

A Seed Preserved

In view of Rom 9:29, we read an article about what is going on in the Christian Church today. Rom 9:29 in the Greek version reads, “Isaiah said if the Sovereign of Hosts had not left us a seed as Sodom we would have become and Gomorrah we should have been made like.” This cannot be talking about anyone but us. It’s obvious. Paul knew the church would fall. A seed was preserved, held over from planting to propagate descendents — probably the seed of the overcomers of the first church. Rom 9:27 — A remnant only will be saved. A seed, a remnant will be saved.

The *Washington Post* described the report of the National Committee of the Presbyterians. In it they condemned the “patriarchy” and “homophobia” in the United States and blessed every form of sexual activity for adults and “responsible” youths (teenagers), including homosexuality and homosexual marriage. It was *sickening*. This report, available for five dollars, has become the best-selling publication ever of the National Committee, selling 20,000 copies in two months. Sales continue at a rate of 1,000 copies per week. They are calling evil good and good evil.

Kharash: It is only a matter of time before what is in the Presbyterians goes down to the evangelicals. That is the established pattern.

Yoneq: And the fundamentalists are dying off. You know that if the *salt and light* of the earth are this way, then the earth already is.

Ehud: We are the last possible generation that could have done anything.

Yoneq: We have to say, *And such were some of us*, so we won’t come across as self-righteous.

Feedback from Back to the Garden

We have to know what is in the paper. If we send someone out who is not thoroughly familiar with the paper and able to defend it then it ruins our credibility. In Boston we had a 1½ -hour meeting to discuss the essence of the paper. We touched on several articles and focussed on “The First and Second Death” on page 12. Those who don’t know shouldn’t go. We must be thoroughly convinced in our own mind about what’s in the paper. We should do this for every paper we hand out. We heard of a number of responses to the paper, several of them very encouraging, especially one from a boy who’d been just beginning in homosexuality and is now reconsidering. He wants to come see us. It has already produced strong reaction.