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## THE REMNANT

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Have you ever wondered if God has a true church on earth today? True Church? You say: "Impossible!" But With God all things are possible! Have you ever felt confused about which church to attend? Have you ever asked yourself the question: "Why am I attending the church I am attending." Does God truly have an organized church? Is God a God of organization? Aren't you glad your body was organized by God? Do you get more done being organized or disorganized? You get more done when you are organized. Is your house built according to a blue print or just haphazardly put together? Is your car built according to an organized plan and plant or was it just thrown together? If you find the truth how would you be able to find the church that is teaching that truth unless it was organized? Is there a such thing as a perfect church?

Does Bible prophecy reveal God's true church in the time of the end? Is there a church in the last days that is preaching Bible prophecy correctly? See Revelation 22:18,19.

Materialism has not satisfied. Pleasure has not satisfied. Technology has not satisfied. People still have a hidden hunger for truth. Does God have a church on earth today that is preaching the truth? ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT CHURCH FOR YOU?

Search for the right church can be confusing, frustrating, intimidating. For example just take a look at the bewildering number of churches in the Yellow Pages. There are almost 300 different denominations in North America. World Christian Encyclopedia 10,000 Distinct Religions in the world. Christianity = 33,830 different worldwide denominations. This is madness! This is nothing short of religious confusion!

Ask others what church they recommend and be prepared to hear competing recommendations. The Baptist churches want you! The Methodist churches want you! The Seventh Day Adventist churches want you! Well it is nice to be wanted, but how is one to know for sure which church is the right church? "Why don't I just stay home and watch church preachers on TV?" The Apostle Paul says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25. Pastor, I have been turned off by many ice cold churches! Many have become disillusioned! What church should you assemble together with?

Well, in case you are wondering if God has a true church in the last days that He is leading His true sheep to, listen to Jesus, "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd." John 10:16. This is a thrilling truth:

Jesus is guiding His sheep to His "one flock" in the end of time. Can we really be sure how to find that "ONE FLOCK"? How can we escape the confusion? Can we find God's truth in these last days? What is the good news? "You shall know the truth" John 8:32 From the vantage point of the Bible we can eliminate all the dead ends of falsehoods. The Bible will help us to avoid dead ends and to identify a church which uplifts only TRUTH.

REASONS FOR BEING PART OF A CHURCH: Good pastor. Friendly people. Excellent music. Solid children's ministry. Singles group. Close to my house. My parents attend there.

What is God's True Church founded upon? See 1 Timothy 3:15. When you find the truth, you look for a church that teaches the truth. Change is good if you believe. People move from one coast to the other coast here in America to work in a new job. Does God sometimes require significant changes in our life? Consider Abraham's experience....Consider Moses' experience....Consider Elijah's experience...Consider Jesus experience. Jesus came down from Heaven to reveal God's love to us personally. God's special object of concern? "He kept him as the apple of His eye." Deut. 32:10



What is Jesus the head of? "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." Matthew 16:18. Why is belonging to the right church so important? Why is belonging to the right church so important?

- Need to fellowship in the Spirit of truth – John 16:13 / Need to help each other to overcome sin. – 1 John 5:4
- Need to pray for each other. – James 5:14-16 / Need to learn how to love each other. – John 13:35

One Lord, **one faith**, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Ephesians 4:4,5. **IN THE END OF TIME, WHAT BOOK IN THE BIBLE WOULD IDENTIFY THIS 'ONE FAITH'?**

Who does the woman represent? "Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars." Revelation 12:1,2 NKJV And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: "And she bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and to His throne." Revelation 12:5 **Jesus won the battle for us! THE DEVIL SHIFTED HIS ATTACK TO THE WOMAN.**

**THE WOMAN WAS PERSECUTED BY PAGAN ROME.**

- Coliseum was a place of Cruel Entertainment: 50,000 spectators. Gladiatorial contests or games. Public spectacles. Mock sea battles, animal hunts, executions, re-enactments of famous battles, and dramas
- Estimated that about 500,000 people and over a million wild animals died in the Coliseum games. The Caesar's demanded worship. The more Christians were martyred and persecuted for their faith in Jesus, the more they multiplied. **THE CHURCH APOSTATIZED FROM THE TRUTH. FALSE TEACHINGS FLOODED THE POPULAR, FALSE CHURCH.**

**FLOOD OF FALSE TEACHINGS**

- 250 AD – Infant baptism. (416 AD commanded)
- 300 AD – Prayers for the dead.
- 379 AD – Praying to Mary & Saints.
- 385 AD – Forbidding priests to marry.
- 430 AD – Exaltation of Virgin Mary as "Mother of God."
- 519 AD – Lent
- 593 AD – Purgatory
- 753 AD – Sprinkling for sick.
- 787 AD – Worship icons.
- 1022 AD – Penance
- 1090 AD – Rosary
- 1190 AD – Sale of indulgences.
- 1215 AD – Transubstantiation.
- 1215 AD – Confession to priests.
- 1311 AD – Sprinkling for all.



Papal Rome persecuted those who opposed her. The church in the wilderness. "Great numbers were driven from their habitation with their wives and children, stripped and naked...many of them inhumanely massacred."

The History of the Popes, Vol. 2, p. 334. **BURNED AT THE STAKE** Millions lost their lives. The reformers were persecuted for their faith. Those who remained faithful to God had to hide out and meet secretly to worship God and study the scriptures.

"Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days." Revelation 12:6 "Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child." REVELATION 12:13 "I have appointed thee each day for a year." Ezekiel 4:6 1260 Prophetic Days = 1260 Literal Years

"TIME, TIMES AND A HALF A TIME" REVELATION 12:14

TIME = 360 DAYS / TIMES = 720 DAYS / HALF TIME = 180 DAYS = 1260 DAYS/YEARS

**Papal Supremacy (Apostate Church/State Union)**

**God's faithful in the wilderness.**

**1260 Years**

**538 ----- 1798**

The wilderness time period ends in 1798.

And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood." Revelation 12:15 **FLOOD: 1) PERSECUTION 2) FALSEHOOD**

"But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth." Revelation 12:16 NKJV Rescuing truth from the flood of false teaching. Martin Luther – Protestant Reformer – 16<sup>th</sup> Century The Earth Rescued God's faithful from the flood of persecution. "the earth helped the woman." Revelation 12:16

- Refuge for the oppressed: mountainous places, isolated valleys, secret caves

DEADLY WOUND WAS INFLICTED IN: 1798 Exactly 1260 years from 538 A.D.

America helped the woman in her great time of need to escape religious persecution in the old world.

- 1775 Battle for Independence.
- 1776 Declaration of Independence.
- 1787 Constitution.
- 1789 1<sup>st</sup> President: George Washington.
- 1790 Supreme Court
- 1791 Bill of Rights.

The United States provided a place of refuge from religious persecution. The Woman was now out of the period dominated by religious persecution.

#### FOUNDING OF BIBLE SOCIETIES:

- The British and Foreign Bible Society was organized in 1804.
- The American Bible Society in 1816.
- The Bible became available to the man on the street.
- Best seller today.



#### REVIVALS BROKE OUT ALL ACROSS AMERICA

- 1839 Methodist Camp Meeting
- Some preachers began to preach that "JESUS IS COMING SOON!"

When would God's church appear? Sometime after 1798. Revelation 12:14-17 "And the dragon (devil) was enraged with the woman (pure church), and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring (REMNANT), who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17

- The Book of Revelation reveals the characteristics of the REMNANT.
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- The churches Name is not the most important thing but it is a snapshot of what they believe.
- For example many people ask: "How is your church different from the others?"

Illustration: When you are pushing your grocery cart down the Cereal aisle it can be both time consuming and confusing as you see all of the wide varieties, the colorful boxes, the many competing brands, the healthy claims they boast. But regardless of how colorful the box, or how popular the brand, or how much your child wines for it, or how many toys are inside, or how many bold claims about how healthy it is, you still need to check the side of the box for the TRUTH – the contents. Yes it is the contents that really matter regardless of the name.

So likewise, no matter what the name of a particular denomination or church is it is the contents that are of prime importance. You want to know what that church believes. So do not settle for a church that may have a popular name, children's church, a large choir, a pipe organ, annual mission trips, but yet they lack truth. Truth is always paramount when it comes to shopping, searching for the True Church. It is worth the search to find a church home; to have a sense of belonging in an age of mass confusion.

Illustration: How do you identify the genuine denomination of a 100 dollar bill? The answer is by looking for chief characteristics. Sometimes the cashier will hold up the large bills to the light in order to spot a unique feature.

FOR CENTURIES MANY BELIEVED JESUS WOULD COME AFTER THE 1000 YEAR MILLENNIUM.

#### Characteristic # 1 – Arises after 1798 / 1260 DAYS/YEARS 538 A.D ----- 1798 A.D.

- **TIMING OF THE RISE OF THE REMNANT:** The Bible indicates that the remnant appear on the world's stage after the time of persecution (Rev. 12:14-17). The French Revolution: The earthshaking events of the French Revolution, which led to the captivity of the pope at the end of the 1260-year period (A.D. 1798).
- A widespread expectation of the imminent coming of Jesus arose. Throughout the world many Christians recognized that 'the time of the end' had arrived (Dan. 12:4).

#### Characteristic # 2 – Not a very large church.

- "ye were the fewer of all people:" Deut 7:6,7
- The term "Remnant" implies a small group, those that remain.
- A remnant is "Something left over....A leftover piece of fabric, as one remaining after the rest of the bolt has been sold. ...A small, remaining group of people." The American Heritage Dictionary.
- God chose the Israelites to be His people even though they were among the smallest group of people. Deuteronomy 6:23-25; 7:6-11; Psalms 105:12
- Gideon's army was made up of only 300 men. Judges 6



- “For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, Yet a remnant of them will return; The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.” Isaiah 10:22 NKJV
- Only a Remnant shall return. Isaiah 10:22
- Only a Remnant returned from Babylon to rebuilding the city and temple.
- Nehemiah 1:3; Ezra 9:6; Haggai 1:12-14; 2:1-3; Zephaniah 2:7,9; 3:12,13; Isaiah 1:9;10:21,22;11:16; Micah 2:12; Habakkuk 2:8; Jeremiah 23:3
- Only Elijah was a true prophet on Mount Carmel in comparison with 850 false prophets. 1 Kings 17
- Only a few Wise men from the east and a handful of humble shepherds welcomed Jesus when He was born. Luke 2
- Jesus said “Narrow is the way and few there be that find it.” Matthew 7:13,14
- Jesus said “Many are called but few are chosen.” Matthew 20:16; 22:14
- Truth is never popular. The majority are always wrong.
- They: “keep the commandments of God” Revelation 12:17

### Characteristic # 3 UPLIFT ALL 10 OF GOD’S COMMANDMENTS Revelation 14:12

#### Characteristic # 4 THEY OBSERVE THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH AS THE LORD’S DAY. This eliminates 99% of churches.

- Keep the Seventh Day Sabbath. REVELATION 14:7,12 “worship him that made” “keep the commandments of God” “REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY.” EXODUS 20:8
- Revelation 1:10 “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet.” The Lord’s Day is still holy!
- Who was the Sabbath made for? “The Sabbath was made for man.” Mark 2:27
- Are the Ten Commandments for everyone?
- Did Jesus keep the Sabbath? “So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.” Luke 4:16
- Jesus stands by His Ten Commandments.
- “Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.” Matthew 24:20



#### Will we keep the Sabbath in Heaven? Isaiah 66:22,23

1. We will keep the Sabbath in heaven.
2. The Sabbath has not been changed.
3. Prepare to keep the Sabbath in Heaven by honoring it now.

#### Characteristic # 5 Has the spirit of prophecy

- “For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Revelation 19:10 NKJV
- What has God given to His end time Remnant Church to prepare them for the Second Coming of Christ?
- And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Revelation 12:17
- What is the testimony of Jesus Christ?
- “And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren, that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Revelation 19:10 KJV
- TESTIMONY OF JESUS = SPIRIT OF PROPHECY
- Who had the spirit of prophecy? The Brethren – Rev. 19:10
- Who are the brethren? “Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.” Revelation 22:9 KJV BRETHREN = THE PROPHETS

#### What would the Remnant Church be blessed with? THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

- Remnant church has the testimony of Jesus.
- Testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy..
- The Remnant church has: The spirit of prophecy.
- The Spirit of Prophecy is manifested through “the brethren” or “the prophets”
- Bottom Line: we can expect to see the gift of prophecy manifest in the Remnant Church.

#### How would God give the Spirit of Prophecy? VISION’S & DREAMS

“And he said, Hear now my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make myself known unto him in a vision, and I speak to him in a dream.” Numbers 12:6 KJV

#### Characteristic # 6 PREACHES THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL TO ALL THE WORLD, PREPARING PEOPLE FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> COMING OF JESUS!

##### The Three Angel’s Messages of Revelation 14. What is the 1st angel’s message?

- “Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth--to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.” Revelation 14:6 NKJV GOOD NEWS TO PREACH TO THE WORLD!
- Jesus paid the price for our sins. 1 Cor. 6:20

- God loved you so much He gave His Son to die for you. John 3:16
- The free gift of God is eternal life. Romans 6:23
- Jesus accepts us just as I am! John 6:37
- Surrender your heart fully to Jesus. Revelation 3:20
- The good news that Jesus can forgive and change us.
- What is Jesus doing now? Romans 2:16

The hour of God's Judgment - But the "Everlasting Gospel" message also includes a proclamation about the judgment!

- "saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made the heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.'" Revelation 14:7 NKJV
- "In the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel." Romans 2:16
- "the hour of his judgment is come" Revelation 14:7 KJV
- "The court was seated, And the books were opened." Daniel 7:10
- "the time of the dead, that they should be judged" Revelation 11:18
- What promise does Jesus give to those who are trusting in Him as their personal Savior?
- "He who overcomes...I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life" Revelation 3:5
- What is decided in the heavenly sanctuary before Jesus comes again? Revelation 22:11,12
- "He who is unjust, let him be unjust still;... he who is righteous, let him be righteous still." Revelation 22:11
- Jesus is engaged in His final work as our Great High Priest in the Heavenly Sanctuary. Revelation 11:19
- When did Jesus go into the Most Holy Place? At the end of 2300 days/years or 1844.
- Daniel 8:14 - 2300 Day = 2300 Years
- "Unto two thousand three hundred days then the sanctuary shall be cleansed." Daniel 8:14
- What event begins the 2300 year prophecy? Ezra 7:7-11
- Sir Isaac Newton believed that in 457 B.C. the decree went into affect to restore Jerusalem.
- Jesus began cleansing the heavenly sanctuary at the close of the 2300 year prophecy or in the Autumn of:1844.
- Since the year 1844 we have been living in what the Bible calls, "the hour of judgment."
- The door of probation will close at any moment? TIME TO FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS BEFORE THE DOOR SHUTS!
- While the world is wrapped up in worldly pleasure... Soon the door of probation will close.. But the world won't know it...
- The flood came 120 years after Noah began preaching about the judgment in his day.
- OPEN YOUR DOOR BEFORE HE CLOSES HIS DOOR.

Who did God raise up in 1844 to take the 3 Angel's Messages to the world?

What is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Angel's Message? The "Everlasting Gospel" also includes warning messages about Babylon! Revelation 14:8

- "the great harlot who sits on many waters" "The waters...where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues." Revelation 17:1,15 "the great harlot" Rev.17:1
- "Mother" Revelation 17:5
- "woman, drunk with the blood of the saints" Revelation 17:6
- "woman...is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth." Revelation 17:18
- "seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman (city) sits." Revelation 17:9
- "woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet" Revelation 17:4
- "a golden cup full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication." Revelation 17:4
- "kings of the earth committed fornication" Revelation 17:2
- False woman represents the false church. Revelation 18:2 NKJV
- Pure woman represents the pure church.
- "And I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.'" Revelation 18:4 NKJV

What is the third angel's message? Revelation 14:9-12 The "Everlasting Gospel" also includes warnings against receiving the Mark of the Beast!

- WHAT IS THE MARK OF THE BEAST? It must be a sign of it's power.  
Sunday is our mark of authority...The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact.  
Catholic Record, Sept. 1, 1923  
"He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and laws ..." Daniel 7:25 NKJV
- The Sabbath Commandment is the only one that relates to time. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8-11
- ALL THE WORLD WORSHIPPED THE BEAST REVELATION 13:3

The Everlasting Gospel also includes a call to "give glory" to God.

- "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" 1 Cor. 6:19
- Preaches a healthy lifestyle.  
"...therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's." 1 Cor 6:20

- Poll: The More You Sit, the Sooner You Die By T. Kallmyer on Oct 27, 2010
- We need eight glasses of water each day.
- "Heal the sick" Matthew 10:8
- Smoking-related diseases claim over 393,000 American lives each year.
- The Seventh Day Adventist Church People Have highest Average Life Expectancy. The average life span is more than 88 years.

#### Characteristic # 7 Practices Baptism by Immersion

- 1 Corinthians 12:13 "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..."
- "Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually." verse 27
- "And God hath appointed these in the church" Verse 28
- "...Christ is the head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body." Ephesians 5:23
- "For we are members of His body, ..." Eph. 5:30
- Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Acts 2:47

#### An Organized Church? Elders / Deacons Head Quarters /Teachers/Evangelists/Apostles or Church administrators.

- They knew how to assemble the church together.

#### Characteristic # 8 Teaches the truth about death and hell.

- "the dead know not anything" Eccl. 9:5
- Where are the dead? Where are the dead? John 5:28,29
- What happens when a man dies? Ecclesiastes 12:7
- What returns to God at death? Spirit or Breath
- HOW DID GOD CREATE MAN? Genesis 2:7 DEATH IS CREATION IN REVERSE
- Dust + Breath = Living Soul Body + Breath = a Living Soul
- What is another word for this "Breath of Life"? "All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils." Job 27:3
- How much does a dead person know? Nothing. "The living know that they shall die, but the dead know not anything." Ecclesiastes 9:5
- "Lazarus sleeps" "Lazarus is dead" John 11:11,14
- Where are the righteous dead? "David did not ascend into the heavens" Acts 2:34 "the dead do not praise the Lord" Psalms 115:17" "dead in Christ will rise first" 1 Thes. 4:16

#### Is anyone in hell now? "the soul that sinneth it shall die" Ezek. 18:4

- "whole body to be cast into hell" Matthew 5:30
- Can a soul die? No such thing as an immortal soul.
- When is hell fire? "at the end of the world" Matthew 13
- Where is hell fire? "on the ...earth" Revelation 20:9

#### Characteristic # 9 Preaches the Second Coming of Christ. Does God's Remnant Church preach the secret rapture? No.

- "I Will come again." John 14:1-3
- "Every eye shall see Him." Rev. 1:7 "The Blessed Hope and the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13
- Adventist = focus on the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.

#### Characteristic # 10 – Worldwide Mission

### IDENTIFICATION MARKS OF THE REMNANT CHURCH

1. After 1798.
  2. Not one of the largest.
  3. Ten Commandments.
  4. Seventh-day Sabbath.
  5. Spirit of Prophecy.
  6. Three Angel's Messages
    - a) Warning we are living in the Judgment hour.
    - b) Warning about Fallen Babylon
    - c) Warning about the Mark of the Beast
    - d) Give glory by taking care of your body it belongs to God.
  7. Baptism by immersion.
  8. Death is a sleep.
  9. Second Coming of Christ.
  10. Global mission.
- Takes seriously a global mission.



God is leading His sheep into one fold. JESUS IS OUR SHEPHERD. "My sheep hear my voice and follow me." John 10:27