



THE CHOSEN REMNANT

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Ephesians 1:3-6

1 Corinthians 1:25-31

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- "Remnant" means, "A left-over amount from a larger portion or piece. Fraction of a whole."



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⁴ But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

Revelation 3:4



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¹⁴ For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.



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⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,



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 - Eph.1:4-5
 - Jn.15:16

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- Jn.1:12,13

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.



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- Rom.9:18-21

¹⁸ So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.¹⁹ You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?”²⁰ On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, “Why did you make me like this,” will it? ²¹ Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?



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- David was a shepherd;
- Peter was a fisherman;
- Paul was an exception, yet he wrote
“ More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,” Phil.3:8



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 2. As His chosen remnant, it causes us to respond in humility and praise
 - ⁶ *to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.* Eph. 1:6



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3. As His chosen remnant, we are never alone
- ³ *“Lord, THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE.”* ⁴ *But what is the divine response to him? “I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL.”* ⁵ *In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God’s gracious choice.*
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