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My topic tonight is **Revelation's Movement of Destiny**

There are millions of people who are seeking for something they can hold on to. Something that gives them peace and hope.



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Many have tried everything the world has to offer, wealth, fame, power, pleasure, and entertainment. Yet they still found their hearts were empty and their life filled with problems.

What does the Bible teach about discovering God's truth for today?



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Does God have a church on earth today that is solidly grounded on the Bible?

There certainly is a hunger for genuine Christianity in the hearts of thousands.

There is a longing for something more than they have.

That hunger isn't merely for a church; that hunger is for a Bible-believing people.

That hunger is for the living Christ and His truth.

It's for a people that base their lives on the word of God.



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Those people follow our theme for these meetings:

**If it's in the Bible, I believe it.
If it disagrees with the Bible,
It's not for me.**



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Materialism has not satisfied.

Things can never satisfy the longing of the soul.



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Pleasure has not satisfied.

Entertainment can never satisfy the longing of the soul.



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Technology has not satisfied.

The latest gadgets cannot satisfy the longing of the soul.

There is a longing within to know God.



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There is that hunger for the word of God.

There is that hunger for Bible truth.



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Does God call a people on earth today "His Church"?

As you look down the history of the Christian church, God has always had a people proclaiming His truth to that generation.



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In the days of Noah God had a special message for all humanity.

Noah appealed to men and women to enter into the ark of safety.



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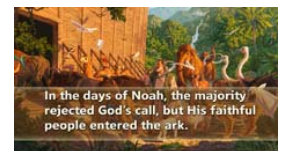
The majority rejected God's call but God still had a few **faithful people** who **entered the ark.**

There was a call to step out from the majority.

There was a call from the popular masses.

There was a call to take a step in faith.

There was a call to get into the ark.



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Today there is a call to obey God and get into God's ark of safety, His church.

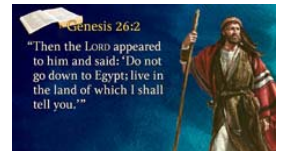
In the Old Testament God called Abraham out of the popular majority.



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Genesis 26:2

“Then the LORD appeared to him and said: ‘Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you.’”

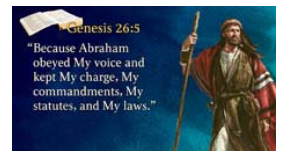


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God called Abraham out of the popular culture to follow Him completely.

Genesis 26:5

“Because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”



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God chose Moses to lead His people, to be faithful to Him and keep His commandments.



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In the days of ancient Israel God called out a faithful obedient group.

Deuteronomy 11:1

“Therefore you shall love the LORD your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always.”



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In the days of Noah, a people who loved God, kept His commandments, and got into the ark.



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In the days of Abraham, a people who loved God, stepped out from the majority, and kept His commandments.

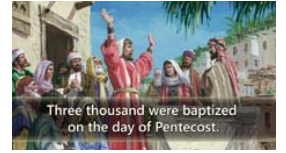
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kept His commandments.

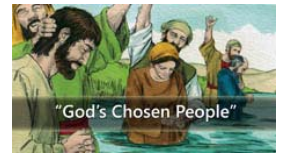
God called them **His chosen**, His special **people**.

In the days of the New Testament, Peter preached powerfully. Three thousand were baptized on the day of Pentecost.



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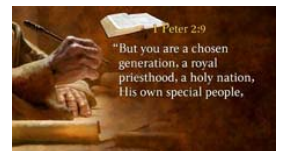
As they were baptized they stepped out and became **God's** special **people** to keep His commandments.



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1 Peter 2:9

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people,



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In the days of Noah did God have a special people?
Certainly.

In the days of Abraham did God have a special people?
Yes he did.

In the days of Moses did God have a special people? Yes He did.

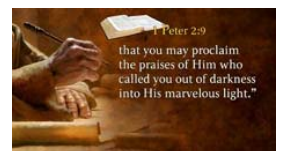
In the days of Peter did He have a special people? Yes He did.

God's special people were always characterized by obedience. They loved Him enough to obey Him.

They were carved out from the majority.
They were a commandment keeping people.

that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

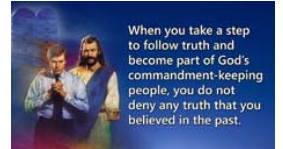
So God called them from darkness to light — from error to truth — from commandment breaking to commandment keeping.



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When you take a step to follow truth and become part of God's commandment-keeping people, you do not deny any truth that you believed in the past.



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When some people come to a series of meetings like this and they learn new truth they go through a struggle.

They discover new truths from God's word and it produces a conflict because it calls them to make a change.

There is a battle in their mind. They wonder, "To follow new truth will I have to deny everything I believed in the past?"

Certainly not. Look back at that past and say, "I thank God for it." Every church has some truth, some light from God.

While we may appreciate our past, we commit ourselves to following all the truth God has for us today.



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If you were brought up as a Methodist, a Baptist or a Pentecostal, why not say,

"God, thank you for the path you've led me, I will now accept further light because you've blessed me with further truth."

In taking this step to follow Jesus and become part of His special commandment keeping people, you are not denying anything that was true in your past heritage.

You're just leaving off errors that you accepted because they were handed down to you.

You are leaving off falsehoods that slipped into the church.

You're simply dropping off some baggage that may not be in harmony with God's word.

You are walking ahead in the fullness of truth.

When you find the truth, you look for a church that teaches the truth.



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And when you've found the truth of God's word in the Bible

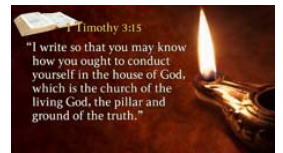
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then you find a church that squares up with the Bible.

You may wonder, "How does the Bible define the church?"

1 Timothy 3:15

"I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

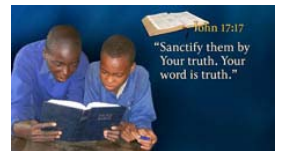


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The church of the living God is the pillar and ground of truth.
The church is the custodian of truth.

John 17:17

"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."



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John 8:32—

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."



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Somebody says, "But we can't know truth, it's not possible to know truth". But what does Jesus say?

"You shall know the truth." Then Jesus adds—

Ladies and gentlemen, if we come to God with an open mind, with a seeking spirit, with an honest heart,

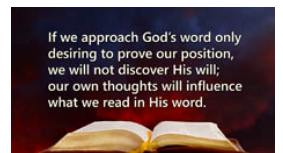
He will reveal His truth to us.

But if we come locked in our own opinions, we will be unable to understand His truth.

If we approach God's word only desiring to prove our position, we will not discover His will; our own thoughts will influence what we read in His word.



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If we say, "Lord, show me truth, even if it is different from what I already believe," He will reveal His will.

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He will show us the truths of His word.

The book of Revelation describes God's faithful people who would cling to truth at any cost.

Revelation, the 12th chapter, describes more clearly than any place in the Bible the history of the Christian church.



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It describes God's plan and people down through the ages and Satan's vicious attacks in four distinct episodes.

It reveals to us without a shadow of a doubt, the identifying characteristics of this special group of people called God's church today.

The Bible begins in Revelation 12 by describing a woman. A woman who appears in Heaven, the Bride of Jesus Christ.

Notice what a woman represents in Bible prophecy.



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2 Corinthians 11:2

“For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband,



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that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”

The apostle Paul presents the church as Jesus' bride.



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Revelation, chapter 12, continues the description of the battle between good and evil.

Revelation 12:9

“So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world;



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he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.



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Episode #1 in Revelation chapter 12.

Satan rebels against God in Heaven.



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But Christ wins and Satan loses.
Satan is cast out of Heaven.

In episode #1 God is victorious.
Episode #2 — Centuries pass by—



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Revelation 12:4, 5

“And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth,



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to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

Satan now focuses his efforts on destroying Jesus.
The devil is angry. He stands before the woman.



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She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.

Who was that male child that would rule all nations with a rod of iron?

Jesus.

Did Satan try to destroy Jesus when He was born? Did he?
Herod passed a decree that all male children be killed.



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And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.”



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What happened? The holy family fled to Egypt.
God preserved them there.
Satan couldn't destroy Christ.



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In the wilderness, years later, Satan appeared as an angel of light tempting Jesus in hopes of destroying Him.
Again, Jesus wins. Satan loses.



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On the cross Satan tried to destroy Christ but our Lord triumphed. He said, "Into thy hands I commend My spirit," and committed Himself to His Father.

He went in to the grave, and was raised from the dead.
What does **Revelation 12:5** say?

"... And her Child was caught up to God and His throne."

His mission of salvation is accomplished and Jesus ascends to Heaven.



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Episode #2—Satan tries to destroy Jesus.

What happens—



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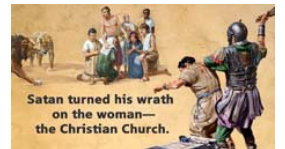
Christ wins. Satan loses.

God provided a way of safety.



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In episode three Satan turns his wrath on the followers of Christ.



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All but one of the disciples died a martyr's death.

Satan attacks the church.



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Church and state united in the days of Constantine and following.



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For a while the church enjoyed the states favor and unusual popularity.

Then persecution followed.

As church and state united, Satan attacked, fiercely persecuting the true believers.



What does **Revelation 12:6** say?

“Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God,



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When Satan attempted to destroy the church in the dark ages the woman, the church, fled into the wilderness.

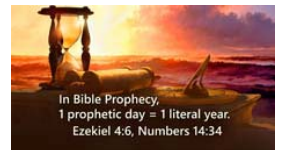
that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.”



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1260 days. Now remember—

In Bible Prophecy, one prophetic day equals one literal year.



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Ezekiel 4:6, Numbers 14:34

[bring in both texts]

So the church is in the wilderness for 1260 years.

The popular church and state have united.



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As we have studied in previous lectures, the dark ages began in **AD 538** and ended in **1798**.

God's true church during this period of time was **in the wilderness.**

Faithful men and women of God clung to the truths of God's



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word in seclusion.

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The reformers were persecuted for their faith.



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Even during this time God had faithful men and women whose minds were bound by the principles of God's word.



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Revelation 12

Episode #3 – Satan Tries to Destroy Christ's Church



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**Christ wins.
Satan loses.**



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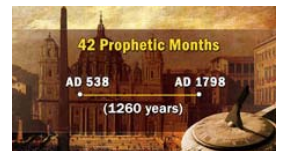
The wilderness period ended in 1798 with the capture of the pope by Napoleon's general, Berthier.



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Here's where the prophecy becomes fascinating.

Sometime after 1798 God would raise up His end-time people.



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Just like in the days of Noah, Abraham, and Moses, God would have a special commandment-keeping people.

Like in the days of the New Testament and the dark ages, God would have a special commandment-keeping people faithful to Him.



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The book of Revelation describes the identifying characteristics of God's last-day people in these words:



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Revelation 12:17

“And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring,



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who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

Abraham kept God's commandments.

Moses kept God's commandments.

The Israelites kept God's commandments.

The New Testament church kept God's commandments.

The book of Revelation describes the Bride of Christ as a Bible-believing, Christ-centered, grace-filled movement that keeps the commandments of God.

Here are the characteristics that the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation gives us to identify God's people today.



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It says they—**Keep the commandments of God.**



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Have the testimony of Jesus.

Now notice, first they keep the commandments of God.

God will raise up a people who love Him so much that they obey Him.



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In the heart of God's 10 commandment law we discover the very basis for worship. We worship God because we are His creatures and He is our creator. The Sabbath command leads us to worship Him supremely as the Creator of Heaven and Earth.

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“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God . . .”



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Here is a commandment-keeping people described in the Book of Revelation that keep the 7th day Sabbath. Here are people of the new covenant. God says of them:



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Hebrews 10:16

“ . . . I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them.”



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They sense God's ten laws, His Ten Commandments, are really happy ways to live. They describe life at its best.

God's people are not some super saints. They are weak. They falter. They make mistakes. God has placed His law in their minds so they know it and in their hearts so they love it.

The Book of Revelation describes this last-day people as having two characteristics. They

1. Keep the commandments and



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2. Have the testimony of Jesus.

What's this testimony of Jesus? What's this all about? The Bible defines the testimony of Jesus—



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They **“have the testimony of Jesus Christ (Revelation 12:17) and “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” (Revelation 19:10)**



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Revelation 12 says the bride of Christ is a Bible-believing church that loves Jesus, keeps His commandments, has the testimony of Jesus or the spirit of prophecy.

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God's last day people will be guided by the gift of prophecy.

The Bible talks about the prophetic gift in God's last-day church—

1 Corinthians 1:7

“So that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.”



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The church waiting for the coming of Jesus will come behind in no gift and one of the gifts of the Spirit is the gift of prophecy. If the gift of prophecy was needed in the first century church to guide it and protect it from error, it will certainly be needed in the last day church

All the gifts of the spirit will be manifest in God's church.

God's church will be a spirit filled church.
A powerful church.



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We will see miraculous healings from time to time in God's church if God so chooses.

He'll bless it with unusual prophetic insight.

There will be dramatic breakthroughs. The Holy Spirit will be poured out – thousands will become part of His spiritual community.

God's church is a spirit-filled church that impacts the world.



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Jesus commissioned His disciples to go into all the world.

The true church will be a worldwide body committed to Christ and obedient to His word.



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He said in **Matthew 28:19, 20**—

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“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,

All nations were to come to a Bible-believing, grace-filled, commandment-keeping, Sabbath-keeping, Spirit-empowered movement.



baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,



teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo,



I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen.”



In every age God would have people who respond to His grace, commit their lives to Him and obediently follow Him into the watery grave of baptism.



They become part of His church. A special called out people who are committed to follow His truth.

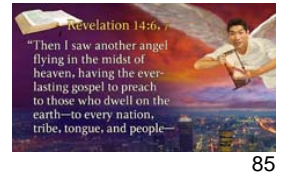
Revelation 14 describes this last-day movement. Catch the power and significance of this.



Let your heart beat with excitement as Revelation describes this last-day movement.

Revelation 14:6, 7

“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—



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Is this a little, non-denominational movement? Not at all. Here is a worldwide, global movement that is preaching the gospel to every nation, tribe, tongue and people.

saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come.

What does it mean to “fear God”? Does it mean be afraid? No, it means reverence or respect God.



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**How do we give glory to God?
To glorify God means to honor Him in how we live, both in our diet and lifestyle.**

“Whatever you eat or drink do all to the glory of God”
(I Corinthians 10:31).

What does **I Corinthians 6:19, 20** say?

“Know you not that you are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body.”

Why should we do this—“for the hour of His judgment has come.”

The message flying in the midst of heaven represents a church, a movement, which calls men and women to the fact that we are accountable to God for our actions.



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In an age of irresponsibility God is calling for moral responsibility.

He is calling for obedience.



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God's final message for mankind declares, “The hour of His judgment has come.”

This is a special time in earth's history.

No more business as usual. No more pleasures as usual.

The hour of God's judgment is come.

The message continues—



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Revelation 14:7

and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”



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Who is that? The Creator.

God's final call is a call to worship the Creator.



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The Sabbath is part of God's last-day message.

A call to come apart every Sabbath, every 7th day to worship God.



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All this is part of an end time message.

All of this is part of an urgent message.

All of this is part of a last day message for God's last day movement — today.

God invites us to be part of His last day movement. He invites to be part of a special people, a worldwide communion that is keeping God's commandments.



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It is Bible based.

It is a Sabbath-keeping, Adventist movement.

Don't be embroiled in teachings that are incompatible with the Christ of scripture.

God's true church will meet the identifying characteristics of the true church in Revelation 12..



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1. Recapture the pure faith of the disciples.

And my heart longs to recapture the faith of the disciples.

This is more than denominationalism.

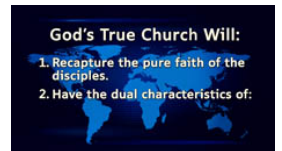
It is recapturing the Bible truths that have been lost sight of.



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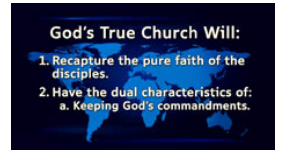
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God's church will have **two characteristics** according to Revelation 12.



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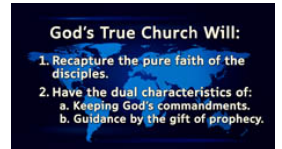
a. Keeping God's commandments.



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b. Guidance by the gift of prophecy.

The Seventh-day Adventist church qualifies on both accounts.



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3. Be a worldwide, mission-driven movement.

It will be a movement that goes to every nation, every kindred, every tongue and every people.



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It will be a movement that accepts men and women of all races, all language groups, and all creeds.
A movement that does not believe that God is the God of any one race or people.

But it will be a worldwide movement. The SDA Church is the largest international Protestant mission movement in the world, in over 200 countries listed by the United Nations.

4. Call people to total commitment to Christ.

It will be a movement that says, "Fear God." It calls men and women to total commitment to Jesus Christ.



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5. Lead people to the Bible Sabbath

It will be a movement that leads people to accept God's last day Bible Sabbath and worship the Creator.



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6. Encourage people to give their bodies to Him.

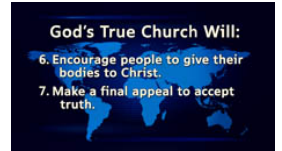
To give up alcohol and tobacco and unclean foods. It will be a movement that says, "Fear God and give glory to Him."



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7. Make a final appeal to accept truth.

I am a Seventh-day Adventist because as I've honestly studied the Bible and looked at the facts of scripture,



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I want to be part of a church that is Bible based.

And the Seventh-day Adventist church is.



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I want to be part of a church that teaches Salvation is not by works but by grace.

And the Seventh-day Adventist church upholds Jesus Christ.

I want to be part of a movement that follows in the footsteps of Bible heroes like Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, like Isaiah and Jeremiah, like Matthew, Mark and John, keeping God's commandments and doing His will.

The Seventh-day Adventist church does.

I want to be part of a movement that understands our bodies are the temple of God.

A movement that calls us to glorify God in your body because we are physical, mental and spiritual beings. What we put into our bodies affects our spiritual life.



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I want to be part of a movement that calls men and women just like Christ did when He said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments."



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Just like the Ten Commandments say to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

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I want to be part of a movement that I can look at the Book of Revelation honestly. I don't have to dodge texts.



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The Seventh-day Adventist movement is going powerfully throughout the entire world.

In 2004 a very exciting evangelistic satellite evangelistic series was held in Kigali, Rwanda. An unprecedented number of 10,000 people were baptized. However, in May of 2016 more than 100,000 people were baptized as a result of 2,227 evangelistic meetings held throughout the country. This has been the largest evangelistic event and baptism in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. And, one of the largest in the history of the Christian church.



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What made the difference? God's people were mobilized to prepare for and to preach 2,227 evangelistic meetings all at the same time across the country of Rwanda. God's people were inspired by a new church initiative, Total Member Involvement, that involves all members in the spreading of the gospel message! Lives were changed and God's Spirit was felt in a powerful way all across Rwanda, the "Switzerland of Africa." The Gospel message has brought hope and joy in Jesus to its people. Interest in Bible truth has been so great that currently 1,000 one-day churches are being built to accommodate the new members.

God works even though his people may not be the most popular well known..

**God's church is not in the majority.
You can never base truth on a majority vote.**



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Did the majority go into the ark or were they outside the ark?
The majority was outside the ark.

In the days of Jesus did the majority say, "Take that man off the cross" or did the majority say, "Crucify Him?"

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Most of the time, the majority has not been right when it comes to understanding Bible truth.

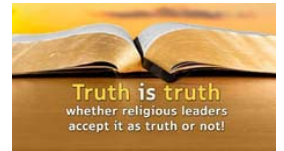
God's church does not need the approval of popular religious leaders.



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Truth is truth whether religious leaders accept it as truth or not!

Every time there is a series of meetings like this people come to the meetings, the Spirit of God is working on their hearts and they are discovering new truths from the Bible.



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They get a little troubled and go to their religious leaders to ask them about the truths they are learning.



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The real issue is not what some religious leader thinks.
The real issue is what is in God's word.

Are you a truth seeker?

Deep within your heart do you long for truth?
Are you searching for a worldwide movement that follows ALL God's word?



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Maybe as you've been coming to these meetings there has been a struggle with what you have previously believed and the new truths you are learning?

You are convicted about the truths you have found. You sense the Holy Spirit is leading you.

Would you like to say,
"Jesus, today I'm going to give up the battle and open my heart to walk in your truth. I'm going to take that step to follow you." It's often not easy to take that step.

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He said, "When God calls you, you must follow. I felt I had no other alternative but to follow the convictions the Spirit placed in my heart."



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Ladies and gentlemen truth beckons you to follow it.
Why not make your decision tonight to follow the truth of God's word all the way.
Why not make your decision right now.

There is an unparalleled joy which comes from following God's truth.

God invites you to make that decision right now. I've never met a person who said, "I wish I would have waited before making my decision for Christ."

I've met many people who have said, "I wish I would have responded years ago."
This is your hour. This is your moment.

Why not bow your head and say, "Yes, Jesus, I will follow Your truth where ever you lead me."

Shall we stand as we pray?

There are several of you who have been baptized. Would you raise your hands? Now some have decided already to be baptized in the next baptism. Would you raise your hands?

And I know several others are thinking about being baptized soon—would you raise your hands?

Now I would like to have a special prayer for all who have raised your hands, would you just come forward before we begin to pray? Yes, just come forward, don't be afraid. Yes, yes, just come.

Let us pray.
