

Trinity Bible Church
Lesson 33
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20. Man's Role in the Resolution of the Angelic Conflict.

- A. With the Restoration of planet earth, God brought into existence a Free Moral Agent in which all of Satan's charges would be answered.
- B. God created mankind with a role in the resolution of the dispute. Eph 6:12
- C. He established the same policy of "grace preceding the penalty for judgment" with this new Free Moral Agent as He did with the angels.

- D. God presented this new Free Moral Agent with truth and Laws as He did to the angels, knowing they would sin, but not causing it. Gen 2:16-17; 3:1-7
 - 1. The viewpoint of God is always Truth. John 14:6; Rom 3:3-4
 - 2. He originally revealed His Truth through direct communication and the stars. Gen 2:17; Gen 1:14
 - 3. Eventually, He inspired a written record. 2 Tim 3:16-17
 - 4. The Truth focuses on the Unique Celebrity of the Universe. Gen 3:15; John 14:6.
 - 5. God being Omniscient, hence, knowing all there is to know about His Creation, designed a policy of Grace.
 - a. Living Grace which is designed to keep His creatures in existence whether compatible or not with God's Viewpoint. 1 Pet 3:7
 - b. Saving Grace, by faith alone in Christ alone. Eph 2:8-10
 - c. Revealing Grace through proclamation of His Truth. Heb 1:1-3
 - d. Greater Grace which focuses on the obedient creature with a Sin Nature in time. Gen 6:8; Jas 4:6
 - e. Dying Grace which removes the "Sting of Death." 1 Cor 15:55-57
 - f. Surpassing Grace which is rewards for obedience for eternity. Eph 2:7

- E. God designed a Straight and Narrow Path to approach Him that was based on His Righteousness. Matt 7:13-14

1. The journey down the right path begins with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, which God desires for all mankind. 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Pet 3:9
2. To stay on the right path requires the Filling of the Holy Spirit.
Eph 5:18
3. Consistent exposure to Truth is necessary to know one is on the right path. Eph 5:1; 1 Cor 11:1; 2 Pet 3:18; Heb 12:13; 2 Tim 2:15; Matt 5:48; 2 Pet 3:18
 - a. God's design always includes a place to get His Truth.
Heb 10:25
 - b. His design includes designated communicators of His Truth.
Amos 3:7; Rev 2-3; Jas 3:1
 - c. His written Word is now the Standard of Truth. 1 Cor 2:16;
John 1:14,17
4. Once exposed to Truth, one must believe it. 2 Thes 2:13; 1 Tim 4:3
 - a. This produces a "full knowledge," (EPIGNOSIS), which is part of building the Soul. Col 1:3-6
 - b. Rejection of the Truth falls into four different categories of Negative Volition.
 - 1) Negative Volition #1 is rejection of the gospel.
John 3:18
 - 2) Negative Volition #2 is lack of consideration of God's word in application. Gen 3
 - 3) Negative Volition #3 distortion for personal gain.
2 Pet 2:15
 - 4) Negative Volition #4 is willfully choosing to disobey.
Jas 4:17
5. Your full knowledge will be tested. Jas 1:2-4
6. Passing the tests produces Divine Good. 1 Pet 2:1-6; Rom 12:1-2;
Heb 13:15-16
7. Divine Good will be eternally rewarded. 1 Pet 1:3-5