

The Scattered Remnant of Little-known Believers

The following quote comes from Chris Anderson's online study called "Flight From Babylon".

"Each move toward Restoration was spearheaded by pioneers – apostles raised up by God to take on the surrounding darkness of some form of "salvation-by-dead-works" teaching that blinded the Church. Like Abraham, these pioneers were raised up from within the ranks of the overall babylonish body to lead out a major body of believers from the darkness into "new" (ie, restored) light. The pioneers of the first Restoration were men we today call "the Reformers" – Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, and others.

The issue then was as it is now: salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ from dead works. The degree of dead works against which these men preached was the works of man to earn his way out of guilt and into heaven through "the Church". The salvation they preached was first-degree certainty of present eternal life and salvation from eternal separation from God after death. For their faithfulness in the tradition of the Old Testament prophets, the Reformers were hotly persecuted by the great surrounding harlot-body of Romanism out of which they had been born-again.

*Make no mistake. The Reformers were not the first to recover the light of this salvation. Indeed, God had preserved to Himself a faithful, scattered remnant of little-known believers who had never lost the light of salvation. These had already been persecuted throughout the centuries. But in keeping with the precedent set with Abraham, God raised up the Reformers from the heart of the Roman Church-state when He was ready to challenge it head-on and lead a great body out of it."*¹

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1 – Chris Anderson (1987) Flight from Babylon” Chapter 7 ‘The Coming Salvation From The Works Of Collective Society’
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