We read of 1) archangels, or chief angels (1 Thess. 4:16; Jude 9; Dan.

8:16); 2) the seraphim (Isaiah 6:1-7); and 3) the cherubim (Gen. 3:24). Two angels –Michael and Gabriel—are named (Jude 9; Luke 1:19).

**Titles of Angels**

Angels are sometimes given titles that indicate their duties or functions. These include 1) sons of God (Job 1:6; 38:7); 2) ministering spirits (Heb. 1:14); 3) God’s heavenly host (2 Chron. 18:18); 4) God’s holy ones (Job 5:1; Ps. 89:7; Jude 14); and 5) watchers (Dan. 4:13; Rev. 4:6).

**The Responsibilities of Angels**

Angels are engaged in many activities. 1) They worship God (1 Kings 22:19; Isaiah 6:3); 2) They observe God’s people (Luke 12:8-9; 1 Cor. 4:9). 3) They inquire about God’s plan for mankind (1 Pet. 1:12; Daniel 12:5-6). 4) They rejoice in the works of God (Job 38:7; Rev. 4:11; Rev. 5:11-12). 5) They perform the will of God (Gen. 28:12; Psalm 103:20; Dan. 7:10). 6) They witness the wrath of God (Rev. 14:10). Angels serve as 1) protectors (Ps. 91:11-12; Acts 5:19); 2) messengers (Matt. 2:13; Acts 8:26; Heb. 2:2-3); and 3) ministers of God and Christ in various ways (Luke 16:22; Matt 24:31; Matt 13:47-50; Heb. 1:14).

**The Destiny of Angels**

In the future, angels will 1) accompany Christ at His return (Matt 16:27; 25:31; 1 Thess. 1:7); 2) be involved in the judgment of the wicked (Matt. 13:41-43); and 3) praise God forever with the redeemed (Rev. 5:11-14; 7:9-12). The fallen angels will be cast into the Lake of Fire along with Satan (Matt. 25:41).

**Why did Satan and other angels fall? (**www.allaboutgod.com)

When rebellious angels, led by Lucifer (Satan), challenged God’s rule,

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**The cross of Christ teaches us that we may live after death**

The crucified and resurrected Christ promised life after death (John 14:1-6).The resurrected Christ promises the crown of life (Rev. 2:10)**.** Paul says,“…this mortality shall put on immortality” (1 Cor. 15:53).

**To be saved by the cross requires sacrifice and commitment**

Salvation has conditions: 1) we must bear the cross of Christ (Luke 9:23), and 2) we must be crucified with Christ (Gal. 2:20). In order for sinful people to be informed about the sacrifice of Christ and the necessity of repentance, the resurrected Jesus gave His disciples the Great Commission to preach the gospel to the entire world (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16). It was God’s plan that the gospel message should be made known through the church that Jesus built (Eph. 3:10).

**The Church of Christ and God’s Providence**

**The “called out” Church**

The New Testament Greek word for church (*ecclesia*) means “called out.” God has in every age “called out” His people from the rest of the world. The title of the book of Exodus means “to go out of,” which refers to the departure of the children of Israel from Egypt. After they left Egypt, God’s people were called “…the church in the wilderness” (Acts 7:38) because God called them out of Egypt and led them to the Promised Land of Canaan. Paul exhorted the Corinthian Christians to avoid fellowship with unbelievers: “Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord” (2 Cor. 6:17). Joshua challenged God’s people to “…choose this day whom you will serve…” (Joshua 24:15). God has chosen believers in all ages to be His children (Eph. 1:5), though the number of believers has always been comparatively small (Matt. 7:13-14).

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