

THE 8TH CHURCH - FACT OR FICTION, part 6 quotes (final)

1) There is another group or church of God after Laodicea, which is the Remnant!

“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.

There are 4 distinct entities:

- 1) “the dragon” - represents Satan, the Devil or Lucifer.
- 2) “the woman” - represents the Protestant churches who were in existence at the ending of the 1260 years in 1798.
- 3) “her seed” or the seed of the woman - represents the offspring from these Protestant churches, therefore making it the Seventh-day Adventist church.
- 4) “the remnant of her seed” - represents those who have separated away from the SDA apostate church!

2) From whom will a great amount of trials and discouragement come to God’s Remnant people as they unite and organize together?

“If we hope to wear the crown, we must expect to bear the cross. Our greatest trials will come from those who profess godliness. It was so with the world's Redeemer; it will be so with his followers. I should doubt whether I were a child of God, if the world, or even all professed Christians, spoke well of me. Those who are in earnest to win the crown of eternal life need not be surprised or disheartened because at every step toward the heavenly Canaan they meet with obstacles and encounter trials. The opposition which Christ received came from his own nation, who would have been greatly blessed had they accepted him. **In like manner the remnant church receive opposition from those who profess to be their brethren.**” Review and Herald, August 28, 1883.

3) If some among our separated people are determined in their course of no-unity and no-organization, then pray for them, but let them alone to follow their own selfish and destructive ways.

“He would soon either have united with the remnant people of God or been left [to] one side.” Testimonies, vol 1, p 251.

“All who desire to draw away from God's remnant people in order to follow their own corrupt hearts would throw themselves willingly into Satan's hands, and should have the privilege. There are others among us who are in danger. They have an exalted opinion of their own ability, while their influence in many respects has been but little better than that of Elder Hull. Unless they thoroughly reform, the cause would be better off without them. Unsanctified ministers injure the cause and are a heavy tax upon their brethren.” Testimonies, vol 1, p 439.

4) What are God's Remnant people to do with those who continue to preach the devil's no-unity and no-organization false doctrines which are causing division and dissension among us and lowering God's standard of Christianity? Are we to continue to allow them access and influence among our home churches and people by continuing to receive or even pass out their sermons, DVDs, video or audio tapes, websites, newsletters or literature? Are we to continue to support them and further their deceptive work with our tithes, offerings and gifts — even if they appear to be doing a good work for God?

“I saw that if God's people in _____ would prosper, they **must take a decided position in regard to these things, and thereby cut off the influence of those who are causing distraction and division** by teaching sentiments contrary to the body. Such are wandering stars. They seem to emit a little light; they profess and carry along a little truth, and thus deceive the inexperienced. Satan endows them with his spirit, but God is not with them; His Spirit does not dwell in them. Jesus prayed that His disciples might be one, as He is one with the Father, ‘that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.’...

“Had [God's people]...earnestly sought and labored to be in union with the prayer of Christ, to be one as He is one with the Father, Satan's work would have been defeated. If all had sought to be in union with the body, the fanaticism which has brought so deep a stain upon the cause of present truth...would not have arisen; for it is the result of drawing off from the body, and seeking to have an original, independent faith, regardless of the faith of the body.” Testimonies, vol 1, p 327.

“It would be poor policy to support from the treasury of God those who really mar and injure His work, and who are constantly lowering the standard of Christianity.” Testimonies, vol 3, p 553.

5) No one can do the Lord's work all by themselves!

"Some have advanced the thought that, as we near the close of time, every child of God will act independently of any religious organization. But I have been instructed by the Lord that in this work there is no such thing as every man's being independent....And, in order that the Lord's work may advance healthfully and solidly, His people must draw together." Testimonies, vol 9, p 258.

6) What are the united Remnant people and church of God to be doing now?

"Mysteries into which angels desire to look, which prophets and kings and righteous men desired to understand, **the remnant church will carry in messages from God to the world.**" Testimonies, vol 6, p 19.

"As God's people approach the final crisis, they must with increasing power proclaim the message He has given them. The warning must be given to the churches. God's requirements must be laid before those who are transgressing His law. They must be made to understand that this is a life and death question. **God's remnant people are to fill the earth with the cry of the third angel.**" Review and Herald, July 16, 1901.

"We stand as the remnant people in these last days to promulgate the truth and swell the cry of the third angel's wonderful distinct message, giving the trumpet a certain sound. Eternal truth, which we have adhered to from the beginning is to be maintained in all its increasing importance to the close of probation. The trumpet is to give no uncertain sound. We must devise and plan wisely, practicing simplicity and the strictest economy and manifesting Christ's likeness of character. Faith, eternal faith in the past and in the present truth is to be talked, is to be prayed, is to be presented with pen and voice." Manuscript Releases, vol 3, p 301.

"The remnant people of God are to endure persecutions. '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.' They are to give the warning message against the power represented by 'the beast.'...The remnant church of God are to give the warning of the third angel to the world: 'If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation.'" Signs of the Times, June 18, 1894.

7) It is through our unity that our characters will be perfected!

“Perfection of character means perfection in unity. ‘That they all may be one,’ Christ said, ‘as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee’ (John 17:21).” Manuscript Releases, vol 11, p 179.

Because God’s Remnant people are not yet perfect in character then they cannot yet be sealed!

“I saw four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and were on their way to accomplish it. Jesus was clothed with priestly garments. **He gazed in pity on the remnant, then raised His hands, and with a voice of deep pity cried, ‘My blood, Father, My blood, My blood, My blood!’** Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from God, who sat upon the great white throne, and was shed all about Jesus. Then I saw an angel with a commission from Jesus, swiftly flying to the four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and waving something up and down in his hand, and crying with a loud voice, ‘Hold! Hold! Hold! Hold! Hold! Hold! Hold! until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.’

“I asked my accompanying angel the meaning of what I heard, and what the four angels were about to do. He said to me that it was God that restrained the powers, and that He gave His angels charge over things on the earth; that the four angels had power from God to hold the four winds, and that they were about to let them go; but while their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, **the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them.** Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels and bid them hold, until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads.” Early Writings, p 38.

- Why couldn’t the 4 winds be let loosed? Because the Remnant people were not yet sealed!
- Why weren’t they sealed? Because they were not yet perfect in character!
- And why were they not yet perfect in character? Because they were not yet united together as one!

8) As long as God’s Remnant people remain independent atoms, Christ’s prayer for unity will never be answered, and God’s glory will not fill this earth!

“Let our prayers go forth from unfeigned lips that the union for which our Lord prayed, may be found among his people. **All who are united in church capacity, may be of one mind, of one heart, of one judgment,** that Satan may not take any fresh advantage of the followers of Christ. We have one faith, one Lord, one God and Father, who is above all, and in you all; then let there be a glorifying of God with one mouth, and one spirit. **Where there is union there is strength. United we stand, divided we fall.**” Review and Herald, July 10, 1888.

9) “When God's people so fully separate themselves from evil that he can let the light of heaven rest upon them in rich measure, and shine forth from them to the world, then there will be fulfilled, more fully than it has ever been fulfilled in the past, the prophecy of Isaiah, in which the servant of God **declared of the remnant church in the last days: "The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee**: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.” Review and Herald, March 31, 1910.

“I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, **and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant**.” Early Writings, p 261.

10) You can never make a mistake in following the revealed will and truth of God!

“We must obtain that measure of the grace of Christ that will enable us to dwell together in love and unity in this life, **else we can never dwell together in the life to come**. I am trying to show our people the need of the unity for which Christ prayed.” Manuscript Releases, vol 12, p 273.

“When he [Satan] suggests doubts as to whether we are really the people whom God is leading, whom by tests and provings He is preparing to stand in the great day, be ready to meet his insinuations by presenting the clear evidence from the Word of God that this is the remnant people who are keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” Review and Herald, April 8, 1884.