GOD'S REMNANT

ROMANS 9:27, 11:5

TWICE IN ROMANS PAUL SPEAKS OF A “REMNANT”:

- “Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: ‘Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, The remnant will be saved.’” (Romans 9:27)
- “Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.” (Romans 11:5)

WHAT IS A “REMNANT”?

- A small part or trace of a larger entity.
- A small remaining or surviving subgroup of a once-larger group.
- Paul is using the word **“remnant”** in these verses in Romans to signify the small number of people who are truly faithful to God.

REMNANTS THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE:

- The universal flood—the remnant was only 8
- Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed—the remnant was only 4
- The Exodus—only a remnant of 2 actually completed the entire trip from Egypt to Canaan
- The Jews—only a minority were faithful

THE LESSONS FOR US:

1. If we have obeyed the gospel and are faithfully serving the Lord in His church, then we are part of “God’s faithful remnant.”
2. Membership numbers—church size—are not always an indicator of faithfulness.
3. We should be realistic and not expect everyone to follow Jesus.

MATTHEW 7:13-14

13 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and
broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there
are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow *is* the
gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and
there are few who find it.”