



Welcome to our BookandBibleClub (BBC) first 'BBC Thursday's Takeaways'

These are key points that participants took from the reading. This week's takeaways are from chapter 3 '*An Era of Spiritual Darkness*

We hope to see you at our next session in August where we will be reading and discussing chapter 4 '*The Waldenses*'

Jen

How striking the contrast between the overbearing pride of this haughty pontiff and the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who represents Himself as pleading at the door of the heart for admittance, that He may come in to bring pardon and peace, and who taught His disciples: "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." Matthew 20:27.. GC 57.3-GC 58.

Nicole

The people were also taught that by the payment of money to the church they might free themselves from sin, and also release the souls of their de ceased friends who were confined in the tormenting flames.

By such means did Rome fill her coffers and sustain the magnificence, luxury, and vice of the pretended representatives of Him who had not where to lay His head. GC p59

Sanjo

The condition of the world under the Romish power presented a fearful and striking fulfilment of the words of the prophet Hosea:" My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee:...seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." "There is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood." Hosea 4:6, 1, 2. Such were the results of banishing the word of God. GC p60