

Drawing Aside the Purple Curtain

The Papal System Today: an Analysis of the News

Pope's Phony "Apology"; Waldensian Leaders' Real Betrayal

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In June 2015 the Roman Antichrist, Francis I, visited the Waldensian place of worship in Turin, Italy. This was tragic enough. But what did he do when he was there? He asked forgiveness for the Roman Catholics' persecution of the Waldensians in the past!¹



Francis I and Waldensian moderator Eugenio Bernardini

In past ages the Waldensians consisted of faithful, true Christians, living in the fastnesses of the Alps, who maintained the pure faith of Christ, and proclaimed the true Gospel, through many long centuries, during which they experienced terrible persecution at the hands of the servants of the Roman Papacy. Although their doctrines were distinctly Protestant, they did not originate at the time of the Protestant Reformation but many centuries before it. In fact, it is likely that they originated soon after the apostolic age ended; and when Popery's wickedness brought down the dreadful Dark Ages on Europe, the Waldensians continued to shine as a light in that Egyptian darkness, maintaining the true faith when virtually all Europe was under the iron heel of the Papacy.

The Lord Jesus Christ had promised that He would not permit the gates of hell to prevail against the true Church (Matt. 16:18); and although the devil did his utmost to stamp out this flickering candle in the Alps, and it looked as if he would succeed many times, that candle never went out, but continued to witness to the truth of the Gospel of grace even while the Great Whore, from her seat of power in Rome, extinguished the light everywhere else. During those centuries of spiritual darkness, superstition and shocking cruelty, not only did the Waldensian churches in their beautiful Alpine valleys uphold the apostolic faith, but they sent our missionaries who tramped across Europe two by two, sowing the precious Gospel seed. The historian J.A. Wylie wrote of "their descent from apostolic men, if doctrine be the life of Churches.... they retired within the mountains, and, spurning alike the tyrannical yoke and the corrupt tenets of the Church of the Seven Hills, they preserved in its purity and simplicity the faith their fathers had handed down to them.... Behind this rampart of mountains, which

Providence, foreseeing the approach of evil days, would almost seem to have reared on purpose, did the remnant of the early apostolic Church of Italy kindle their lamp, and here did that lamp continue to burn all through the long night which descended on Christendom.”²

Bible prophecy refers to them in the eleventh chapter of Revelation, where they, along with a small number of other ancient Christian churches, are called, symbolically, “the two witnesses” (Rev. 11:3), and “the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth” (v.4). A candlestick in Revelation symbolises a church (Rev. 1:20); and the number two represents the smallest number of witnesses possible (Deut. 19:15; Matt. 18:16). The Waldensians witnessed for Christ when “all the world wondered after the beast” (Rev. 13:3).

The Bible says that the Papal system would “*wear out* the saints of the most High” (Dan. 7:25); that “it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them” (Rev. 13:7). For their unwearied evangelistic labours, and for the fact that they refused to submit to the pope’s tyrannical rule, the Waldensians experienced persecutions so dreadful that the annals of world history have nothing to compare with them. Every Christian today should study their sad, yet deeply moving and triumphant history, for it is the story of how the Lord, in fulfilment of His Word, preserved His Church against the gates of hell during those Dark Ages.

Rome loves to claim that before the Reformation she was the only church in existence; but not only was she not even a church at all, there were faithful Christian churches in the Waldensian valleys and elsewhere, churches which maintained a purer faith, amidst the fires of persecution, than many of the “churches” that were born during the Reformation. It is sad indeed that so many Christians know about the Protestant Reformers and those woefully unscriptural “State Churches” that they created, so often mere “daughters” of the Mother Harlot in Rome (Rev. 17:5), yet they know so little – if anything at all – of the wonderful Christian history and testimony of the Waldensian churches.

“The persecutions of this remarkable people,” wrote Wylie, “form one of the most heroic pages of the Church’s history. These persecutions, protracted through many centuries, were endured with a patience, a constancy, a bravery, honourable to the Gospel as well as to those simple people, whom the Gospel converted into heroes and martyrs.”³

Yes, the Waldensian history is a glorious one. But after so many centuries of faithful testimony, the time came when their churches departed from the faith of their fathers, the purity of the true Gospel, and went into error. And like almost all other “Evangelical” churches in the world today, they began to fall for the seductions of the Roman Whore, who – via the devilish ecumenical movement – began to hide the stains of Waldensian blood on her garments and to wipe their blood from her lips (Rev. 17:6), and began to whisper words of love into the ears of their descendants. Truly, “the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: but her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword” (Prov. 5:3,4). The Harlot in Proverbs can be taken literally, or symbolically for the Harlot of Rome. The Waldensians fell for Rome’s charms, and rejected the counsel of the Lord which says, “Remove thy way from her, and come not nigh the door of her house” (Prov. 5:8). They were ravished with her, and embraced her (Prov. 5:20). They forsook the commandment of the Lord, which (if they had heeded it) would have kept them from this evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of this strange woman (Prov. 6:23,24). And now they will find, to their cost, that a man cannot take fire in his bosom and not burn his clothes (Prov. 6:27).

No longer are they the strong, separated, holy believers of the past. And nothing could have more starkly demonstrated this fact than their enthusiastic reception of the Roman pope, Francis I, in June 2015.

Francis was received at the entrance of the Waldensian “Temple” by the moderator of the Waldensian denomination, Eugenio Bernardini; the president of the Consistory of the Waldensian Evangelical Church of Turin, Sergio Velluto; and the titular of the Waldensian Evangelical Church of Turin, Paolo

Ribet. Ribet, in welcoming Francis, referred to him as “*our brother Francis*”. What a betrayal of the hundreds of thousands of Waldensians who suffered death in a thousand and one diabolical ways, century after cruel century, rather than submit to the pope of Rome and his blasphemous religion! What? – call the Roman Antichrist “*our brother*”? Call the head of the religious system that persecuted, unto death, so many multiplied thousands of innocent Waldensians a “brother in Christ”? How utterly disgraceful that Waldensian pastors could sink so low!

Present at the meeting between the Roman Antichrist and the Waldensian leaders were the leaders of other religious institutions (we will not call them churches) as well: Methodist, Baptist Union, Salvation Army, and Seventh-Day Adventist. Adventists are correctly labelled a cult; but in truth this name can be applied today to these other groups as well, for in embracing the Roman pope as a brother in Christ they reveal that they do not preach the true Gospel but rather devilish lies, and are not Christian churches.

Let us take a look at what the pope of Rome actually said during his visit to the Waldensians.

He thanked the Waldensian leaders for their invitation to him to come and address them. They *invited* him! Men claiming to be Christian shepherds of Christian flocks *invited* the most dangerous “wolf in sheep’s clothing” in the whole world into their very midst (Matt. 7:15)! Paul exhorted the pastors of the church in Ephesus as follows: “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock” (Acts 20:28,29). These pastors did *not* take heed to themselves, nor to the flocks under their care; and plainly they were *not* made overseers by the Holy Ghost, for instead of feeding the church with the pure Word of God, they invited this grievous wolf into their very midst – the one described in God’s Word as the Man of Sin and Son of Perdition, the Antichrist (2 Thess. 2:1-10; 1 Jn. 2:18,22; 4:3)!

Note the triumphal words of Francis as he thanked them: “With great joy I find myself among you today.... In particular, I greet the Moderator of the Waldensian Temple, Reverend Pastor Eugenio Bernardini, and the Pastor of this community of Turin, Reverend Paulo Ribet, to whom I express my heartfelt gratitude for the invitation that they so kindly addressed to me.” In inviting the Antichrist to address them, these men betrayed the Gospel, betrayed their flocks, and revealed themselves to be false teachers.

He said that ecumenism brings together those who believe in Jesus Christ. “One of the main fruits, which the Ecumenical Movement has already made it possible to gather in these years, is the discovery of the fraternity that unites all those that believe in Jesus Christ and have been baptized in his name.” Well, a fraternity there certainly is, but it is a devilish fraternity. Note Francis’ emphasis on “belief in Jesus Christ” and baptism. In the first place, mere “belief in Jesus Christ” is not enough for unity! The Bible says, “the devils also believe, and tremble” (Jas. 2:19). They believe in Jesus Christ, but it is intellectual belief, not saving faith; and so they tremble, for their belief will not save them. Millions believe in Christ just as the devils do; and this intellectual belief is sufficient for Satan’s ecumenical movement to flourish, but will not carry one soul to heaven. And in the second place, Francis emphasised baptism because for the Roman Catholic, one is born again by baptism – the damnable heresy of baptismal regeneration. For the Waldensian leaders to accept Francis’ idea of fraternity, they have to accept Rome’s devilish doctrine of baptismal regeneration.

Francis also expressed his hope that the time will come when the communion they were enjoying would “*become full and visible communion in truth and in charity*”. Let none be in any doubt as to what he meant by these words! For Rome, this “full and visible communion” means only one thing: the gathering in, under the Papacy’s wings, all those who at this time remain outside her visible

communion. Ecumenism, for the Papacy, means the eventual *absorption* of all Protestant and other “churches” into the Roman Catholic “Church”. Nothing else will ever satisfy the Papacy. This is her sole purpose in using the ecumenical movement.

He then said, “Unity, which is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, does not mean uniformity”. “Unity” a fruit of the Spirit? Read it as often as you like, but you will not see “unity” listed as one of the fruits of the Spirit in Gal. 5:22,23. Francis just added it in – just as popes through the centuries have merrily added to the Word of God, or subtracted from it, as they have seen fit. And they have done this because they believe they can! After all, is he not the “Vicar of Christ” in his own eyes and in the eyes of hundreds of millions?

This “unity does not mean uniformity” refrain, so often heard from ecumenists, is nothing but a subtle trick of Satan, to convince gullible ecumenicals that they can unite with Rome and still retain their own church or denominational distinctives. Rome holds this carrot out on a stick in front of the eyes of “Protestant” ecumenicals, but the fact is that as soon as any other “church” submits to Rome, that “church” becomes part of the Roman fold, and obeys the pope and the cardinals of Rome.

Francis then said: “Reflecting on the history of our relations, we cannot but be saddened in face of the contentions and violence committed in the name of the faith itself, and I ask the Lord that he may give us the grace to recognize ourselves all sinners and to be able to forgive one another.” It is certainly true that we are all sinners, but these words drip with the serpent’s subtlety, for the “contentions and violence committed in the name of the faith” were committed by the *Roman Papacy*, not by the Waldensians! It was not the Waldensians who massacred Papists through the centuries in all kinds of hideous ways – it was the Papists who massacred the Waldensians. For hundreds of years the popes of Rome urged on the armies of Roman Catholic Europe against the peaceful Waldensians, not the other way round.

Then came his bombshell:

“On the part of the Catholic Church, I ask you forgiveness. I ask forgiveness for the non-Christian, even inhuman, attitudes and behaviours that we have shown you in history. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us!”

In these words we are hearing the hissing of the serpent indeed! This “plea” for forgiveness fooled many, not only the Waldensians but people around the world. It sounded so genuine. And there are many who say to the sceptics, “How could you even question such sincerity? How could you even suggest that such a plea for forgiveness should be rejected?” But let us cut through all the emotional responses and examine this “plea” properly, in the only way it should be examined: in the light of the Bible, God’s Word.

Of course it is true that the Lord Jesus Christ taught His true followers to forgive those who wrong them. But in the first place, only the one who has done the wrong can repent, and ask for forgiveness! The present pope of Rome *cannot*, therefore, ask for forgiveness for sins committed by his dead predecessors, or by the dead Papist persecutors, the torturers and murderers, of centuries past! It is too late for them, for they are in hell. They cannot now repent, there is no divine forgiveness for them, neither can any man alive today repent on their behalf.

In the second place, only those who have been wronged can forgive those who wrong them. The present Waldensian pastor simply *cannot* accept, on behalf of the multitudes of murdered Waldensians of the past, the request for forgiveness from the Roman pope! What is this nonsense, some kind of weird necromancy?

Besides, if the pope of Rome was *truly* sorry for what his “Church” had done to Waldensians in the past, he would not just say, “I’m sorry”; *he would resign!* He would step down from his position as pope, and forsake the Roman Catholic institution itself! He would be unable to remain within a religious system – let alone continue on as its head – which is “*drunken* with the blood of the saints,

and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus” (Rev. 17:6). But instead all he says is, “I’m sorry; please forgive us”; thereby expecting that centuries of Papal torture and bloodshed are now brushed under the carpet.

Thus the lame statement, “please forgive us”, or the equally lame, “we forgive you”, are utterly meaningless and futile gestures in this context.

Francis then went on to express his gratitude at the good relations that now exist between the Roman Catholic institution and the Waldensians, which, he said, “are increasingly founded upon mutual respect and fraternal charity (i.e. “brotherly love”).” To which we say: what a betrayal of their Waldensian forefathers on the part of today’s ecumenical, deceived Waldensians! That good relations should now exist between them, and the false religious system which hounded, persecuted and massacred their forefathers for centuries, is so disgraceful as to be beyond words. That these good relations should actually extend to “mutual respect” and “brotherly love” is hideous. How could the Waldensians betray their history and their doctrines, and “respect” or “love” that which God abhors, and will destroy in His fury? This is the fruit of the devil’s ecumenism, and it reveals that these Waldensians are not true Christians.

Francis mentioned the occasions which have contributed to the greatly improved relations between Papists and Waldensians as being “not few”, and listed various examples, including the following: “the collaboration for the publication in Italian of an inter-confessional translation of the Bible”. Imagine it: Waldensians working on a Bible translation in collaboration with the greatest enemies of the Bible in history, who persecuted unto death Waldensians in past ages because they dared to offer copies of the Bible to Papists!

He also mentioned an ecumenical exchange of gifts at Pinerolo: “The Waldensian Church offered Catholics the wine for the celebration of the Easter Vigil and the Catholic Diocese offered Waldensian brethren the bread for the Holy Supper of Easter Sunday. It is a gesture that goes well beyond simple courtesy and makes us look forward... *to the unity of the Eucharistic table for which we long.*” If Waldensians are looking forward to that “unity”, they are looking forward to uniting in the Popish celebration of the blasphemous mass – for Rome’s “Eucharistic table” is *not* the simple memorial meal of true Christians, but a time when the bread and wine are supposedly changed, by the magical power of the priest, into the actual body and blood of Christ, and Christ’s sacrifice is supposedly re-enacted! If Waldensian ecumenicals have already sunk this low, then it is just a matter of time before Rome achieves by ecumenism what it could not achieve by centuries of persecution: the destruction of the Waldensians by absorption into the Roman fold.

In concluding his address, Francis thanked the Waldensians for welcoming him, and said this spoke of “the greatness of our common faith and our life in Christ and the Holy Spirit.” Shame on the present-day Waldensian “Church”! They have a “common faith” with Rome, which proves that they do not have the true Christian faith, nor do they worship the true Christ of God, nor do they possess the true Holy Spirit.

And lest anyone think that perhaps the Jesuit pope’s words were not received with approval, the truth is that as he ended his speech he was greeted with loud applause. And then he was presented with a reproduction of the first French Bible printed in 1532 by a Waldensian pastor, with Eugenio Bernardini, the moderator of the Waldensian denomination, saying that the Bible was “a sign of the common source of faith and of the common commitment in giving witness so that the world may believe.” So much for any such vain hope that the Waldensians did not receive the pope’s words! Today’s Waldensian “Church” believes it shares a common faith with the Roman Harlot. Rome hates the Bible and always has. It persecuted the Waldensians in the past for distributing copies of it, yet now a Waldensian pastor says the Bible is “a sign of the common source of faith and of the common

commitment in giving witness so that the world may believe"! The prophecy in Revelation states that the Papal Beast ascended out of the bottomless pit (Rev. 11:7), and therefore its origin is from below, not from above. Does this Waldensian pastor know what he is saying when he states that his people share "a common source of faith" with the Papal Beast?

Consider Bernardini's words when he addressed Francis. He said: "The Second Vatican Council defined the evangelical churches as 'Ecclesial Communities'. To be honest we never understood what it meant. Are we half a church? Or no church at all? It would be desirable that such a terminology would be superseded and we hope so in the year 2017, on the occasion of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We are a church, not perfect, but always reforming."⁴ Bernardini does not seem to understand that to Rome, *there are really no other true churches*. Despite decades of ecumenism, Rome still teaches that Protestant institutions are not churches, and claims to be the one true Church.⁵ Bernardini looks towards 2017 and the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation for Rome to change its ways, but in this he is naive in the extreme: even if Rome decides that it would be expedient to change its terminology and to refer to Protestant institutions as "churches", her old hatred for these institutions will remain. And considering that the Reformation was the greatest blow to Papal power in its history, any such changes which it carries out in that anniversary year will be for no other purpose than to deceive gullible "Protestants" and lead them towards ever-closer absorption into "Mother Rome".

Bernardini went on to say in his address to Francis: "The second delicate issue concerns the participation at the Eucharist. We have in common the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper and the words of Jesus given on that occasion. The interpretations of those words differ between churches and within them. It would be nice if in 2017 those issues will be discussed." *Nice?* This man sees the differences between the Lord's Supper and the Romish mass as mere differences of interpretation. Yet the mass is outright blasphemy, and cannot in any sense be reconciled with the simple biblical ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Bernardini, this blind leader of the blind, is so desirous of Roman Catholics and Waldensians being one day able to participate together in the mass that he overlooks all the heretical and even blasphemous doctrines of Roman Catholicism, including those tied to the mass itself, and considers Romanism to be just another Christian denomination.

"Has Pastor Bernardini forgotten the 360th Anniversary of the massacre of his forefathers in 1655, not for the purpose of taunting or revenge, but for the fact that they died for the true Christian faith and the refusal of being part of the Roman Catholic Church in any way, shape or form? Whether he realises it or not, by asking the Pontiff to recognise the evangelical churches, Pastor Bernardini is asking for them to be included in the Vatican's concept of 'the Church' which requires the Waldensians to recognise Papal authority. The Waldensians for centuries regarded Rome as an apostate church, the mother of all harlots from which all those who have come to saving knowledge of Christ must separate. The old Waldensian confession of faith said of Rome that it is the 'shop of Satan'. How does Bernardini hope to be fully recognised by the Vatican which claims to be always the same and the only true church in which the fullness of all means of salvation can be obtained? Is the moderator of the Waldensian church hoping to be able to participate in the Mass, the very first thing Peter Waldo rejected along with the doctrine of transubstantiation?"⁶

We have to wonder (though we will probably never know for sure) whether this kind of sucking up to the Roman Antichrist is the result of spiritual blindness and biblical ignorance on the part of Waldensian leaders who are merely false teachers, uncalled into the ministry of the Word; *or* whether there are those in leadership positions within the Waldensian denomination who are actual *secret agents* of the Vatican (Jesuits or Jesuit pawns), carrying out the pope's bidding from within. Certainly this is a centuries-old tactic of the Papacy, as I have shown in my book, *The Jesuits: the Secret Army of the Papacy*.⁷

Significantly, the year 2015 marks the 360th anniversary of the great massacre of the Waldensians in 1655. It was not the first such massacre, but it was the worst. Roman Catholic soldiers killed huge numbers of Waldensian men, women and children in the Piedmont valley. We can be sure that this date was deliberately chosen as the date for the Roman pope to come to the Waldensians and issue his false apology and plea for forgiveness!

The Waldensians were ordered, in January of that year, to quit their homes in the depth of winter, on pain of death. J.A. Wylie wrote: “True, an alternative was offered them; they might go to mass. Did they avail themselves of it? The historian Leger informs us that he had a congregation of well-nigh 2,000 persons, and that not a man of them all accepted the alternative. ‘I can well bear them this testimony,’ he observes, ‘seeing I was their pastor for eleven years, and I knew every one of them by name; judge, reader, whether I had not cause to weep for joy, as well as for sorrow, when I saw that all the fury of these wolves was not able to influence one of these lambs, and that no earthly advantage could shake their constancy. And when I marked the traces of their blood on the snow and ice over which they had dragged their lacerated limbs, had I not cause to bless God that I had seen accomplished in their poor bodies what remained of the measure of the sufferings of Christ, and especially when I beheld this heavy cross borne by them with a fortitude so noble?’”⁸

In April of that year the Marquis de Pianezza, serving the pope of Rome, came against the Waldensians with an army of 15000 men. The massacre which he conducted against these innocent people was almost indescribable in its horror. Wylie wrote: “From the awful narration of Leger, we select only a few instances; but even these few, however mildly stated, grow, without our intending it, into a group of horrors. Little children were torn from the arms of their mothers, clasped by their tiny feet, and their heads dashed against the rocks; or were held between two soldiers and their quivering limbs torn up by main force.... The sick and the aged were burned alive in their dwellings. Some had their hands and arms and legs lopped off, and fire applied to the severed parts to staunch the bleeding and prolong their suffering. Some were flayed alive, some were roasted alive, some disembowelled; or tied to trees in their own orchards, and their hearts cut out. Some were horribly mutilated, and of others the brains were boiled and eaten by these cannibals. Some were fastened down into the furrows of their own fields, and ploughed into the soil as men plough manure into it. Others were buried alive. Fathers were marched to death with the heads of their sons suspended round their necks.... But here we must stop. We cannot proceed farther in Leger’s awful narration. There come vile, abominable, and monstrous deeds, utterly and overwhelmingly disgusting, horrible and fiendish, which we dare not transcribe. The heart sickens, and the brain begins to swim. ‘My hand trembles,’ says Leger, ‘so that I can scarce hold the pen, and my tears mingle in torrents with my ink, while I write the deeds of these children of darkness – blacker even than the Prince of Darkness himself.’”⁹

Perhaps the present Waldensian leadership, wolves in sheep’s clothing indeed, can overlook these things and welcome the present head of the vile religious system which massacred their forefathers in such ways, and call him “brother”; but no true Christian could ever do so. No true Christian is a brother of the Antichrist.

The massacre in Piedmont was so terrible that news of it shocked Protestant Europe, and moved the poet John Milton to write his poem entitled *On the late massacre in Piedmont*. There was a large cave in the Waldensian territory, able to hold hundreds of people. Many fled there to hide, as they had often done in years past; but the Popish enemy dragged them out, and cast them down the precipice to their deaths. We are not of those who consider Milton a *Christian* poet, but he certainly captured the tragedy of that terrible event in deeply moving words, and clearly identified the Tyrant of Rome and his “Babylonian” religion as being responsible:

Avenge, O Lord, Thy slaughtered saints, whose bones
Lie scattered on the Alpine mountains cold;
Even them who kept Thy truth so pure of old,
When all our fathers worship’t stocks and stones,

Forget not: in Thy book record their groans
Who were Thy sheep, and in their ancient fold
Slain by the bloody *Piedmontese* that rolled
Mother with infant down the rocks. Their moans
The vales redoubled to the hills, and they
To heav'n. Their martyred blood and ashes sow
O'er all the *Italian* fields, where still doth sway
The triple Tyrant: that from these may grow
A hundred-fold, who having learned Thy way,
Early may fly the *Babylonian* woe.

The Waldensians, just like almost all modern-day “Protestants”, have rejected the words of the Lord; they are “simple ones”, “void of understanding”, who have decided to go near the Harlot’s house (Prov. 7:6-9); and she has met them, and says, “Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee” (v. 15). The pope of Rome, head of the Harlot religion on the seven hills, has gone forth to meet the Waldensians, to draw them into the Harlot’s embrace. And what it says of the end of that simple young man who was enticed by the Harlot in Proverbs, is true of the Waldensians and all others who have fallen for her seductive charms: “With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life” (vv.21-23).

The warning in Proverbs ends with these solemn words: “Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death” (vv. 25-27). The Waldensians were once “strong men”; but the Roman Harlot has wounded them, cast them down, and slain them. How inexpressibly sad that today’s Waldensians, like Esau, have sold their birthright for a mess of pottage, and have embraced the triple Tyrant, the pope of Rome, whose servants once dashed their own ancestors to death from the crags of their beautiful mountain home!

In these days of dark ecumenism, as Antichrist marches triumphantly across the once-Protestant landscape, the Lord’s true remnant must stand fast and firm upon the Word of the living God, as the Waldensians once did. They may have forsaken the truth, but even in this day, the gates of hell shall not prevail against the true Church of the Lord Jesus Christ!

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