

# THE REMNANT

## CULT Behaviors

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noun

1. a system of religious veneration and devotion directed toward a particular figure or object:

2. a relatively small group of people having religious beliefs or practices regarded by others as strange or sinister: *a network of Satan-worshiping cults.*

- Many times, when your Christian faith interferes with the desires and ambitions of others, they will label you a fanatic or cult member. *1John 3:13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.*
- Because our world is so misinformed concerning the Bible and God's religion, they like to deem biblical principles as hateful or intolerant. *John 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.*
- The sin that man desires will always cause him to shun the truth of God's Word and settle for a lukewarm reduction of the Word. *2Tim. 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*



- Yet there are times when we can become so militant in our beliefs that we use our doctrine as weapons against those we do not prefer. *Heb. 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;*
- Our own issues and hurt can cause us to alienate ourselves and develop internal hatred towards those that oppose us. *1John 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?*
- But the truth of the Word teaches us to love our enemies and to perpetually forgive, but because we are harboring issues of our own, we shun them. *Luke 6:27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,*



- Fellowship is important in the growth of a believer. It's not an option but it's mandatory that we surround ourselves with those that can admonish us and help us grow. *Heb. 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*
- It's a wise decision to keep like-minded believers close and those that oppose our beliefs, at a loving distance. *1Cor. 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*
- This does not mean that we dishonor our parents, mistreat our siblings, or think too highly of our newfound grace. We must model the Word with our behavior in order to prove its validity. *Titus 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.*



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God's remnant is comprised of those that were once lost but are now found. How can we that were once lost turn our noses up to those that are currently lost? We must grow in wisdom and understanding as it pertains to those that oppose us and shun our beliefs. There are many that can change because of our behavior towards them. We show them love and forgiveness and they can see the gospel working in us and through us. Surely, there are those that are assigned by Satan to destroy us, but we cannot forget that there are others that are just like we were and can be saved by our actions toward them.

The remnant is not a badge of honor that we wear to segregate ourselves from others. God does the separating and we do natural things to show His love towards them. We honor our parents, love our siblings and try to reach as many as we can with God's message of love and truth. We may offend many and be called a cult in this day, but the more love we show the more proof we have that we are truly called out and set apart for these end times.

***1Pet. 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:***

***1Pet. 3:9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.***

***1Pet. 3:10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:***

***1Pet. 3:11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.***