

SEMINAR 05 – PAUL AND THE REMNANT

HOW THE REMNANT HELPED PAUL IN HIS MINISTRY

*“Take Mark, and bring him with thee:
for he is profitable to me for the ministry.”*

~ 2 Timothy 4:11

1. Objections and the Remnant

- a. Christ gave to Paul a special apostleship, a dispensation of grace, mystery fellowship.
- b. What Christ gave to Paul was unknown and distinct from the Remnant (12 apostles)
- c. “Does Paul preach the kingdom gospel?” “Are not some in Christ before Paul?”
- d. The answer is in understanding the Remnant – how they intersect with Paul’s ministry.

2. Paul’s Conversion

- a. The Remnant were faithful, Christ believing, servants of the Lord before Paul.
- b. Acts 7:51-54 – Stephen calls those of Israel, not Israel, identifying true remnant Israel.
- c. Acts 7:58 – Who was not part of the Remnant? Saul – Paul.
- d. Paul’s conversion, apostleship, message, and mission was of Christ not the Remnant.
- e. Paul was a testimony tho Israel had fallen, a blind Jew could be redeemed - Rom 11:1

3. In Common with Israel

- a. Paul received remnant faith in Christ, Holy Ghost, resurrection hope, + much more.
- b. He was Israel in the flesh, now he believed, that in Jesus Christ, just like the Remnant.
- c. Yet, he was saved “out of due time”, not known in the flesh, but as a new creature.
- d. The Remnant was first to believe in Christ, Paul was first in a mystery Body of Christ.
- e. The Remnant knew what they had in common, not what they didn’t.
- f. What they had in common was now more than what they had with unbelieving Israel.
- g. This is why Remnant helped Paul: Barnabas, Mark, Silas, Apollos, Justus, Andy & June

4. Rightly Dividing the Remnant

- a. If Remnant and BoC have different missions, then was there conflict? Yes!
- b. When Paul tried to communicate to the Remnant, he needed Barnabas - Acts 9:26-27
- c. Paul helped “poor saints” with money, but not with ministry (foundation) - Rom 15:20
- d. Yet, Peter acknowledged Paul’s special ministry 3x in scripture. Acts 15, Gal 2, 2 Pet 3.
- e. Conflict between saints of Remnant apostles and apostle of Gentiles - 1 Cor 1:10-12
 - i. Paul rebuked Peter, chief apostle of the Remnant (not Gentiles) - Gal 2:11
 - ii. Peter told his audience to listen to Paul - 2 Peter 3:15
- f. The Remnant learned why Christ was not coming back yet from Paul.
- g. The remnant knew the change from the OT to the NT, so did Paul – 2 Cor 3:6
- h. Paul, ministered to Jews as a Jew – 1 Cor 9:20, Phi 3:4-5
- i. Many Jews believed by Apollos, learned by Prisca, taught by Paul - Acts 17:26-28
- j. Every saint needed to know the witness of faithful Israel (Remnant) = MMLJ
- k. You are helped by the Remnant today with their witness, letters, history – Bible.
- l. Knowing the mystery does not leave us ignorant about prophecy, it should clarify it.