system of the Antichrist. **It is already in place.**

- A foretaste of what to expect in these last days is given by Christopher Tataru in *Hitler, Himmler, and Christianity in the Early Third Reich*, history that is about to be repeated by the Antichrist, and is already taking place in some Communist countries. Read an excerpt on the next page.

The Remnant shares these truths **about the end times**

From Hitler, Himmler, and Christianity in the Early Third Reich:

- ⊗ All church services were **placed under regular surveillance by the Gestapo**.
- ⊗ Adolf Hitler, Germany's World War II Führer, viewed Christian churches as **political foes**, whose power could be used to oppose him. He hence desired to establish government control over the Protestant and Catholic Churches and make them politically impotent.
- ⊗ Hitler was **striving for total control**, and his policies reflected that. Once political dominance had been achieved, the churches were no longer needed, and the Party turned to a more radical and aggressive policy spearheaded by Heinrich Himmler, the head of the notorious SS.
- ⊗ This policy sought to **eliminate Christianity** from the Nazi Party and Germany, and these policies would only continue to escalate in severity throughout the early years of the Second World War.
- ⊗ The **Rohm Putsch** in June 1934 was used by the SS as a pretext for assaults on the Catholic Church, resulting in the murder of many of the Catholic Church's anti-Nazi leaders.



Remember Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the famed and brilliant writer of *The Cost of Discipleship*, was put to death on Himmler's orders. Bonhoeffer was a Protestant theologian, specifically a Lutheran pastor, not a Catholic.

#43 *The Antichrist will come*

in the name of **Jesus Christ**

RIGHT X WRONG

Many don't understand that the word *Antichrist* indicates more than a person. It represents a **system of belief** that *seems* Christian but is a **counterfeit of true Christianity**.

Paul wrote of those that preached 'another Jesus' by bringing a different gospel. 2 Corinthians 11:4: ***For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached...***

A different gospel has existed since the time of the twelve Apostles.

And in John's day, many representing the **system of many Antichrists** were already preaching it. ***Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon.*** Revelation 13:11



The Remnant shares the **true Breadcorn of the Word** *and identifies false teaching*

The final, end-times Antichrist will culminate in this deception, a great false prophet who will appear to be truly Christian from the outside.

This false prophet to come, the final Antichrist, will look like the Lamb, Jesus Christ. He may seem kind and compassionate, and he may **seem to teach from the Bible**.

Yet prophecy says he will be speaking the word of the dragon – the devil. The Christianity he teaches will be a *subtly twisted version of the Truth* – not the true Christianity of Jesus Christ, even though it will claim His Name.

Jesus warned His disciples that many would come practicing religious deception, and that they would come in His Name – that is, the name of Jesus Christ. Matthew 24:4-5



Scripture consistently uses a **lamb** as a symbol for Christ.



A **dragon** or **serpent** is used as a symbol for the devil.

#44 *The Antichrist will*

persecute the elect

Forced Worship:

The Antichrist will demand **worship and obedience**, leading to the persecution of those who refuse to comply. Think of the three believers who refused to worship the golden image set up by King Nebuchadnezzar: **Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego**.



They were high-ranking officials in the province of Babylon, who held fast to their faith and refused to bow down to the image or to worship other gods.

Dire Consequences:

Those who refuse to worship the Antichrist will face **severe consequences**, including death. In the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, the three Jewish men are thrown into a fiery furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar for refusing to bow down to his golden image.

They are miraculously preserved from harm, and the king sees a fourth man, resembling *a son of God*, walking with them in the fire. King Nebuchadnezzar is so impressed by this miracle that he decrees his people to worship the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.



*Reminiscent of **times past** and a taste of the **future** with the Antichrist*



God's Protection:

Despite the trials, God will protect and sustain His elect during this time, and He will eventually bring about their deliverance and victory. The story of Daniel in the lion's den, from the book of Daniel in the Bible, tells how the prophet, despite being thrown into a den of hungry lions, is miraculously saved by his God. This event highlights the power and faithfulness of God, even in the face of adversity.

Leadership Role:

In the new kingdom, Daniel was appointed as one of the governors, indicating his influence and role in the government. Despite the change in rulers after Nebuchadnezzar was overthrown, Daniel continued to be respected and trusted. He likewise served under the next king, Darius, who also acknowledged his wisdom and skill, as detailed in the book of Daniel.

In summary: Daniel was faithful to God while under threat and receiving punishment, yet time has shown him to be an honoured and accurate Biblical prophet, under the hand of his true God.

#45 *The Antichrist* **denies**

the Word became Flesh

2 John 7 makes it clear that there can be **multiple deceivers or antichrists** and that these are simply human beings who oppose the truth about Christ. John encourages believers to be **on guard**, so as not to be deceived by **false teachings** and thus lose their future reward.

I say this, because **many deceivers**, who **do not acknowledge Jesus Christ** as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the Antichrist. 2 John 7 NIV



Yet the Word says in John 1:14 (NIV):

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Remnant believes
Be filled with the Holy Spirit
is in the Continuous Present Tense:
Be ye being filled

The Remnant believes the filling of the Holy Spirit is a **continuous process**:

The Holy Spirit is believed to be **actively present** in the lives of believers, guiding and empowering them **continuously**. Being filled with the Spirit is not a one-time event, but a *persistent process of seeking and allowing the Spirit's influence in one's life*.

The phrase *Be ye filled with the Holy Spirit* is a call to action, and correctly translated reads *Be ye being filled with the Holy Spirit*. It encourages believers to actively seek the Holy Spirit, to pray for His guidance and to live in obedience to His leading.

- To use computer jargon: **To receive the Holy Spirit happens in real-time.**

The return of Jesus happens in
REAL-TIME

#46 *The Remnant* **warns that**

the Antichrist will be able to **perform miracles**

Further to what we said on page 109, we quote Revelation 13:13-14: ***And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. Because of the signs, it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honour of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.***



Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 2:9 NIV:

The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie. Even sceptics will be forced to acknowledge that they are seeing supernatural events brought by this person.

Demonic miracles! *False miracles!* **These miracles will be lies.**



They will be **supernatural**, but they will be **demonic** and **satanic** in their origin.

ANOTHER DECEPTION!

Remember that the purpose of the end-times Remnant is to **teach and remind** the world of Biblical Truth.

In other words: Submit yourselves, then, to God.

The infamous Indian rope trick, which fascinated and fooled many a Victorian

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7 NIV

Remember again: the Remnant warns that the end-time Antichrist will *appear to be Christ-like*, but speak like the subtle dragon, which is Satan the devil.



#47

The Antichrist will be a **religious leader**

Then one of the seven angels with the seven bowls came and said to me: "Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits on many waters. The kings of the earth were immoral with her, and those who dwell on the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her immorality."



And the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, where I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls. She held in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. And on her forehead a mysterious name was written:

Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and of the abominations of the earth.

*The **harlot** represents
a religious entity, and the **beast**
symbolises a political power*

John tells us:

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognise the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

1 John 4:1-3

He will be a religious figure, who will control the most influential church on earth. In turn he and his church will direct the military-economic powerhouse known as the end-time beast of Revelation.



#48 *The Remnant is a*

Commandment-keeping *Church of God*

As you can see from chapter 4, in contrast to the **Commandment-keeping Church of God**, this great apostate church and her 'daughter churches' **reject the need to keep the Ten Commandments as a way of life!**

Somehow, in their spiritual drunkenness, they manage to reason around the plain and clear teachings of Jesus: ***“Why do you ask me about what is good?”***

Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the Commandments.” Matthew 19:17

Some have said to me that Jesus negated the Ten Commandments with His statement in Matthew 22:

Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments. Matthew 22:36-40



*And a **positive** summary for chapter four*

In this statement Jesus neatly sums up the Ten Commandments. The first four commandments relate to our (vertical) relationship with God. The second six commandments relate to our (horizontal) relationship with others.

- ♦ Commandments 1–4 teach **love for God**.
- ♦ Commandments 5–10 teach **love for others**.

But, dear Believer, there is no need to despair!

Some encouragement regarding the end times: The positive truth that the Remnant teaches about Satan, the two beasts and the Antichrist, which most Christians don't understand, is that while he has real power to mislead and deceive, believers **can overcome him through the power of the Holy Spirit**.

- I trust this short tour of Revelation and the end times will give you, dear Reader, at least a glimpse into the amazing prophecies of the books of Daniel and Revelation.

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A Usable

Salt

- #49 *The Remnant is Obedient*
- #50 *The Remnant member is a Disciple*
- #51 *The Remnant does not preach a cheap Gospel.*
- #52 *The Body of Christ*
- #53 *The Remnant teaches Baptism*
- #54 *The Remnant asks questions*
- #55 *The Fruit of the True Remnant*
- #56 *The Remnant has work to do*
- #57 *The Remnant and the Unbeliever*
- #58 *The Brother in Christ*
- #59 *The Remnant and Costly Grace*
- #60 *A Usable Salt*

#49 *The Remnant is*

obedient

The Remnant knows that the obstacles blocking people from following Jesus' teachings were just as strong in the early church as they are today.

Jesus' call overcomes all obstacles, and its authority leads to obedience. When new disciples hear this call, they are receiving God's own Word, and all that's needed is a

**willing and
obedient
heart**

*The rich young man discovers the **cost** of Discipleship*

Jesus may have said “Sell thy goods”, but what He meant was: “Don’t place importance on the fact that you have outward prosperity, rather keep your possessions quietly, as if you had them not.”



Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Matthew 19:21-22

The Remnant **does not suggest** that a person must have no possessions. Instead, anything beyond the essentials should be held loosely – as if one does not truly own them.

- **This means not being attached to material things or letting them take priority over faith and obedience to Christ.**

#50 *The Remnant member is*

a Disciple

He understands that there are no steps to take beforehand and no excuses—only a simple, direct response of **obedience**.



Matthew is obedient to Jesus' call to be a disciple: ***As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow Me," He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him.***

Matthew 9:9

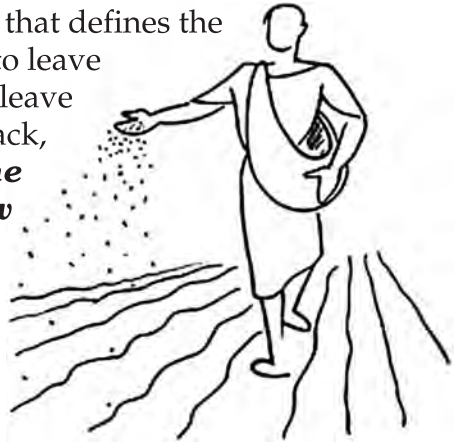
This encounter is a **solid and direct testimony** to the indisputable authority of Jesus. The Remnant member has heard the voice of the Master and knows in his heart there is no need of any requirements, just obedience to His call. Because Jesus is the Christ, He has the **Godly authority** to demand obedience from those He has called to be His disciples.

- ✓ Discipleship is not an offer man makes to Christ
- ✓ Faith can only be possible through faith
- ✓ It is only the call of Jesus which creates the situation where faith is possible
- ✓ Only he who believes, is obedient, and only he who is obedient, believes

And the response of the Disciple is an **act of obedience**

What does this mean? It means we can only take this step aright if we fix our eyes not on the work we do, but on the work Jesus calls us to do.

The first step of obedience that defines the Remnant is the call for Matthew to leave the place of custom, and Peter to leave the nets. Neither of them looks back, as explained in Luke 9:62: ***No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the Kingdom of God.***



This is the scenario for the Remnant created through obedience, which effects the change from one existence to another.

Taking a step toward becoming part of the Remnant is something anyone can do. However, a rich man giving away his wealth does not automatically free him from the grip of materialism. If his heart remains unchanged, he is still caught by the old life, just as before.

- **True transformation comes not merely from actions, but from a renewed heart that fully surrenders to Christ.**

#51 *The Remnant does not*

preach a cheap gospel



A crumpled leaflet flutters among bricks and cement: Soap powder, pantyhose, golden syrup. Everything here goes **CHEAPLY.**

Cheap grace literally means the justification of sin without justification of the sinner. It means *once saved, always saved*. Cheap grace refers to a belief that sin is forgiven without any real change in the sinner's heart or life. It's the idea that grace is given freely, **without the call to repentance or obedience to God.**

True Grace, however, not only forgives sin, but also **transforms the sinner**, leading him or her to live in alignment with God's Will.

The preaching of cheap grace amounts to forgiveness *without* repentance, baptism *without* church, discipline and celebration of the Holy Communion *without* confession, release from guilt and punishment *without* personal confession.

Cheap grace has no part in the Remnant church, is without discipleship and is grace without the cross. **Grace without Jesus Christ is grace without any value.**

Rather get busy for the Lord

There is a clear misunderstanding by so many churches! They preach that, after I received grace at salvation, I set out to live the Christian life in the world with all my sins justified *in advance*.

This teaching appears to claim that I can stick to a sinful existence and keep on as per usual, but with the added advantage that the Grace of God will cover me!

The convenient assumption is that my only duty as a so-called Christian is to leave the world for an hour or so once a week and go to church – and be assured that **my sins are forgiven**.

Nothing could be further from the truth!



Do not merely listen to the Word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:22

#52 *The* **body of Christ**

and the Remnant church

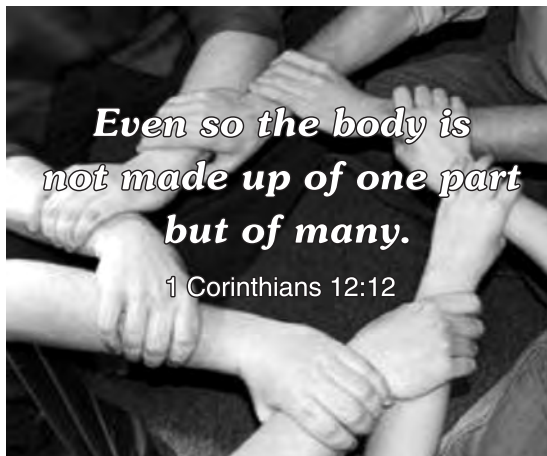
In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul refers to the church as *the body of Christ*. He uses this metaphor to relay significant truths about the church and to help believers better understand the value of diversity within the church.

In Romans 12, Paul uses this expression to emphasise that the church is **made up of many members** with **different roles**, but all are **one body in Christ**.

The concept of *the body of Christ* has been debated in Paul's theology, with some considering it a key term and others describing it as a leading metaphor.

The church is called *the body of Christ*, because Christ is the head of the church and we are called to do the work of Christ, each like a limb of the body.

- Each of us has different skills, purposes and spiritual gifts, yet every believer is equally important to the full functioning, mission and efficacy of the church.



Made up of
many members!

The Body of Christ



#53 *The Remnant teaches*

the truth of **baptism**

It's well known that Jesus called people **publicly**. Jesus was summoning them to a **visible act of obedience**.

Through baptism, we join in Christ's death, symbolically dying to our old selves. Just as Christ died once for all of us, baptism represents our own **spiritual death** – condemning sin and leaving behind our former life. **In this way, we are united with Jesus in His sacrifice.**

From now on, the law which governs the life of the baptised is summarised by Paul in Romans 6:11: ***In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.***

Their faith is rooted in the fact that Christ's death was a **one-time, complete** sacrifice.

Through baptism, they **personally** experience this truth.



John baptising Christ

Baptismal death means justification from sin. The sinner must die that he may be delivered from sin.

Romans 6:7 states: ***But because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.***

When we die with Christ, we are released from the power of sin to control our lives.

Spiritual *implications*

*These are the things God has revealed to us
by His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things,
even the deep things of God.*

1 Corinthians 2:10



The spiritual implications of this verse emphasise that divine understanding is **not gained through human reasoning alone**, but through the **illumination of the Holy Spirit received at baptism**.

When a Christian joins the Remnant, you leave behind worldly attachments – work, family, old priorities – making a **visible commitment** to follow Jesus Christ. It is a **personal step, taken alone**. Yet in surrendering these things, you gain something far greater: a **new spiritual family, brothers and sisters in faith, and a deep fellowship with Christ and His people**.

Jesus takes your old life and in return offers you a **new, perfect and complete** life. This new life is so full that He gives you the Gift of the Cross, symbolised in Baptism for the first believers.

**There is no clearer expression of His
Grace and Mercy than this total and
life-changing gift from your Lord.**

#54 *The Remnant asks* **questions**

But there must be another way the Disciples had the advantage over us today?



James Tissot - The Charge to Peter

They had spent three and a half years with Jesus, in His company! What a privilege that was, as many people have commented. The Disciples had recognised the Christ and were immediately given a simple and direct command from His very lips, instructing them on exactly what to do.

Surely, we are in a different situation 2,000 years later? We could ask: Does Christ speak differently now?

If that were true, we would be in a very difficult situation. Fortunately, it's far from true. Jesus speaks to us exactly as He spoke to them.

It wasn't that they **first** recognised Him as the Christ and **then** received His command. They first received His command and Word in faith and recognised Him as the Christ, in that order. **There was no other way for them to know Christ, but by His plain Word.**

- His Word is one and the same, whether it was given during His earthly life to the sick, the paralysed or the Disciples, or whether it is speaking to us today.

*Yet we must understand:
the **same truth** applies today
as did 2,000 years ago!*

Today, as 2,000 years ago, we have received the gracious summons to enter His Kingdom and His Glory.

The Word does not present us with a series of Biblical *Christian types* to be imitated according to some preference or choice.



It makes no sense to compare our situation to that of the Disciples, or to the Man healed at the Pool of Bethesda. We do not compare ourselves to either. All we must do, is to hear the Word and obey the will of Christ, in whatever language or part of the Scripture it is proclaimed.

As to the question raised, is our situation regarding the hearing of the Word different to the past?

There is no answer to this...

**Just hear His Word
and you will hear
His Call.**

#55 *The fruit of the*

true Remnant



The Remnant are Christ's **co-workers** – His disciples – called to follow His example in everything. Though they have human weaknesses, they are still expected to reflect His character in all areas of life. They **collaborate** with Jesus Christ in His mission of spreading the Gospel and building His Kingdom on Earth.

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:9

Just like the Bible describes Paul and the other Apostles as *fellow workers in Christ*, the Remnant shares in the ministry of spreading the Gospel. (The Bible mentions various individuals serving God in **different capacities**, all working together as **co-workers**.)

We are **Fellow Workers**

Remnant members fully understand that:

- ✓ Their calling implies actively engaging in spreading the Gospel, making disciples, and building up the church.
- ✓ They share in the responsibility of God's work and are accountable for how we use our gifts and talents.
- ✓ This calling involves contributing to the growth and development of the church and the Kingdom of God.
- ✓ They understand being a co-worker with Christ requires a spirit of love and service, reflecting Christ's character in their actions.
- ✓ Being a co-worker with Christ means recognising that we are working alongside God – not just *for* Him, but *with* Him.
- ✓ The Remnant member encourages spiritual growth and maturation, as they learn to live in obedience to God's will and become more like Christ

The Remnant understand that being a co-worker with Christ means embracing a life of service, purpose and partnership with God, actively contributing to the advancement of His kingdom on Earth.

#56 *The Remnant has*

work to do...



Vincent van Gogh: Wheat Fields at Auvers Under Clouded Sky

Jesus' words about a *plentiful harvest* and *few workers* appear in Luke 10:2:

He told them: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

These words are just as true today as it was in Jesus' time.

By the way:

A recent chat with a world evangelist reminded me:

50% of the world has **1%** of the pastors.

A challenge indeed!

... and is under **‘Holy Orders’**



For the Remnant, the concept of a vineyard holds significant symbolism and spiritual meaning.

The image of a vineyard is used throughout the Scriptures to represent God’s people, His relationship with them, and the cultivation of spiritual fruit.

Just as a vinedresser tends to the vines, pruning them to bear more fruit, God lovingly cares for His Remnant, guiding and shaping them into vessels for His glory. They know the process of pruning may be painful, but it is **necessary for spiritual growth and maturity.**

Friend, what has the Lord shown *you* in the corner of His vineyard where He placed you?

#57 *The challenge the Remnant member*

faces when approaching the **unbeliever**

The **unbeliever** often sets his own conditions for following Jesus, insisting that discipleship must happen on his terms.

In Luke 9:59, when a man says, ***Let me bury my father***, it reflects this hesitation – he sees following Christ as something to be done later, once his personal matters are settled.

This mindset turns faith into a *negotiation* rather than an *act of surrender*. In this case becoming part of the Remnant is possible only after meeting one's own requirements, **reducing true discipleship to human reasoning rather than obedient trust in Christ**.

This possible **convert to the Truth** places himself at Jesus' disposal, but at the same time reserves the right to make his own terms!

The hard truth, however, is that to follow Jesus and become a member of the end-times Remnant YOU must take the first step, which can only be to follow His call, and that step cuts you from your previous existence.

Staying in the old way of life goes against Jesus' calling. Matthew had to leave his tax collection job – a highly profitable position! Some might question whether such a drastic step was necessary.

- **But because Jesus is the Christ, He had to show from the very start that His word is not just an abstract teaching – it transforms and renews a person's entire life.**

Here we include the **nominal** *church member*



Bartolomé Esteban Murillo - *The Return of the Prodigal Son*

The prodigal son, when he had lost everything, concluded: ***I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."*** Luke 15:18.

Contrast this with: ***There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day.*** Luke 16:19

Matthew wryly remarks: ***For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*** Matthew 6:21

For this discussion we consider discipleship and the Remnant as the same calling. The Remnant by definition must mean adherence to Christ, so it naturally follows that it must take the form of discipleship.

- Yet herein lies the tragedy! Nominal church membership, a doctrinal system, a general religious knowledge of grace or the forgiveness of sins render discipleship, by default, null and void.

#58 *The brother in Christ*

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To the member of the Remnant, worship cannot be divorced from the service of his brother, as it was with the rabbis. **If we despise our brother, worship has no value, and it forfeits every divine promise.**

When we come before God with hearts full of contempt and unreconciled with our brother, **we are, both individually and as a Remnant congregation, worshipping an idol.**

If we claim to be the Remnant there is only one way of following Jesus and of worshipping God, and that is to be reconciled with our brethren. If we come to hear the Word of God and receive the Sacrament without being first reconciled with our brother, we shall come to our own damnation. ***Leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift.*** Matthew 5:24

The Remnant brother must be entirely innocent of anger, because anger is an offence against both God and the brother.

Every idle word which we think so little of betrays our lack of respect for our brother and shows that we place ourselves on a level above him and value our own **knowledge / views / opinions** higher than his.

He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.

1 John 2:9

... must be treated with

humility

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, we should get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the Word planted in you, which can save you.

James 1:19-21

Dear Friend!

This chapter is not intended as an anger discussion, but nevertheless indicates how we should treat our brother with respect. In that sense the brother must treat others with Christ's humility as expressed in Philippians 2:1-5:

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

#59 The Remnant and...

Costly Grace

Costly Grace is something that must be pursued **daily**, just like the manna – *Bread from Heaven* – that appeared each morning to sustain the Israelites in the wilderness. It requires commitment and reliance on God. It is the kind of grace seen in Jesus' call to His disciples, where they left behind everything, even their fishing nets, to follow Him. **This grace demands a response – it is not merely received, but acted upon in faith and obedience.**



Martin Luther said that Grace alone can save; his followers took up his doctrine and repeated it verbatim. But they left out the key, the **very essence** of the Remnant: ***If you [really] love Me, you will keep and obey My Commandments.*** (John 14:15 Amplified Bible)

Luther's doctrine and the beliefs of his followers stood strong, unchallenged and undefeated. However, this widespread acceptance had unintended consequences – it marked the decline of the Reformation as the earthly revelation of God's Costly Grace. Instead of emphasising the transformation and justification of the sinner, the focus shifted, and justification of sin itself became more common. **This change diluted the true meaning of Grace, moving the focus away from personal renewal and obedience.**

“If you love me, keep my **Commandments**”

*Costly Grace
was turned into
cheap grace.*

The emergence of the Remnant in these end times still means the sinner is justified by *grace alone*.

But there's more, often ignored by many end-times 'Christian churches', yet underlined by the Remnant:

We know that we have come to know Him if we keep His commands: Whoever says, 'I know Him,' but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. 1 John 2:3-4

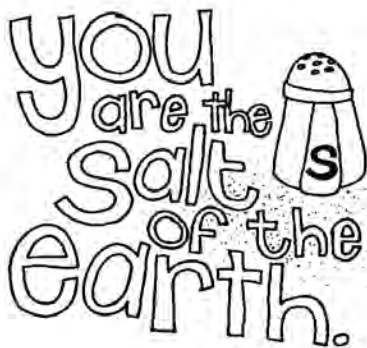
Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

Cheap grace
is grace without
discipleship, grace
without the cross,
grace without Jesus
Christ, living and
incarnate.



Costly Grace
is the gospel which
must be sought
again and again,
the gift which must
be asked for, the
door at which a
man must knock.

#60 A usable salt!



You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

Matthew 5:13-16 NIV

What did Jesus mean when He used the phrase *salt of the earth*?

Salt was so valuable that in Roman times it was often used to pay the soldiers, hence the expression *he's not worth his salt* – and also our word *salary* (Latin: *salarium*, from *sal* or *salt*).

Salt is used for preserving food and melting snow on roads (it lowers the freezing point of water). And we all know what it does to the taste of food!

According to the *New Testament Greek Lexicon*, in ancient times salt was a symbol of lasting concord, because *it protected food from putrefaction and preserved it unchanged*.

- Jesus in His humanity often chose everyday subjects to illustrate His teachings.

*There is **another** possibility*

You are the light of the world.

Matthew 5:14

When salt goes stale, it is no longer salty – it has lost its usefulness and must be thrown away. Once it ceases to be salty, there is no way to restore it.

This is the sobering reality facing the Remnant community.

Their mission is to **spread the Gospel** and **give the final warning before Jesus' return**. If they fail to fulfil this calling, they risk becoming spiritually lost, just like salt that has lost its usefulness and cannot be restored.

Jesus' call to the Remnant is clear – they are meant to be the salt of the earth, *preserving the Truth and spreading His message*.

But if they fail to live out this calling, they lose their purpose – with dire consequences. His call is not something to hesitate over or to ignore; it demands a response: either to embrace it fully, or become overwhelmed by the weight of it and reject it.

There may not be a second chance – the choice must be made *now*, and it is *final*.

Jesus' call makes the Remnant not only the salt of the earth, but also **the light of the world**. Their work is visible, though it may sometimes be subtle – growing gradually in influence, rather than being instantly recognized.

The words *you are the light* affirm that the Remnant *already* have this role, *not* that they must become it later. Since Christ has called them, they are a light that people see, and they cannot be anything else.

Their presence and purpose are undeniable.

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The Remnant

*Simple, Humble,
Sincere,
Authentic*

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#61 *The Remnant teaches* **meaning**

Then I said to myself, “The fate of the fool will overtake me also. What then do I gain by being wise?”

I said to myself, “This, too, is meaningless.”

For the wise, like the fool, will not be long remembered; the days have already come when both have been forgotten.

Like the fool, the wise too must die!

So, I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me.

All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Ecclesiastes 2:15-17 NIV

Perhaps I could ask, if you are living a transient and disappointing life here on earth, a life with no more purpose than the beasts of the field that end up on someone's dinner plate, surely you would prefer a life with meaning and purpose?

It's an intelligent question for the thinking person.

*And a **purpose** to life*



Solomon receiving the envoys of the tributary nations

Solomon had everything that the world could provide, yet it's common knowledge that none of those worldly rewards brought him lasting happiness:

***I have seen all the works which have been done
under the sun, and behold, all is vanity,
a futile grasping and chasing after the wind.***

Ecclesiastes 1:15-17

Yet here's the Good News!

We are to become children of God! The Word reveals to the believer a meaning and a purpose to life, and the Apostle Paul is very clear about our future as members of the true **New Testament church** (the Remnant). He explains that we will be sons of God and joint heirs with Christ!

Paul tells us:

***And I will be a Father to you, and you will be My
sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.***

2 Corinthians 6:18 NIV

#62 *The Remnant calls us*

back to God

When the temple was dedicated in King Solomon's time, the Almighty God spoke to the king, words that are well known, reverberating down the centuries:

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among My people, if My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

Man's problems are due to our **stubborn unwillingness** to turn, completely and without any excuses or reservations, to the God who created us, and the Jesus who died for us, **the perfect sacrifice for our sins**.

- **This is basic Bible truth** as taught by the Remnant.
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... *with a* **change of heart**

But if there is a change of heart, we **do know the blessings that await us**. Bible prophecy is very clear on this matter.

The following passage emphasises the importance of **sincerity and authenticity** in worship, highlighting that God desires worshippers who connect with Him spiritually and truthfully.

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is Spirit, and His worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth. John 4:23-24

So, each of us can choose whether to join the Remnant, rather than choosing between denominations, picking and choosing among the commands of God (as if we had a choice!), mixing them with our own plans, purposes and sense of what is right or wrong.

- **Let's rather submit ourselves to the solid *Breadcorn* of Christ's teaching and all that He asks of us.**



The Lord is looking *right now* for those who will do just that!

#63 *The Remnant uses* **standard Bible translations**



When I was a young lad, the church in which I worshipped used the **King James version** of the Bible. I still use it, but rather prefer the **New King James** for its more readable English. The King James Bible is a **translation** and *reflects the original text*.

Some 'Bibles' are **paraphrased** and *reflect an opinion or view*; they may have a use, but can miss valuable nuances.

Be careful here!

The King James Version is still the favoured Biblical translation for many Christian fundamentalists. It is also widely regarded as one of the major literary accomplishments of early modern England.

For your Christian faith: commentaries, concordances, what preachers have to say, all have their place in the life of the believer.

However: Reliability of the Remnant teaching is defined by the Bible and the Bible alone!

**NIV (New International Version),
New King James and
the Amplified Bible
are **trustworthy** translations**

About the Apocrypha:

When the KJV was first published in 1611, it included the Apocryphal books (also known as the Deuterocanonical books) in a separate section. These books were not part of the Hebrew Bible, but were included in the Greek Septuagint and later Latin Vulgate translations.

The Apocryphal books are not considered canonical by most Protestants, but are included in Catholic and Orthodox Bibles. They are books of the Old Testament that were written in the intertestamental period between the Old and New Testaments.

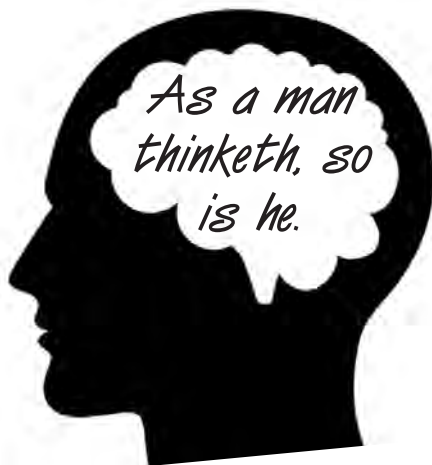
In later editions of the KJV, the Apocryphal books were moved to an appendix, or sometimes entirely removed, leaving the standard 66 books (39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament).

The removal of the Apocrypha was influenced by theological differences between Protestants and Catholics, who consider the Apocrypha as inspired scripture.

- **The Remnant is Protestant and considers the Apocrypha uninspired.**

#64 The Remnant asks:

What's on your mind?



The phrase *as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he*, comes from the King James translation of Proverbs 23:7. It emphasises the power of thought and how inner beliefs and convictions shape our actions and character.

The idea that obedience to the Commandments stems from our thoughts is a **core principle**, particularly in spiritual contexts. It suggests that the foundation of obeying laws and commands lies not just in outward actions, but in **our innermost thinking and reasoning**.

- This perspective emphasises the importance of **aligning our thoughts with God's Will, as our inner convictions ultimately shape our outward behaviour.**

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”

Proverbs 23:7

The Remnant teaches obedience to **all ten the Commandments** as the Moral Law written by the *Finger of God*, being as such **irrefutable**.



In Exodus 31:18 and Deuteronomy 9:10 the Word refers to the method by which the Ten Commandments were written on tablets of stone that were brought down from Mount Sinai by Moses.

Finger of God (Hebrew: אֶצְבַּע אֱלֹהִים *‘ešba’ ‘Ēlōhîm*) is a phrase used in the Torah, translated in the Christian Bible.

This is reiterated in the New Testament by the words of Jesus in John 14:15 NKJV. **If you love Me, keep My Commandments** is a key passage in the New Testament, emphasising that true love for Jesus is demonstrated through obedience to His teachings.

This statement is further elaborated in John 14:21, which equates keeping Jesus’ Commandments with loving Him, and loving Him with being loved by the Father and Jesus.

#65 **The simple life**

of the Remnant

The life of the Remnant can only be maintained so long as nothing is allowed to come between Christ and themselves.

The disciple always looks only to his Master. Only by following *Christ alone* can he preserve a single eye. His eyes rest wholly on the light that comes from Christ and has no darkness or ambiguity in it. Thus, the heart of the Remnant must be set on Christ alone. If the heart sees an object which is not there, the whole body is deceived. If the heart is devoted to the mirage of the world, to the creature instead of the Creator, the Remnant also is lost.

Worldly possessions tend to turn the heart of the disciple away from Jesus.

What are we *really* devoted to? That is the question the Remnant asks!

- My paraphrase from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

“ God the Father grant to me
All my daily needs
Why should I not unto Him flee,
When all the birds He feeds? ”

Unknown

And some precious **Biblical Advice**

Basic Biblical Principles as lived by the Remnant:

Prioritise God:

Matthew 6:33 instructs us to: ***Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*** This highlights the importance of making God and His Will the top priority in life, rather than material possessions or worldly ambitions.

Contentment:

Philippians 4:11-13 emphasises **being content in all circumstances, knowing that God is enough.** This encourages a mindset of gratitude for what one has and a reliance on God's provision, even in times of hardship.

Avoid Materialism:

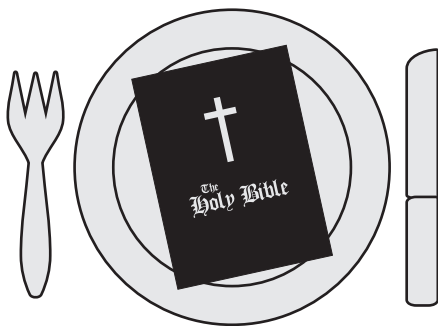
Luke 12:15 warns against greed and emphasises that **life is not found in abundance of possessions.** This suggests that a simple life involves detachment from excessive accumulation of material goods.

Focus on Relationships:

The Bible encourages **building strong relationships with others, living in harmony, and showing compassion,** which can lead to a simpler, more meaningful life

#66 *The* humble

Remnant member



When you fast, do not look sombre as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:16-18 NIV

Jesus takes it for granted that His disciples will observe the custom of fasting.

If we give free rein to the desires of the flesh, we will find it hard to train for the service of Christ. This is in line with the health message as promoted by the Remnant church.



The Remnant member is
plain vanilla
in his outward appearance

**The Remnant member observes
a strict exterior discipline.**

He is aware that that alone will not crush the urges of the flesh, or that there is any way of removing our Old Man other than by faith in Jesus.

The real difference here is the Remnant believer who follows Christ and has buried his own will and died to the Old Man. He is now more clearly aware than others of the rebelliousness and lifestyle pride of the flesh. He is conscious of self-indulgence and knows that his arrogance must be eradicated.

But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face. The disciple might see this as an opportunity, a subtle form of self-deprecation or self-glorification, yet in the process making the matter a pretence. Nor is a 'Colgate smile' on the face to be a sort of stereotyped expression of Christianity.

Jesus is rather referring to a proper **hiddenness** of Christian behaviour, that **humbleness** which is totally unselfconscious. Perhaps as the eye can see other people, but can never see itself.

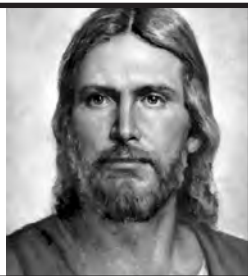
Such hidden humbleness will one day be made manifest, but by its very nature will be God's doing, not ours.

#67 The Remnant has

empathy for the **lost soul**

When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36 NIV



Jesus was moved with compassion for the multitude. He loved them and understood them. He felt sympathy for them.

Jesus saw them as sheep without a shepherd. Many were lost, products of circumstances not of their own making, and often suffering at the hands of enemies.

Jesus saw people in their true state, not looking past them, or ignoring them, or turning away from them.

He recognised the condition they were in. They were tired and lost in the world. The Remnant and its members understand it is their job to show them there is Someone who cares, who can help them find their way.

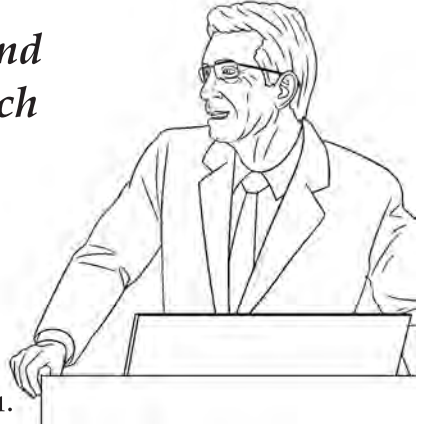
Dear Reader,

Have you felt His compassion in your life? Do you have compassion for those who are lost in sin? Then remember, dear Christian, you and I were once lost as they are today!

Empathy and compassion are two of the identifying characteristics of the **believer**

Do you belong to Christ and His church? Does the church mean as much to you as it does to Christ?

If you have been reading this book and are not a member of a church, maybe you think that what I am saying is a bit too exclusive for you.



Well, take heart! The Gospel of Christ calls all people *out of* sin and the world with its false religions and man-made denominations, and *into* Christ and His church.

For the promise is unto you!

Acts 2:39 states: ***The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.***

This verse indicates that the promise is not limited to a select few, but extends to all who are called by the Lord.

- You ask how do I hear the Lord calling? Read the Bible and attend the true church that we are describing for you, ask God to speak to you and you will hear His call.

#68 The Remnant is

DISTINCT and DIFFERENT



If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing *more* than others? Do not even pagans do that?

- What makes the Remnant *distinct and different* from the followers of the world?
- What does it *really mean* to be a member of the Remnant church?
- What makes the Remnant member different from other men are the words *peculiar* or *extraordinary*. That which is *not run of the mill*.

This is the quality whereby the *better righteousness* exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees.

Jesus was not concerned about their righteousness, for Him the *spirit-filled* disciple is the identifying mark of the Remnant.

Yet it is more than that, it is the extraordinary.

The Remnant member cannot live at the world's level, because he received the calling and belongs to the **peculiar nation**.

Yet there's more!

So, let's have a look at the practical side of being a Remnant member.

It is not strict Puritanism nor some odd pattern of Christian living, but simple **obedience to the Will of God**.

If we make the **extraordinary** our standard, we shall be led to endure the passion of Christ. **This is a truth that the Remnant must bear**. If this is not so, then this is not the activity of which Jesus speaks in the Beatitudes.

Hence this **extraordinary** is the keeping of the Commandments and acceptance of salvation in Christ crucified. Then in His Remnant the **extraordinary** becomes **reality**.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

#69 *Are the first 39 books*

historically reliable?



*Jars in which the Scrolls
were preserved*

A view of the Qumran Caves

This subject is beyond the scope of this book, but let me encourage you regarding the Old Testament accuracy with a few facts:

The Dead Sea Scrolls are a set of ancient Jewish manuscripts from the Second Temple period. They were discovered over a period of ten years, between 1946 and 1956, at the Qumran Caves near Ein Feshkha in the West Bank, on the northern shore of the Dead Sea. They date from the third century BCE to the first century CE.

The Dead Sea scrolls are made up of some 40,000 fragments. From these fragments more than 500 books have been reconstructed.

But the most important documents of the Dead Sea Scrolls are copies of the Old Testament texts, dating from more than a century before the birth of Christ.

- Download our tract: *The Sea of Galilee or the Dead Sea?* for some interesting background. (It's free!)

*This matter is **critical**, as
Remnant teaching is based entirely on the
reliability of the Bible*

The New Testament confirms the accuracy of the Old Testament.

The New Testament record shows that Jesus believed the Torah to be from Moses.

Particularly in John 5:45-47, Jesus states unequivocally His belief that Moses wrote the Torah: ***For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?***

Otto Eissfeldt states: “The name used in the New Testament clearly with reference to the whole Pentateuch – the book of Moses – is certainly to be understood as meaning that Moses was the compiler of the Pentateuch.” (Eissfeldt, OTAI,158)

*Otto Eissfeldt (1887 – 1973)
was a German Protestant theologian,
known for his work on the
Old Testament and comparative
Near East religious history.*



#70 *Are the 27 books*

of the New Testament **truthful and reliable?**

What needs to be established is the reliability of the entire Bible, as what this book says, rests on that as basic truth. Most Christian denominations agree on the 66 books of the Bible as being the reliable canon of Scripture.

So, let's look at some evidence concerning the reliability of the New Testament writings. We know of 5,686 Greek manuscripts of the New Testament. Add to that over 10,000 Latin Vulgate and at least 9,300 other early versions, and we have maybe more than 25,000 manuscript copies of sections of the New Testament today.

No other document of antiquity even begins to approach such numbers and attestation.

In comparison, only 643 manuscripts of Homer's famous *Iliad*, likely written in the eighth Century BCE after a long oral tradition, still survive. (Leach,OB,145)

Nelson Glueck writes: "It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Bible reference. The almost incredibly accurate historical memory of the Bible is particularly so when it is fortified by archaeological fact."

Sir Edmund Ronald Leach FRAI, FBA (1910 – 1989) was a British social anthropologist and academic. He served as provost of King's College, Cambridge from 1966 to 1979 and was President of the Royal Anthropological Institute from 1971 to 1975.



Nelson Glueck (1900 – 1971) was an American rabbi, academic and archaeologist, whose pioneering work in Biblical archeology resulted in the discovery of more than 1,500 ancient sites.



*We as the Remnant need
to know this as
indisputable truth*



The fact is, however, that the books of the New Testament were not written down a century or more after the events they described, but **during the lifetimes** of those involved in the accounts themselves. Therefore, the New Testament must be regarded by scholars today as a competent primary source document from the first century. (Montgomery, HC, 34,35)

The most significant text for the Christian in the *Talmud* is *Sanhedrin 43a*: "On the eve of the Passover Yeshu was hanged (that is, crucified). For forty days before the execution took place, a herald went forth and cried, *He is going to be stoned, because he has practiced sorcery and enticed Israel to apostasy. Anyone who can say anything in his favour, let him come forward.*"



*John Warwick Montgomery (1931 – 2024)
was a writer, lecturer and public debater
in the field of Christian Apologetics.*

#71 The Truth that

never changes

“What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against Him.”

John 18:38 NIV



Pontius Pilate, Governor of Judaea from 26-36CE

The challenge for the non-Christian when faced with truth as taught by the Remnant is often reflected as a form of scepticism, presenting as *subjectivism*.

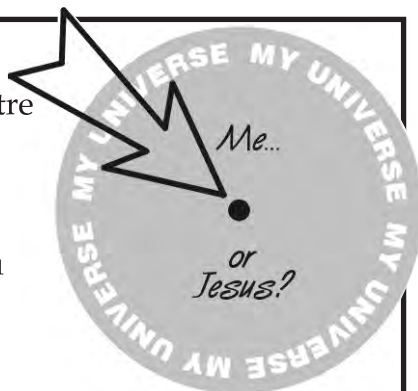
Peter Kreeft and Ronald Tacelli described this subjectivism as follows: "(It) is the fear of radical change – that is, the fear of conversion, being *born again*, consecrating one's whole life and will to God's will. Subjectivism is much more comfortable, like a womb, or a dream, or a narcissistic fantasy."

C S Lewis referred to the *poison of subjectivism* as the belief that *man is the product of a blind evolutionary process*.

Perhaps we can look at it this way. Each of us occupies the centre of our own, personal universe. A nice, comfortable spot!

Now Jesus says, Make Me the centre of your universe. And you have to move over.

● A quantum leap!



... as taught by the Remnant

“ We may differ in our judgement about what is true, but that does not affect the matter of the truth itself. ”

Mortimer J Adler

What does the Bible say about **truth**?

Jesus declared, ***I am the way, the truth, and the life.*** (John 14:6). This indicates that Jesus is not just a **follower** of truth, but the **embodiment** of it.

Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth.” 1 Kings 17:24

Bertrand Russell makes the statement that truth is not relative to minds (yet he was an agnostic!): “It will be seen that minds do not create truth or falsehood. They create beliefs, but when once the beliefs are created, the mind cannot make them true or false, except in the special case where they concern future things which are within the power of the person believing, such as catching trains. What makes a belief true is a fact, and this fact does not (except in exceptional circumstances) in



any way involve the mind of the person who has the belief.” (Russell, PP, 129-30)

Bertrand Russell, third Earl Russell (1872 – 1970) was a British philosopher, pacifist and writer, one of the most important analytic philosophers of the 20th century. He is primarily known for his exploration of the logical foundation of mathematics.

The 71 articles in this book thus far show the Bible to be a reliable document, accurately recorded and transmitted through history, from God to us, so we have a strong case that *the Bible is indeed true.*

#72 Can the Truth taught

by the Remnant **be known?**

Present Truth is often defined by the Remnant and is *knowable*. Present Truth refers to truths that are especially relevant and vital for a **particular time period or generation**. It's not that these truths were necessarily absent in the past, but rather that they take on a **renewed significance and importance in the present context**. Present Truth is often related to **specific** events or circumstances.

Present Truth can be known and is explained as follows:

Truth that relates to a specific time

Truth that is understood to be something that God reveals as relevant and important for a particular historical moment.

Not a new truth

Just a newly discovered truth, signifying a current emphasis or application of truths that were already known, but are now specifically relevant. Such an instance is fulfilled prophecy.

The current context

This is about understanding God's Word, and realising that truth written in the Word is starting to be fulfilled in the challenges and circumstances of the present day.

The Remnant takes courage in the words of Isaiah:
***The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the Word of our God endures forever.***

Isaiah 40:8

Yes, it can, and is defined by **Present Truth**

As Christians we don't make foolish assumptions, yet all of us are exposed to reality. We see that reality in our everyday lives, so it follows that we can identify **truth**, which by its definition corresponds to **reality**.

So, truth can be known, although that does not mean its is always evident until we take the trouble to look for it.

Fortunately for those that have an earnest desire to know truth, the Bible has answers for those that diligently seek Him.

So, Friend, if you are seeking the truth, read God's Word. There you will find *the truth which transcends all understanding*. (Philippians 4:7)

The phrase *those that diligently seek Him* refers to Hebrews 11:6, which states that without faith, it is impossible to please God, and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

This concept emphasises a sincere and persistent pursuit of God, as demonstrated by Biblical figures like David, who sought God wholeheartedly (Psalm 63:1).

The promise of reward for such seekers is a recurring theme throughout Scripture.

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Hope

An *Optimistic*
State of Mind

#73 *Does the Remnant teach that the Bible is inspired?*

#74 *We all must guard against being complacent*

#75 *Does the Remnant teach Bible Prophecy?*

#76 *The nature of Truth*

#77 *The Summary, but
not the end!*

And finally...

#73 *Does the Remnant teach that the Bible is **inspired**?*

Yes! The Bible confirms:

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

The Remnant teaches that, within our human limitations, God can be understood by studying the Scriptures.

Not only that, Bible scholars will tell you that the Bible is not a single document, it's a compilation written by hundreds of Spirit-filled writers, comprising input that originated from not only Jews and Christians, but was also influenced by Egypt, Mesopotamia, the exile in Babylon and even later by Greek philosophy, the Greek language and the vast Roman empire.

And another point: **it's a book by humans about God**. It's a good idea when reading the Word to remember that! Also, while they were people close to God, many times they were imperfect, a lesson for us all!

- **As we learn to apply these best moral principles to our lives, we make allowance for the difference between the culture of others and ours, so we search and study God's Word remembering that **no-one but God knows all the truth.****

Yes, absolutely!

It's a fundamental principle



The Remnant teaches the generally accepted Christian view that the Bible writers were supernaturally influenced by the Holy Spirit and God-inspired.

The DOVE is a symbol for the Holy Spirit inspired by Jesus' baptism. It has been used among many Christian denominations as a symbol for the Holy Spirit. ***All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness.*** 2 Timothy 3:16

An example of the Holy Spirit influencing men to proclaim God's Word is from the prophet Ezekiel, who tells us that the Holy Spirit moved the prophet to proclaim what God told him. ***This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "Whoever will listen let them listen, and whoever will refuse let them refuse; for they are a rebellious people."***

Ezekiel 3:27

#74 *We all must guard against being complacent*

The lawyer, wishing to justify himself, asks, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus then answered with the story of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10.



The parable of the Good Samaritan, found in Luke 10:25-37, illustrates the importance of compassion and neighbourly love.

A man is robbed and left for dead by the side of the road, but a Samaritan, despite being an outsider, shows compassion and helps him. This teaches us that **anyone in need is a neighbour.**

How do we respond?

The Good Samaritan story is not just an example of compassionate spirituality. It is a critique against religious passivity. If a 'church people' won't work for justice and mercy, God will find some other people who will.

St Alban's Episcopal Church, El Cajon, Ca

That includes the Remnant

The story told by Jesus shows that true love requires action, not just words. The Good Samaritan's actions demonstrate his concern and willingness to help.

Remember: As claimed members of the Remnant, we must act with love to our fellow mankind.

Note the very meaning of the word **love**, which is a **fundamental tenet** of the Christian life. Love is both a noun and a verb, an **action** word. We cannot kid ourselves that we are members of the Remnant church and not have **brotherly love**, again meaning **God-inspired action**.

**Teacher, what must I do
to inherit eternal life?**



The Good Samaritan story also answers a question posed to Jesus by a Jewish expert in Old Testament law.

The expert first asks, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus replies by asking the man what God's law says.

The man replies with the great love commands:

Love God, love your neighbour.

#75 *Does the Remnant teach*

Bible prophecy is a true reality?



King Herod (c 72 BCE – 4 BCE)

When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel. " Micah 5:2

According to the Hebrew Bible, Micah, also known as Micheas, was a prophet and is traditionally regarded as the author of the Book of Micah. He was born in 740 BC and died in 670 BC, at the age of 70.



Gustav Dore - Micah Exhorting the Israelites

Note: *The prophet Micah had made this prophesy*
700 years previously!

The Remnant church has **a prophetic calling** *and is a prophetic movement*

The Remnant teaches the significance of Predictive Prophecy and concludes that it is indicative of a *Divine and Biblical Intellect*.

The Remnant takes to heart God's promises in the words of the Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 2:5-6: ***You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:*** See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.

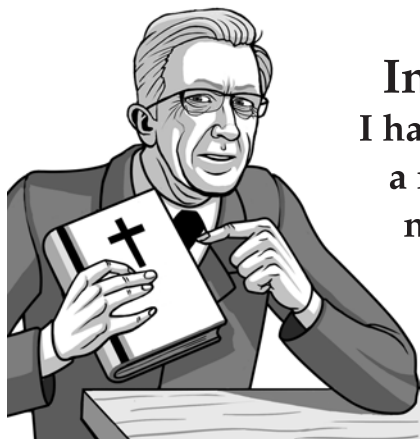
The Remnant is deeply encouraged and knows that God is the only True God, as stated in Numbers 23:19 NKJV: ***God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?***

My Friend!

**Take courage in the following words.
His promises and prophecies are true!
To Him all the prophets witness that, through
His name, whoever believes in Him will
receive remission of sins.**

Acts 10:43

#76 *The nature of* **truth**



In the preceding 185 pages I have said a lot, and you have a right to question the nature of this *truth*!

Yet what I have put forward can be seen as a correspondence between belief and reality, and a reflection of God's nature and will.

As always, *YOU* get to choose!

Present truth is a definition used by the Remnant and is a valid discussion, as elaborated by Mortimer Adler: "The population of a country changes from time to time, but a statement about the size of a country's population at a given



time remains true even when, later, it has increased in size. The presence of the date in a statement about the population in the United States in a certain year enables that statement to remain true forever, if it was accurate in the first place. (Adler, SGI, 43)

Mortimer J Adler (1902 – 2001)
*was an American philosopher,
educator and lay theologian*

The Remnant propagates the **True Gospel** **that Jesus preached**

C S Lewis viewed Biblical truth as a divine revelation. Not simply a set of historical facts, but as a **mirror reflecting God's reality and the human condition**. He believed the Bible carries the Word of God, offering both mythical and historical truths, pointing towards **Jesus Christ as the ultimate truth**. Lewis also emphasized that truth is found in the correspondence between our beliefs and the real world, particularly in God's creation: "If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth, only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair."

Clive Staples Lewis (1898 – 1963) was a British writer, Oxford don and lay theologian, famous for the much-loved Narnia books.



I quote from one of Billy Graham's 1,600 sermons:

Many people today are asking, "What is truth?" Inside the Bible are stories of lust and hate and war and crime... equal to anything that we read about in history.

The Bible tells the truth. It tells the truth about God, about man, about the devil.

Jesus wasn't afraid to call Satan what he is: **a liar and the father of lies.**

Jesus said, ***There is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.***

John 8:44

*Billy Graham (1918 – 2018),
world-famous preacher and Evangelist*



#77 *I summarise, but...*

it's not the end!

Now that you've read this book, I trust that you have at least an inkling of what the Remnant church is all about!

Perhaps you still have some questions, but to help clarify your mind, let me recap:

- 1 The Remnant believes and teaches that the Bible is **authoritative**, being accurate, true and reliable.
- 2 The **Trinity** is a fundamental belief of the Remnant, holding that there are **three co-eternal, co-equal Persons** in the God-head: **Father, Son and Holy Spirit**. This is well-documented in the Bible. For instance, in Deuteronomy 6:4 the Bible describes God: **Hear O Israel, the Lord our God the Lord is One**. Yet the Hebrew word for *God* used here is *Elohim*, which is the **plural** form of the word for *God*.
- 3 The Remnant is **committed to obedience of the Ten Commandments** and adheres to the fourth commandment as a **day of rest**.
- 4 The Remnant believes salvation is by **grace only**, as stated in Ephesians 2:8: **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God**.
- 5 The Remnant teaches **temperance**, which can neither be bought nor earned, but rather is an important gift from God, and is defined as the **fruit of the Spirit**. Galatians 5:22-23

Yes, these are some of the salient truths and beliefs of the Remnant!

It's only the beginning,
because there's
so much more!

For...

The Remnant believes in Hope!



And hope is what motivates us.

What if you had no hope? Paul said: ***If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.*** 1 Corinthians 15:19

The Remnant's entire walk in this life on earth as a believer is based on this:

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And finally...

Dear Friend!

We are living in the days of the **revival of Babylon**, of which God says:

Come out from among them. 2 Corinthians 6:17

And:

Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand. Daniel 12:10

These verses are a call to believers to be **distinct from the world and its ways**, emphasising that they are to be set apart, or sanctified, from what is unclean.

The words *the wise shall understand* highlight God's continued relationship with **His Remnant people** and **His provision for them**, even when facing judgement, rejection and persecution.

Please heed His call!

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "George Ross", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Romans 9:27:

And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved."

Romans 11:25:

"Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in."

Remnant Church: Those who remain faithful to God at the end of days.



Friend!

Let us go our way and put our hand into the hand of God, resting in the promise that, no matter how dark today may be, we have this **Blessed Hope** that looks beyond the present.

Jesus said: "And whoever lives and believes in Me, shall never die. Do you believe this?"

(John 11:26)



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