

Angels (ἄγγελος—Gk.32 [to bring *tidings*] a messenger) (Context: 2 Cor 12:1-7 verses Rev 2:1)

Angels & The Church:

Not Members

- Member are "*composed of all penitent believers baptized by the authority of Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38-47) ...God's angels are holy...do not stand in need of ... forgiveness...*"

But are they members of the kingdom of **Heaven**, of which the church is (*or will be*) part of? "*While all members of the church are citizens of the kingdom of Heaven, not all citizens of the kingdom of Heaven are members of the church.*" (Just as children "*being sinless...are not subject to the gospel...they are not members of the church of Christ.*") Mat 18:1-5; 19:13-15

Watching Over the Church

1Co 11:2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered *them* to you. 3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman *is* the man; and the head of Christ *is* God. 4 Every man praying or prophesying, having *his* head covered, dishonoureth his head (*Christ*). 5 But every woman (*Gk.1135-specifically a wife*) that prayeth or prophesieth with *her* head uncovered dishonoureth her head (*her husband*): for that is even all one as if she were shaven. 6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. 7 For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. 8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. 9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. 10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on *her* head **because of the angels**. 11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. 12 For as the woman *is* of the man, even so *is* the man also by the woman; but all things of God. 13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered? 14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? 15 But if a woman have long **hair**, it is a glory to her: for *her* hair is given her for a **covering**. 16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

- Lipscomb/Shepherd: "*...the angels in Heaven who see and rejoice or sorrow over what men do here will rejoice or sorrow*

over her coming properly or improperly before God, or in place that God assigned her."

- "...angels observe the work and worship of the church...(and) were aware of the gender abuses in the Corinth church...and were offended by it." (Power over her head had to do with authority over her.)

1Ti 5:21 I charge *thee* before **God**, and the Lord Jesus **Christ**, and the elect **angels**, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Learn(ed) From the Church

1Pe 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; **which things the angels desire to look into.**

- "Which things" pertain to "*the matters of prophesy and their fulfillment in the Christian dispensation...*"

Eph 3:4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) **5** Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is **now** revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets **by the Spirit**; **6** That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: **7** Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power. **8** Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; **9** And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, Who created all things by Jesus Christ: **10** **To the intent** that **now** unto the principalities and powers in **heavenly places** might be known **by the church** the manifold wisdom of God,

- The preaching of the gospel (*Jesus Christ and Him crucified-1Cor 2:2*) is to reveal **God's** eternal plan to mankind **with the intent** also to enlighten the heavenly hosts. The message was held til "*the fullness of time*" (**Gal 4:4**) after which man, who was made "*a little lower than the angels*" (**Heb 2:7**), by preaching the gospel would reveal the mystery to the angels, his equal (**Rev 22:8-9**).

1Co 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak **the wisdom of God in a mystery**, *even* the **hidden wisdom**, which God **ordained before the world** unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for **had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory**. 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. 10 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? But **we have the mind of Christ**.

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