

THE REMNANT AND PAUL

A STUDY OF THE REMNANT'S INTERACTION WITH PAUL

*"And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation;
even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him
hath written unto you;"*

~ 2 Peter 3:15

1. A Changing Ministry

- a. The remnant ministry was eventually replaced by the ministry of the Body of Christ
- b. Ministry with Jesus - Messiah identified, kingdom nigh, Israel divided.
- c. Ministry from Pentecost - Holy Ghost given, kingdom offered, Israel first.
- d. Ministry among Gentiles - Scatter among nations, kingdom rejected, Israel left behind
- e. Ministry after Paul - Salvation to the nations, kingdom postponed, Israel fallen
- f. Not all kept up with the changes - John 3:26, 30, Acts 15:1,5, 18:25, 19:3

2. The Remnant and Paul

- a. Some helped Paul preach Christ, some did not - Acts 13:2, 15:22,27,32-41
- b. Notable remnant helps to Paul: Barnabas, John Mark, Apollos, Silas, Andy & June
- c. *"How could the prophesied remnant help the apostle of the mystery fellowship?"*
- d. 1st - Not all did - There were conflicts, but Paul tried to resolve them. 1 Cor 1:10-12
 - i. Paul rebukes Peter, chief apostle of the remnant (not Gentiles) - Gal 1-2, 2:11
- e. 2nd - There is a lot of agreement with Paul. Gal 2:9, 2Co 11:22-23,12:11-12, Act 15:4
 - i. Those in Peter and Paul's ministries were brothers in Christ - 2 Peter 3:15
 - ii. Jesus Christ, cross/resurrection, wonders, sin, faith - Acts 15:8-11, 1Cor 15:11
- f. 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
- g. 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.
 - ii. Apollos was instrumental in many Corinthian Jews believing - Acts 18:26-28
 - iii. Paul, as a Jew, ministered to Jews -1Co 9:20, 2Co 11:22, Phi 3:4-5, Rom 11:1
 - iv. The remnant knew the change from OT to the NT, so did Paul - 2 Cor 3:6
- h. 5th - Mystery truth fulfils the word of God - Rom 3:21, Col 1:25, Gal 4:21, 2 Tim 2:7
 - i. Remnant & Paul did not need social distance, wear badges, debate - Gal 6:16
 - ii. They did not need the mystery fellowship to be in Christ - Jn 15:5, Rom 16:7

3. Together in One

- a. Remnant interaction with the Body explains many issues in Paul's early epistles
 - i. Divisions, 1 Cor 1:10-12, 7:18-19, circumcision, law, days, meats - Rom 14
- b. Ministries of Peter and Paul were in different geographies and people - Rom 15:20
 - i. Paul ministered in places where there were remnant brothers - Rom 15:1-16
 - ii. The remnant was dispersed and divided -2 Pet 2:1-3, 1-3 John, Jude, Rev 1-3
 - iii. The remnant ministry died with them - Acts 12:1-2; 2 Pet 1:14
- c. Remnant and Body are different, but both minister Christ: this is mystery - Eph 1:10
 - i. What is in common to all is what we glory in: Christ crucified - 1 Cor 10:16
- d. The rebellious remnant that ignored Paul created doctrinal problems lasting centuries

Remnant Ministry → Changes**Body of Christ Revealed**

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<u>Jesus Christ</u>		<u>Holy Ghost</u>	<u>Scattered</u>	<u>Paul w/Salvation</u>
Kingdom: “Nigh”		Offered	Rejected	Postponed / heavenly
Israel: Divided/remnant		First	Left behind	Fallen
Time: In Due Time		Last Days	Trouble/Wrath	Out of due time
Prophecy: Revealed		Fulfilled	Interrupted	Mystery
Gentiles: Not to you		Will Bless Later	Living among...	Salvation to...
Law: Follow Moses		Daily in the temple	Could not keep	Not under
Wonders: By Jesus		Multiplied by Apostles	Among Gentiles	Cease /Fail
Provision: Sell all		All things common	If the Lord will	Work to eat / charity
Word of God:			MMLJ	Paul’s 13
Law, Prophets, Psalms		Holy Ghost unction	Hebrew epistles	Fulfil the word of God
Time: 3 years (MMLJ)		1 year (Acts 1-7)	17 years (Acts 8-15)	