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## History of The Remnant Church

Through the investigation we are having conducted in the two libraries of London, as to the history of the Church of God, some very striking revelations are coming to light, long hidden through the mist of centuries.

The Waldenses are especially being investigated at this time and it is not only learned that they observed the Lord's Supper yearly, and kept the true Sabbath, but also that they held to the name "Church of God". As the investigation proceeds, with these people as well as others whom history has affirmed were Sabbath keepers, there will, no doubt, be given out, some facts that will add great weight to our message, further than has been revealed, and while enemies to the truth would love to have these things remain covered up, and hid from view, still here are thousands to whom it will bring great rejoicing, as well as entuse them to greater service for God, when it is definitely known that the Church of God of today is actually the remnant church, cared for in the wilderness, and preserved for a definite purpose in the end of this age.

The following revelations of history will be of interest, to which more will be added as the present investigation is enlarged.

The elect, or true Christians, have existed under different names at different times, viz.: the Novatians Donatists and Paulsians in the Middle Ages. The Albigenes, Cathara, and Waldenses, were the most prominent societies who seperated from the

Catholic church. They resembled each other very much in their doctrine and life. They were all agreed about the principle of the gospel.

Peter Waldo gathered together a church in the year 1160. The Waldenses existed before the time of Waldo. Already in the year 1120 they had published a work against the papal antichrist, in which they pointed out the false doctrines of the Catholic Church. They presented this as one reason why they had separated from the church. But Waldo did much to increase their number and activity. He was a rich merchant from Lyons, France. As he was reading the Holy Scriptures, he was seized with a holy longing after the apostolic church. He sold his property, distributed the money to the poor, and preached a pure, practical Christianity. Many left their homes, and become teachers. At first they did not think of separating from the Roman Church, but they were at last compelled to do so, seeing they would in no wise agree with it.

In 1532 they seperated themselves fully from the papal church, adopting a short confession of faith. This common faith contained, however, the same doctrines which they had believed and followed for four hundred years. They were subjected to persecutions, in 1532, 1400, and 1478.

### THE LATEST LETTER FROM LONDON ON RESEARCH FOR CHURCH HISTORY.

London, England,  
Monday, June 28, 1926

Dear Bro. Dugger:-

I have at last got that book on the "Antibaptist", by David Russen, London, 1703. I can't see anything in it that is of deep interest to you; It is



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practically a tirade against the baptizing of his day, and of baptism in general.

A work that might be of use to you is that of D. Urbane. 1592. London. Title. "Consolation of God's Church in the Latter Age." I can't find this work in the British Museum Library, but I will inquire further, and see if it can't be found.

Tuesday, June 29, 1926.

The "Collection of the Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society. (U. S. A.) 1850." published several works that might be of use to you, and comparatively easy of access for you. The two works of these, I saw today in the British Museum were very interesting, they are chiefly concerning the Churches of New England; their faith and church government, by R. Mather, 1643, probably one of the "Pilgrim Fathers." He refers to the Church of God, frequently. Page 66. He speaks of those that were joined to Abrahams family, and the Church of God in his seed. Also refers to Melchisedeck as being under the "covenant of grace." A singular parallel to Francis Bampfields ideas, that Melchisedeck was a priest of God's church.

Journal of Richard Mather. Pub. 1850. by his Son, Increase Mather.

Page 99. This son of R. Mather says in a sermon preached at Boston, April 11, 1714, on the death of his wife Maria Cotton, says "She was a great blessing to me, and to my family, and to the Church of God."

A Model of Church government, Frame and government of the House of God. by John Dury. 1647.

A truly splendid work on the Government of the Church; frequently mentions the Church of God. Chap. 1. Church of the living God. Page 45. In speaking of the improper use of the Lord's Supper, says, "By this means, you make the Church of God contemptible, you dishonour the House of God."

June 30, 1926.

John Canne's Necessity of Separation. 1634.

On further search of this work, I see he mentions the Church of God on pages 216, 222, 228, 256 270 and on page 265. He calls it the Church of Israel.

This book and the Confessions of Faith, I think I can get for you if desired. Please let me know about various books I have mentioned, and I will get them, if possible.

J. H. Vane.

Friday, July 2, 1926

Dear Bro. Dugger

I now get the "Bible Advocate", regularly, and properly addressed, for which, many thanks. I have not been able to devote so much time, this week, but still have done something. I hope you have stopped payment of that cheque for \$15.00

which was extracted from your letter as someone might attempt to cash it even now. I will try and finish this letter, tomorrow may hear from you this week, Saturday being the day your letters generally arrive. No mail for you this week, so will post this today, and see what more I can do this coming week.

Wishing you and yours every good,  
Yours Sincerely and faithfully,  
Geo. H. Vane.

## General Conference Notice

The General Conference of the Church of God will convene this year, according to the time arranged by the executive committee, during the last session, which will be the last Friday of the Missouri Camp-meeting. The first session is called for 1 o'clock, P. M. Friday, Aug. 27th. Only the organization will be made on Friday, giving the committees on Membership, and credentials until the following Monday, to prepare their reports, and the General Conference will then be resumed, when much important business will be transacted, for the glory of God, and we especially desire a good representation.

Each organized local church has one vote at the meeting, through a delegate to be chosen that church, and all credentialed ministers in good standing, at the time of conference, are members.

We especially request that all delegates and ministers, come with the expectation of remaining to the middle of the week, following the camp-meeting, it may require this much time to finish up business. If you cannot remain away from home long enough to attend the camp-meeting, and the General Conference, plan to come for the last day of the meeting, and remain until the middle of the following week, for Conference, and we trust the plans will be made to this end, as delegates are chosen to represent the various churches.

A. N. Dugger, Pres.

### HOW TO STUDY YOUR BIBLE.

- Study it daily, - not too hasty.
  - Study it with prayer.
  - Study it with mind and heart.
  - Study it for growth
  - Study it for character.
  - Study it for power.
  - Study it to find Christ, and to lead others to Him
- Alice Barton

The pamphlet, Resurrection of Christ, Which Did it Occur? containing eleven pages, is ready for the public. Price postpaid 5cts.