

Trinity Bible Church
Lesson 30
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16. Mechanics of Angelic Salvation:

- X. Comparison with Christ's functions in Hypostatic Union.
1. Mediatorship.
 2. Christ's High Priesthood:
 3. His Kingship.
 4. The souls of men and the souls of angels.
 5. Our Resurrection Bodies and the established order of creation.
- Y. Conclusion: Christ did not have to become an angel at the First Advent to reconcile all things to Himself. Since He did not, all arguments that require His humanity only are inconsequential.
- Z. A Summary of the "ability to sin" concerning Free Moral Agents.
1. Angels, Adam and Eve before their fall were "able not to sin" through the knowledge and application of truth.
 2. Begotten man, born with a Sin Nature and unregenerate, is "not able to not sin," which is called, "Condition Privative." Eph 2:1-3
 3. The humanity of Christ was "able not to sin," and didn't. John 8:54; Cf 1 Pet 2:21-24
 4. Regenerate man is "able not to sin." 1 John 2:1
 5. Godly angels and regenerate man in eternity is "not able to sin" because of the imputation of Righteousness. Rev 22:3
 6. The humanity of Christ after He bore our sins became "not able to sin." Heb 13:8
 7. "Not able to sin" does not mean that a Free Moral Agent loses volition, but that through the reality of the imputation of God's Righteousness, the regenerate agent is provided the mechanism by which he will never disobey or reject God again. 2 Cor 5:21
- AA. From the information gleaned in this study one can better understand why some angels are called "elect" and "holy." 1 Tim 5:21-22; Rev 14:10-11 Cf Col 1:22
- BB. The Significance of Angelic Salvation.
1. It seeks to answer the question concerning the "all things" mentioned in the statement "and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven." Col 1:20
 2. Information concerning this subject is contained in Scripture, but like all truth it must be sought. Matt 7:7 Cf John 16:13
 3. God grants deeper information for additional growth "in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Pet 3:18

4. Salvation provided for angels not only teaches the Celebrityship of the Lord Jesus Christ concerning all mankind, but His Celebrityship in all creation.
5. Angelic Salvation is not a viewpoint that requires personal individual application.
6. It is not a position that a believer must totally understand or totally accept to continue their spiritual advance.
7. Angelic Salvation is not a core doctrine to determine orthodoxy, and hence is not a basis for separation within the body of Christ.
8. Many great believers throughout history probably gave no thought either way concerning Angelic Salvation.
9. So if it is not immediately understand or accepted, relax, pray and continue to study. Jas 1:5
10. It should not be foremost in our thoughts to the point of clouding the application of known spiritual truths.
11. This study has grown from an analysis of God's Essence as He has revealed Himself in history and then applied these truths seeking additional knowledge.
12. Angelic Salvation should be viewed as non-essential to the Christian Way of Life but as an opportunity to further understand and appreciate the extent of the Celebrityship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

17. Sequence of Events to This Point.

- A. The Triune God has eternally existed.
- B. He chose to manifest His Essence to share His love and thus Glorify Himself. The means He selected involved matter, creatures, space and time.
- C. He first created the Universe. Gen 1:1
- D. Next, He created angels as Free Moral Agents who were "able not to sin" through learning and obeying truth. They clearly had the ability to make choices, even sinful ones.
- E. An angelic hierarchy was established with Lucifer at the head. Eze 28:18; Cf 28:12
- F. God communicated to angels the Truth of His Essence.
- G. At some point He designated Lucifer His communicator. Eze 28:12,18
- H. Lucifer became dissatisfied with his position and wanted to elevate himself to godhood. Isa 14:13-14
- I. He devised a plan in which he would offer godhood to the other angels. Isa 14:13

- J. God permitted Satan's lies to be spread to other angels. John 8:44; Eze 28:16
- K. The laws God established were violated by all the angels, some knowingly, but probably most of them were deceived. Rom 5:13 Cf Eze 18:16 Cf Rev 16:5 Cf 15:4
- L. God brought Satan to trial and found him guilty. John 16:11; Matt 25:41
- M. Satan was sentenced to the Lake of Fire. Matt 25:41
- N. Satan brought a lawsuit against God (called an "adversary" in 1 Pet 5:8; meaning "one who brings a lawsuit.") attacking God's love and integrity.
- O. God, as King, could choose to forgive their sins.
- P. Satan would forgiveness as incompatible with God's Justice and probably go on to attack the entirety of the Essence of God.
- Q. Since God originally chose to manifest his Essence to His creation, it is reasonable that He would permit questions about His Essence (Matt 7:7), and would answer challenges to His Essence to demonstrate that He is God. Any challenge however is doomed to failure. Rom 3:3-4
- R. At this point, it is reasonable that God would offer salvation to the angels.
- S. The gospel would ask for trust that He could take care of the penalty for sin without compromising His Essence and that He would handle every charge of Satan. Rev 12:10-11
- T. Next, He would present the Plan of bringing into existence a new free moral agent with lesser ability than angels who would actually meet Satan's charges and through this creature pay the penalty for sins.
- U. Two-thirds of the angels believed that God could accomplish what He said He would do. Rev 12:4
- V. And hence were imputed with Righteousness and became not able to sin. Cf Gen 15:6
- W. Ground rules for the conflict were then laid to which all parties agreed.