

## MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO ANGELS

1. Man was created lower than angels.
  - A. Hebrews 2:7, "Thou madest Him a little lower than the angels; Thou crownedst Him with glory and honour, and didst set Him over the works of Thy hands."
2. Jesus Christ was made lower than angels so that he might provide salvation for man.
  - A. Hebrews 2:9, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the GRACE of God should taste death for every man."
3. Man was created so that he might resolve the angelic conflict by accepting the provision through the non-meritorious act of faith.
  - A. This proves that God was fair in sentencing Satan to the Lake of Fire because Satan went negative to God's provision for him, and for all angels.
4. Regenerate man, because of his position in Christ, is positionally higher than angels.
5. Believers in the Church Age have this position "in Christ" for a reason:
  - A. Jesus Christ became the Heir when He was seated. It is necessary for the "joint-heirs with Christ" to be superior to angels, and still live on this Earth.
6. Believers in the Church Age die at different times, but all get their resurrection bodies at the same time. The Rapture.
7. At resurrection, the believer is both positionally higher than the angels, and physically higher than the angels, because he has a body exactly like that of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - A. Philippians 3:21, "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself."
  - B. And the believer, in resurrection body, is higher than angels.
    1. Hebrews 1:13, "But to which of the angels said He at any time, Sit on My right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?"
8. Because it is the Church, the body of Christ, who judges angels at the Second Advent, the Church Age, with Christ absent from the Earth makes the believer the object of concentrated demon activity.
9. It must gall Satan that so many believers, in or out of fellowship, are positionally superior to him. That is what GRACE can do.

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