

ARISE BIBLE STUDY DOCTRINES

Study: The Remnant Church (RC)

Purpose: The purpose of this study is to identify the remnant church, its foundation, and its people. *Few Bibles utilize the word “remnant” and prefer “rest”*

Center It: God is love. Jesus Christ has always been the foundation Rock of God’s church. God’s remnant (end time) church) will also be established on the Rock Jesus Christ with a people who love as Jesus loved. *Commandment keeping is the outward manifestation of loving others as Jesus loved.*

Know It / Mark it:

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| 1. 1 Corinthians 10:4 | 7. Revelation 12:17 |
| 2. Matthew 16:17, 18 | 8. John 14:15 |
| 3. 1 Corinthians 3:11-14 | 9. John 13:35 |
| 4. John 10:16 | 10. Revelation 14:1-6 |
| 5. 1 Timothy 3:15 | 11. Revelation 12:11 |
| 6. Revelation 14:12 | 12. Revelation 15:2-4 |

Share it:

1. **1 Corinthians 10:4:** Paul is expounding on the deliverance of the people. He is reminding the Christian community that Jesus was the rock of the Old testament Church.
2. **Matthew 16:17, 18:** This classic story of Jesus relating to the apostle Peter is often misconstrued by Roman Catholic theology to refer to Peter as the rock of the Christian Church. Rather, Jesus Christ is the Rock of the New Testament Church. *There is one word used for Peter and a distinct one for Jesus . . . Petros versus Petra . . .*
3. **1 Corinthians 3:11-15:** The apostle Paul is clearly stating the following in his epistle to the Corinthians: Jesus is the only foundation upon which believers build either a good or bad understanding of God (theology). God will test the good or bad material of every believer. In this context, the materials mentioned in this passage are “gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, and straw” – of which the good materials are gold, silver, and precious stones and the bad materials are wood, hay and straw. Paul is stating that the truthfulness of the word of God conflagrates any human contrivance or concept that is diametrically opposed to the forces of God. Recommended References: EV 213, 214; 4 BC p. 1157. *Note: God’s people – who are found throughout the various denominations of Christianity – are identified as being founded upon the rock . . .*
4. **John 10:16:** God has people in other folds (multiple religions, denominations, or congregations) that are to hear His voice calling them to join together in the one fold and follow the one shepherd Jesus Christ. *Note: Some Seventh-day Adventists have advocated the removal of the word “remnant” from the English vernacular because this is considered to be religiopolitically incorrect – but this is clearly not God’s will because He has a remnant that keeps His testimony.*

We can cherish God's love because it is the truth about His character that brought us to the truth – and this truth about God's love will bring God's people into all truth.

5. **1 Timothy 3:15:** God has people in multiple religions, denominations, and congregations – but He will call His people into one organized church because the Bible describes His church as the “pillar and ground of the truth.” God is calling His people to dispose of their prejudices and turn to the Scriptures in order to find the organized church whose doctrines explicitly advocate the keeping of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.
6. **Revelation 14:12:** The gift of salvation defined as the everlasting gospel motivates an end time people, who are described as “patient” by the Almighty, to keep the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. It is the divine imperative of the end time people of Jesus Christ to propagate the everlasting gospel. *Unfortunately, an oft repeated mistake is committed by the Adventist people in attempting to isolate the doctrines and laws from the Gospel. This passage is stating that the people of Jesus Christ to keep the commandments of God because the Gospel motivates them to do the same.*
7. **Revelation 12:17:** This verse identifies God's people as (1) keeping the commandments of God and (2) having the testimony of Jesus Christ. Therefore, those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus are God's prophetic remnant (end-time) church.
8. **John 14:15:** Jesus apprised His followers that love for Him would motivate them to keep His commandments.
9. **John 13:35:** Jesus clearly stated that love would be a sign to all people of His true followers.
10. **Revelation 14:1-5:** The gift of salvation motivates Christ's church to be pure in belief and honest in words and to follow the Lamb *wherever he goes*. Thus the church of Christ will make short work of their prejudices and follow God's leading wherever He may lead – including speaking without judgment or guile in order to truly emulate the character of Christ.
11. **Revelation 12:11:** God's church overcomes the sin accuser by the blood of the Lamb (cross), the word of their testimony and selfless love. There are seven verses that describe the remnant . . . The church is identifying as overcoming through the blood of Jesus Christ (a strong focus on the gospel of Jesus Christ and His life, death, and resurrection) and through their individual testimonies to how God has led them in their own lives; they also live absolutely selfless lives and do not regard their own biological lives above the cause of Christ or the salvation of others.
12. **Revelation 15:2-4:** The gift of salvation gives God's church victory over the all worldly, antichrist powers (beast) and oppressive laws (image to the beast and the mark of the beast) that would attempt to restrict their liberty to worship and glorify God alone. The truth of the three angels' messages (Revelation 14:6-12) is repeated in this passage, the victory song of the saints who have overcome by the blood of the Lamb and through their individual testimonies of how God has transformed them personally

Appeal:

The Bible defines God's remnant Church by its connection with Jesus Christ the Rock of the Old and New Testament church. It teaches that there will be an organized body of people who make up the remnant “fold” and many other remnant people who are to be gathered into that “fold.” God calls every person to trust in Jesus Christ, to be covered by Christ's forgiveness and obedience, standing upon the truth, overcoming guilt and fear by His love. Jesus Christ loves all people, He loves you, and He died for you. Allow that love into your heart and follow Jesus as He leads you to keep His commandments. Keep

His faith and finally stand with the redeemed in the very presence of God. Follow Jesus wherever He goes, and He will give you victory over the beast, the image, and His mark.

Defend It:

Revelation 18:1-4: The topic of the remnant church can be misunderstood by limiting its application to a certain group of people or organized church. God does have an organized remnant (end-time church) and He has many remnant people in other folds. Before Jesus returns, He will call the honest sheep to join together in one fold and to follow the one Shepherd. The people are not identified as evil, it is the papal system that is counterattacked by Scripture . . .

Going Deeper:

1. Revelation 12:1: God's prophetic church is symbolized by a woman, clothed with Christ's righteousness (righteous living and dying – symbolized by the sun), established upon God's word (symbolized by the moon), and organized (symbolized by the 12 stars).
2. Malachi 4:2: Christ is the "sun of righteousness."
3. Psalms 119:105: The word of God is a "light" to our feet.
4. James 1:1: 12 is a kingdom number representing God's organized church in the Old and New Testament (12 tribes and 12 apostles).
5. Matthew 16:18: Peter means (4074. *Petrov. Petros*; a noun akin to 4073, used as a proper name; "a stone" or "a boulder," Peter, one of the twelve apostles) "Rock" means to (4073. *Petra petra*; a prim. Word; a (large mass of)rock)
6. Revelation 13:8-10: The lamb slain from earth's foundation is Jesus. This represents God's love for every person and produces a remnant people who love every person and refuse to persecute others.

Recommended Reference: 5T p. 81

Dictionary Definition of the Word "Remnant":

Merriam-Webster Dictionary:

1 *a*: a usually small part, member, or trace remaining **b**: a small surviving group often used in plural
2: an unsold or unused end of piece goods

Etymology: Middle English, contraction of *remanent*, from Anglo-French *remanant*, from present participle of *remaindre* to remain

