

REMNANT MINISTRY

A STUDY OF THEIR CHANGING MINISTRY BEFORE AND AFTER PAUL

"For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry."

~ Acts 1:17

1. Their Ministry Beginnings

- a. Jesus came to gather the prophesied remnant of Israel for his kingdom - Lk 12:51
- b. By the time he ascended he had identified a remnant - Lk 12:32, Acts 1:2-4, 1:17
- c. Their (prophecy) ministry began before Acts - Acts 1:17, 20-26, Lk 9:1-6, 24:25-27
- d. Confusion ensues when people learn that certain ones helped Paul (mystery)

2. A Changing Ministry

- a. Their ministry changed as things developed, revealed, progressed - Lk 24:45, 22:35-36
- b. Ministry with Jesus - Prophecy, kingdom nigh, nation gathered, Christ - Mk 1:14-15
 - i. They witnessed Jesus, his person and works (miracles) - Lk 24:46-48
- c. Ministry from Pentecost - +Holy Ghost, +cross/resurrection, kingdom offer - Ac 3:19
 - i. In the temple - Lk 24:55, Acts 2:46, 3:1, 5:20, 41-42
 - ii. Wonders/signs/prophets/power - Acts 2:42-44, 4:16-20, 29-35, 6:8-10
- d. Ministry among Gentiles - Nation scattered, city forsaken - Acts 8:1-3, 9:31, 11:19
 - i. Epistles to encourage endurance - 1 Pet 1:6-7, 2:13-15, Jam 1:1-2, 5:11
 - ii. Without a temple Hebrews explains what is better - 8:1-2, 9:11-12, 13:10-15
 - iii. The nation is dispersed and the kingdom is deferred - 2 Pet 3:2-3, 3:9
- e. Ministry after Paul - Israel's fall, a new revelation - Acts 11:20-25, Rom 11:11-12
 - i. They heard (and glorified God) about Paul - Gal 1:23-24
 - ii. They learned some things from Paul - Gal 2:3, 2:7, 2 Pet 3:15-17
 - iii. Powers fade, riches are gone - Rom 15:26, Acts 11:29-30
- f. Not all kept up with the changes - John 3:26, 30, Acts 15:1, 5, 18:25, 19:3

3. The Remnant and Paul

- a. Some helped Paul preach Christ, some did not - Acts 13:2, 15:22, 27, 32-41
- b. *"How could the prophesied remnant help the apostle of the mystery fellowship?"*
- c. 1st - Not all did - There were conflicts, but Paul tried to resolve them.
 - i. Paul rebukes Peter, chief apostle of the remnant (not Gentiles) - Gal 1-2, 2:11
- d. 2nd - There is a lot of agreement with Paul. Gal 2:9, 2Co 11:22-23, 12:11-12
 - i. Jesus Christ, cross/resurrection, wonders, sin, faith - Acts 15:8-11, 1Cor 15:11
- e. 3rd - Their ministry changed - from kingdom now to kingdom in the future (agreed)
 - i. They learned Gentiles could receive the Spirit, not subject to law - Acts 10-15
- f. 4th - Not every Jew was a part of the remnant - Rom 7:1, 11:1, c14, 1 Cor 1:14, c8-10
 - i. Israel was fallen, but every saint needed to know their witness, hence MMLJ.
- g. The remnant and Paul did not have to social distance, wear badges, debate - Gal 6:16

4. After Paul

- a. Ministries of Peter and Paul were in different geographies - Rom 15:20
- b. The remnant ministry died (Acts 12:1-2) dispersed and divided (2 Pet 2:1-3)
- c. The rebellious remnant that ignored Paul created doctrinal problems lasting centuries