

## Fundamental Belief Number Thirteen

### The Remnant and its Mission

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### Bible Study Summary Introduction Statement

The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy, a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This remnant announces the arrival of the judgment hour, proclaims salvation through Christ, and heralds the approach of His second advent. This proclamation is symbolized by the three angels of Revelation 14; it coincides with the work of judgment in heaven and results in a work of repentance and reform on earth. Every believer is called to have a personal part in this worldwide witness.

### BIBLE STUDY

#### The Deadly Wound of the Roman Catholic Church Healed in 1929

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The Bible accurately foretold the deadly wound would be healed. The following quotes from History show how this prophecy came to pass in February 11, 1929

### VATICAN AND ITALY SIGN PACT RECREATING A PAPAL STATE; 60 YEARS OF ENMITY ENDED; THROUNGS CHEER IN STREETS Acclaim Gasparri and Mussolini, Signers of Three Agreements.

By ARNALDO CORTESI.  
Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES

ROME, Feb. 11.--The Pope is again an independent sovereign ruler, as he was throughout the Middle Ages, though his temporal realm, established today, is the most microscopic independent State in the world, and probably the smallest in all history. — **THE NEW YORK TIMES, Tuesday, February 12, 1929.**

## MUSSOLINI AND GASPARRI SIGN HISTORIC ROMAN PACT

HEAL WOUND OF MANY YEARS

**San Francisco Chronicle**  
**Tuesday, February 12, 1929**

Cardinal Gasparri  
Premier Mussolini

VATICAN AGAIN AT PEACE WITH ITALY AFTER LONG QUARREL

Cardinal leaves sick bed to participate; warmly greets Premier

Chimes of St. John Lateral peal as Signatories Wield Gold Quill Pen

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**The Catholic Advocate**

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Cardinal Unveils Plans for Anniversary

VATICAN CITY, JAN. 30, 2009 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)).- Although Vatican City is small, it's not "insignificant," said Cardinal Giovanni Lajolo upon announcing plans for the official celebration of the 80th anniversary of the state's foundation.

**The president of the Governorate of Vatican City State** said this today in a press conference in which he unveiled the program for the celebrations, which will include a concert -- to be attended by Benedict XVI -- an exposition and an academic conference.

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**The Harlot Woman or Beast commits Blasphemy by claiming to Forgive Sins and to Act as though Taking the Place of God on Earth**

**How does the Bible describe the Beast Power also known as the Harlot Woman and worship?**

**Revelation 13:4** And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they **worshipped** the **beast**, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

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**Revelation 13:7** And it was given unto him to make **war** with the **saints**, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

**Revelation 13:8** And **all** that **dwell** upon the **earth** shall **worship** him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

### What is the characteristic that distinguishes the Beast religious Power?

**Revelation 13:1** And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a **beast** rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of **blasphemy**.

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### What is the one of the Bible definitions of blasphemy?

**Mark 2:5** When **Jesus** saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy **sins** be **forgiven** thee.

**Mark 2:6** But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

**Mark 2:7** Why doth this *man* thus speak **blasphemies**? who can forgive sins but God only?

**Luke 5:21** And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh **blasphemies**? Who can **forgive** sins, but God alone?

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**John 10:33** The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for **blasphemy**; and because that thou, being a **man**, makest thyself **God**.

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**Would you look to Jesus as the only mediator between God and Man and trust the Holy Spirit as the only representative of the Godhead here on earth? Yes!**  
**Would you like to confess your sins directly to Jesus as our only representative in heaven through faith and prayer? Yes!**

## **RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

**What does Revelation 13:3 predict what would happen to the deadly wound inflicted onto the Papacy? The deadly wound would be healed**

**What date was the deadly wound healed giving back the political power to the Vatican? 11<sup>th</sup> of February 1929**

**Who was the political leader of Italy that restored Pope to be an independent ruler? Premier Mussolini on behalf of King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy.**

**Who was the representative of the Vatican that signed the document restoring the Pope to his former independent ruling position? Cardinal Gasparri for Pope Pius XI**

**What words were used by the San Francisco Chronicle that even used a Bible phrase to describe this amazing fulfillment of prophecy? In affixing the**

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**What word does Revelation 13:1, 5, 6 give to explain a clear description of the spiritual sin of the Papacy? Blasphemy**

**What Bible definition explains one of the two ways to blaspheme in Mark 2:5-7; Luke 5:21? For a man to forgive sins**

**What is the second Bible definition of blasphemy found in John 10:33? For a man to claim that he is God**

**Give one quote from the official writings of the Roman Catholic Church that describe the blasphemy of a man forgiving sins? "Who has the power to forgive sin today? All bishops and priests of the Catholic Church can forgive sin." (A Catechism for Adults, p. 85).**

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