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AUGUST 2019

New Sunday School Class "Angelology,"

Pastor Andy Woods is continuing his new class on Angelology during the Sunday School hour at Sugar Land Bible Church. The focus of this class will be on "Angelology," which is otherwise known as the **"Doctrine of the Angels."** The material for this teaching will be taken from a class that Pastor Andy regularly taught at the College of Biblical Studies entitled "Angels, Church, and Prophecy." This class will focus on biblical Angelology, which is the study of what the Bible reveals concerning angels. What are Angels? What is their purpose? Why do they exist? How many Angels are there? What are their activities? When were they created? Do they age or die? Since Satan and the Demons were originally good Angels prior to their fall, the class will also cover Satanology and Demonology. In this regard, we will examine the power of our spiritual enemies in the heavenly places as well as the resources that God has given to the child of God for spiritual warfare. The class will also cover the difficult passage of Genesis 6:1-4 and why an angelic interpretation of the passage is the proper understanding. We will pursue these and many other similar questions in this important study. First, we will be doing our teaching in the sanctuary. Second, the sessions will be recorded and archived for the benefit of not only our online followers but also our missionaries, who sometimes need theological guidance in certain areas. Third, the basic format will include teaching from 9:45 to 10:40AM, which will be followed by questions and answers from 10:40 to 10:45 AM. The class will conclude sharply at 10:45AM to allow ample time to prepare for our morning worship service, which will begin at 11:00 AM sharp. *We are excited to be offering this new class for the benefit of the saints at Sugar Land Bible Church. We hope and pray that many will take advantage of it. We are looking forward to what God will do through these sessions of study in "His Word."*



Missions for the Month

Capturing Poland for Christ

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” II Cor. 4:7 (NIV)

Dad Dymitr: 1928-2019

In late June I was scheduled to speak in Lithuania, but I got a note that my dad was admitted to the hospital here in Bialystok. He fell down in his room and broke a bone in his hip and could not walk any longer. I postponed my trip and visited my dad, carrying for his needs. His diabetes and heart failure postponed surgery, so he stayed over the weekend in the hospital. Unexpectedly, he died on July 1st.

It took me almost a week for all the funeral arrangements and ceremony preparations. God granted a wonderful 90 years of life to my dad. He was my ministry partner for so many years. He was brave and courageous in ministry, smuggling Bibles and literature to communist Russia under the threat of persecution and imprisonment.

In this newsletter I want to honor his name, presenting his profile. I wrote a message, “My Belief in Resurrection” for his funeral ceremony but was not able to preach, so I delivered the message a week later at the family camp in Augustow. Many were deeply moved. One Catholic lady named Magda made a decision to follow Christ. I had asked Rev. Irek Dawidowicz to preach by the grave site and he did.

My dad was born on November 7th, 1928 in a small town in eastern Poland. His mom and dad, Helena and Mikolaj, never heard the Gospel until two evangelists from the city of Bielsk Podlaski came to their remote town and begin to teach about God.



Helena begin to participate and received her Bible, the first written Word of God in her hands. Reading the Bible at home she was converted and became a believer. She started to pray with her husband and children (my dad, his younger sister Nina and brother Konstanty). All of the children believed and were baptized.

My dad got married in 1955 at the age of 27 with Klaudia my mom. She was a believer also, as in her small town of Bialowieza there was an evangelical



church where she grew in her faith. So I was born in a Christian home in 1958. My dad was my first Sunday school teacher, where as a child and teenager I had to participate in learning the Bible. Even though I was in a Christian home I “sowed my wild oats” with unsaved worldly friends. I made my personal decision

**Andy Woods—Pastor**

Twenty-Four Church and Israel Distinctions (Part 13)

One of the most rudimentary distinctions that the child of God needs to learn to rightly divide God's Word (2 Tim. 2:15) is the basic distinction between Israel and the Church. A common mistake in Bible interpretation is to take God's promises that are aimed at national Israel and instead to indiscriminately apply them to the Church and consequently the Church Age believer. There are, at a bare minimum, at least *twenty-four* differences between the Church and Israel. The purpose of this series is to highlight these basic differences. In prior installments, we saw the following distinctions: while Israel is the wife of Jehovah, the Church is the bride of Christ. Moreover, Israel birthed Christ whereas Christ birthed the Church. In addition, Christ will return for the Church in the Rapture while Christ will return for Israel at the end of the Tribulation period. Furthermore, while Jesus is the King of Israel, He is the groom and head of the Church. While eighty percent of the Bible relates to Israel, a mere twenty percent of it relates to the Church. Also, while Israel was a party to the Biblical covenants, the Church is a mere third-party beneficiary to them. In addition, another very significant difference between Israel and the Church is that the two entities have different birthdays. While Israel started in Genesis 12, the Church began in Acts 2. Moreover, while Israel is a political nation, the Church is a spiritual organism. Also, while Israel fought physical battles, the Church fights spiritual battles. Furthermore, although Israel is characterized by time texts and calendars, the Church has no similar timing characteristics. In addition, while Israel had a priesthood, the Church is a priesthood. Moreover, although Israel had a physical structure called the temple, today the temple of God consists of not only the believer's individual body but also the corporate gathering of God's people. Also, not only will Israel and the Church be resurrected at different times, but they will also be judged at different times and places as well. Moreover, Israel and the Church are different in the sense that both will comprise different features of the New Jerusalem, and initial membership is granted on a different basis. Membership to Israel is granted based on physical ethnicity while membership to the universal Church takes place only through regeneration or the new birth that is the result of salvation through faith alone in Christ alone. Finally, Israel and the Church are different in the sense that each is governed by a different source of Scriptural authority. While Israel receives her primary cues from the Mosaic Law, New Testament revelation in general and the epistolary material are directly binding upon the Church. In this installment, we will examine *one* further distinction.

Distinction Number 18: The Relationship with The Holy Spirit

The way the Holy Spirit is at work today is different than any other age that has ever existed. We are literally living in what I would call the age of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is doing things in this age, as He has been doing over the last two-thousand years in the Church Age, that He has never done before. If the people in Old Testament times could see what the Holy Spirit would do one day in the Age of the Church, I think they would be astounded at the privileges that we have today in the Holy Spirit.

The prior age consisted not only most of the Old Testament, but it also included the time period covered in the four the Gospel accounts. Even Jesus, in His earthly ministry, was not ministering under the Age of the Church. He predicted the Age of the Church, but His personal ministry did not take place during the Age of the Church. Rather, His ministry took place during the Age of the Law. This reality helps explain Galatians 4:4, which says, "But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under *the Law*" (italics added). A lot of people have the view that if something is recorded in the New Testament, then it is automatically speaking of the Age of the Church. However, the reality of the situation is that Jesus' entire ministry occurred before the Church Age ever began. The Church Age does not start until Acts 2. In other words, prior to His Ascension in Acts 1, Jesus ministered under the prior dispensation of the Law (Matt. 5:23-24; 8:4). Therefore, the Old Testament dispensation must also include the Gospel material found in the biblical books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Of course, there are things in the Gospels that speak and related directly to us in the present Church Age. However, the Gospels themselves are

really part of the prior dispensation of the Law. We do not normally think this way because the Gospels are found in the New Testament. However, in the mind of God, the great division from the Old Testament age does not occur until Acts 2. When you study the Old Testament and the Gospels and compare it to what the Holy Spirit is doing today, the ministry of the Holy Spirit dramatically changed in Acts 2. The ministry of the Holy Spirit has changed in *four* ways.

IMMEDIATE RECEPTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

First, in the prior age people oftentimes received the Holy Spirit long after they were already believers. A person could believe in a coming Messiah and be saved, as was the case with Abraham (Gen. 15:6), even though they had no contact with the Holy Spirit until a later point in time in their personal lives. A good example of this is the tabernacle worker Bezalel where the Spirit of God filled him for a service after he was already a believer. Exodus 31:3-5 says, “³I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship, ⁴ to make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, ⁵ and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work in all kinds of craftsmanship.” It would seem inconceivable for an unsaved man to work on the tabernacle. Obviously, Bezalel was already a believer because he was working on the tabernacle, but the Holy Spirit came upon him long after his personal salvation in order to equip him for the task of building the tabernacle. Said another way, the Holy Spirit gave him all kinds of skill in carpentry, construction, and building, but he did not receive that empowerment of the Spirit until long after he was already a believer.

Compare that pattern to today. When did you receive the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit took residence in you at the point of personal faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior. Paul in Romans 8:9 explains, “However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.” What is normative for our age is a person believes and immediately their body is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. At that specific point in time, their body instantaneously becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit. Since this is so normal in Christianity today, we tend to think that it is the way it has always been. However, this is not the case. In fact, what the Holy Spirit is doing today by indwelling every child of God at the point of personal faith is something that did not happen in the Old Testament Age.

PERMANENT INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Second, unlike the prior age, the Spirit indwells people forever. For how long is the Holy Spirit inside people? When you back up into the prior age what you will discover is that the Holy Spirit could come upon a person for a specific task and then the Holy Spirit could leave them. You will see this happening with Saul in First Samuel 16:14, “Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him.” This reality helps explain why David, in Psalm 51:11 prays, “do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.” I am reminded when I was in a youth group and one of the songs that we would sing was Psalm 51:11, which says, “take not thy Holy Spirit from me.” Then I started thinking, why are we singing this song? We are living in a different age than when David lived when he wrote Psalm 51. In that past age the Holy Spirit could come and go from people.

The age we are now living in is the Age of the Church where the Holy Spirit is in us forever. How do I know that? In the Upper Room as Jesus is ministering under the dispensation of the Law, He began to give hints of a change that was coming in the outworking of the principles to be followed by the Holy Spirit. In John 14:16, Jesus said, “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper.” The word “Helper” here is the Greek word (paraclete) *paraklētos*, or the one who comes alongside and assists. This term is speaking of the third member of the Trinity, or the Holy Spirit. At this point in the Upper Room Discourse, the disciples were asking Jesus about His soon departure. Consequently, He was giving to them hints and trying to calm them down by saying it is to their advantage that He leaves (John 16:7). Yet, they were very upset over the

of faith to follow Christ when I was 18.

We were a poor family. Dad had to work hard to provide for the family. He worked in an office in a nearby city, traveling there by train every day and then returning home late in the afternoon riding his motorbike 10 miles to his parent's farm which had no electricity. There was no plumbing and no running water. Water was from a well in our front yard.



Dad on the farm with my granddad (me and my brother on horse carriage).

The farm required very hard labor for both man and horse. Yet he was active in his church, serving as deacon and preaching at the pulpit when asked by the pastor. In the early 70s my dad was recruited by the mission "Light into East" based in Stuttgart Germany to supply Bibles and literature to Christians in Russia. He smuggled thousands of Bibles into Russia.

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Dad with Russians who came for Bibles.

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“WHO’s Who at SLBC”

by Ashlynn Morris

Ark Encounter Road Trip 2019

By Ashlynn Morris

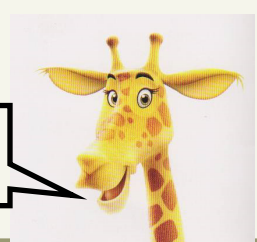
Many of you may have heard the announcement that was made a few Sundays ago by our Youth Pastor Gabe Morris, about the Youth Groups recent trip to Kentucky. As you all know, it took a lot of people to pull this off, and I am extremely grateful for all your help. We had an amazing time there, and I can’t wait to tell you all about it.

On the very first day of the trip, all the families met up at the church. It was very, very early, and we did a prayer huddle in the foyer before we hit the road. We drove for 16-hours straight and made it to our destination location. The next day was an unwind from the long drive day, so the group planned for the journey ahead. The next day was our first day at the Creation Museum. The layout of the museum was breathtaking! Huge mammoth fossils, fish tanks, bone displays, moon rocks, and interesting facts surrounding them. And in every display, there was always something that pointed to our Maker. They had many things to see, like bug displays, dinosaur fossils, and much more. The group went to an amazing presentation that was inside a planetarium. You sat in reclining chairs so you could look at the domed ceiling above you. On the domed roof, they played a space presentation. The way the video played made you feel like you were traveling through space! It definitely showed how creative our Lord is. The Creation Museum had an awesome zoo, where you could see interesting animals like alpacas, zonkeys (a mix between a zebra and a donkey) and a zorses (a mix between a zebra and a horse). They also had camel rides! We had an awesome first day at the Creation Museum. The next day, the group came back to the museum to look at more exhibits. This time, part of the group went ziplining! We went through ground training and learned everything about being safe on the zipline. Then the fun started! We went ziplining over a lake and through the forest. It was amazing. After ziplining, the whole group went to a special presentation. It was hosted by a gentleman named Tom Meyers. He recited Genesis 1-9, from memory! It was truly inspiring, hearing the word of God being poured out of someone like a song.

The next day was probably the most exciting day for me. The very next morning, the group set out to go to the Ark Encounter! We drove out and finally made it. We had to park our cars and make our way to the bus stop. We loaded onto the bus that would take us to the location. We were driving along, and then suddenly the bus stopped. It had stalled out in the middle of the road!! We were all very confused. Fortunately, another bus came and picked us up. Then, that bus took us to the Ark, thankfully, without any complications. When we made it there, the view was stunning. The Ark was absolutely enormous and was placed in front of a pretty lake. As you made your way to the Ark, there were exhibits of tall stone that depicted the world wide flood. As you went inside, you walked up a zig zagged ramp to get up. The inside was beautifully made. With wooden frames and dim lights, it wasn’t hard for you to imagine you were traveling with Noah and his family. There were cages with models of animals that Noah might have had on the Ark. The Ark had three floor levels, which was commanded of Noah in the Bible. There were also storage spaces for food and water, living quarters, and plenty of other exhibits proving that the fossil record was a result of a world wide flood. It was truly amazing, realizing how big the Ark really was.

Our group’s trip to Kentucky was awesome, and I am so glad I could share it with you. As you know, our VBS is coming up soon, so I can’t wait to write an article on our Vacation Bible School! Thanks in advance for all the people who volunteered to give their time and effort to helping minister to the little kiddos that come. VBS is going to be a blast this year!

See you next month!



Looking over his belongings now I found several pictures from Russia. When he would return from Russia, he always told us stories about the persecution and suffering of believers because of their faith in Christ. .

During the funeral ceremony his pastor Konstanty Jakoniuk shared about my dad and the enormous work he did, beyond comparison. It is hard to count how many pieces he shipped into Russia. In 1988-89 alone he registered seven thousand parcels he managed to pack and ship to Russia, all with Bibles and literature. He received nearly 7,000 thank you notes from grateful Russians. He was so proud of me when I was invited to Dal-



Underground church in Russia.



Dad in his hiding place - secret office- packing Bibles

las Theological Seminary to study in 1988. Every time we communicated, he would express his gratitude to those who invested in us, providing for our expenses in Dallas. Andrea Underwood, a Christian lady and close friend of DTS from Dallas invested her money into an unknown young man from a communist country in eastern Europe, not knowing him or this story. I believe God gave her spiritual sight to see far beyond temporary days. Every time I am in Dallas, I lay fresh flowers on her grave and thank God for her life. She passed away in 2014.

My dad lifted the “torch of faith” very high for me. The goodness of the Lord was poured out so abundantly through the life of my father. I am praying for God’s strength to follow in the footsteps of his faithfulness between now and the day when I see him again in Glory.

Jesus said: “ I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

In His Name,

Piotr Wiazowski



Jeremiah 23:5-6

“Behold, *the days are coming,*” declares the LORD, “When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land. “In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, ‘The LORD our righteousness.’”

news of His soon departure. You can imagine why. He had been with them for over three years and He had been personally mentoring them. Now suddenly, He started predicting His imminent departure.

Why was Jesus saying it is to your advantage that He leaves? Because when He leaves, the Paraclete will come and Christ, through the Holy Spirit, will be intimate with *all* His disciples whereas when Jesus was on the earth, He was only intimate with the twelve disciples. Even within that group of twelve there was a smaller group of three consisting of Peter, James, and John (Matt. 17:1). But now, Jesus explains that they were entering a new age when Jesus had already been crucified, risen from the dead, and ascended back to the Father's right hand. From that place of honor, He would give to His children the Holy Spirit which would be in every single child of God *forever*. In John 14:16 Jesus says, "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper that He may be with you *forever*" (italics added). What a dramatic shift! The old rule was that the Spirit could come and leave people (1 Sam. 16:14; Ps. 51:11). The new rule is that the Spirit would be forever with the child of God (John 14:16). Prior to all this I can only imagine what the disciples thought when Christ was speaking about His departure. I imagine their jaws probably dropped to the ground when He started informing them of this new and imminent reality.

Internal Rather than Mere External Involvement of the Holy Spirit

Third, the Spirit would indwell people rather than merely come upon them. John 14:16, "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper that He may be with you forever." As we have tried to explain, this new rule of permanent indwelling was certainly not how it worked in Old Testament times. Jesus goes on in John 14:17, "that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be *in you*" (italics added). Notice that Jesus says here of the Spirit, "you know Him." You should not get the impression that the Holy Spirit did not have a ministry in the Old Testament. The Holy Spirit was extremely active in the Old Testament, and as a matter of fact, the Holy Spirit is active as early as Genesis 1:2 where the Spirit is depicted as hovering on the waters: "The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters." You will also see glimpses of the Spirit's activity with the tabernacle workers and coming upon certain judges, prophets, priest, and kings to empower them to fulfill their God-ordained tasks.

What is new now is that the Spirit would be *in us* forever. Again, Jesus says, "you know Him because He abides with you." You see, they already knew about the Holy Spirit. Then Jesus adds this all-important detail, He "will be in you." That is a dramatic change in the rules. First Samuel 16:13 says, "Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily *upon* David from that day forward" (italics added). Although the Holy Spirit came *upon* people in the prior dispensation, in the present Church Age, He lives *inside* people as the believer's very body becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19). The Holy Spirit now operates completely different in this present Church Age as compared to Old Testament. This new internal relationship allows Christ to be intimate with every child of God. Prior to this event, as explained earlier, Christ could only really be intimate with three of His disciples. This is how Jesus calmed His panic-stricken disciples in the Upper Room by explaining to them that His imminent departure was advantageous to them (John 16:7).

Universal Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

Fourth, the Spirit today indwells every child of God. I do not think in Old Testament times every believer was indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Why do I say that? Joel 2:28 predicts a time would come when the Spirit would be poured out on *all* flesh. Joel 2:28 says, "It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions." I understand this to mean that the Holy Spirit will one day, from Joel's perspective, be poured out on every child of God and all of Israel will experience the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit was already in everyone who was a believer then this information from Joel would be no front-page news, would it? For this statement to have any gravity then this must mean that the Holy Spirit was not indwelling every

child of God in the Old Testament.

Compare this limited activity to the Holy Spirit's role in the Church Age today. Who does the Holy Spirit indwell? The Spirit indwells everyone that is a Christian. In other words, everyone who is a believer in Christ is already indwelt by the Holy Spirit. The only kind of Christian you can have is the Christian who is indwelt by the Holy Spirit forever. This is what Paul is getting at when he wrote to the Corinthians in First Corinthians 12:13, which says, "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit." That word "all" is huge here because Paul is revealing that what is happening in the Church Age with the Holy Spirit is different than what has happened in any other prior age.

Let us also keep in mind who Paul is talking to here. He is speaking to the Corinthians who are not necessarily known for their exemplary spiritual lives, are they? Even to that carnal crowd, who happened to be believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, even in their carnal state, they were "all baptized" by one Spirit and "into one body." This is a privilege happening today that the Old Testament saints could not even fathom nor dream about. If we are honest with ourselves, we have a tendency take the Holy Spirit for granted. We must understand that we are living in the age of the Holy Spirit and He is doing things today in the Age of the Church that He has never done before in all biblical history.

Hints of a Coming Transition

All this to say, as Church Age believers, we receive the Holy Spirit at the point of faith. The Holy Spirit is in us forever. The Holy Spirit today lives inside of us rather than merely coming upon some believers as He did in Old Testament times. Everyone that is a child of God is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. That is why you cannot define the pattern of the Holy Spirit's present activity from the Old Testament. You cannot even define the present work of the Holy Spirit's activity today through the Gospels. You must go to Acts 2 and onward to determine what the Holy Spirit is doing today. Although Jesus only hints of this change during His ministry, the actual change does not occur until Acts 2.

For example, in John 7:37-39 it says, "³⁷ Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, "From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water."'" Notice John's commentary on what Jesus just said in verse 39, "But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet glorified." When would He be glorified? In Acts chapter 1. Once He ascended to His position of glory which He had with the Father before the world was, His first order of business as high priest was to make good on these promises and to give to the new Church the Holy Spirit. But here, John 7:37-39 is indicating that this shift had not happened yet. Jesus was simply announcing something transitional that was just right around the corner. As we already read in John 14:16, the Spirit will be in you and with you forever! That would not be a very big announcement, would it, if this indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit was already happening?

Additionally, recall what Jesus said in Acts 1:5, the context of which is post-cross, post-resurrection and includes the imminent Ascension, all in the same chapter. Before Jesus ascends, He says, "for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Jesus is predicting the Day of Pentecost where this shift would occur beginning in Acts 2.

Summation

What is the bottom line? We cannot define what the Spirit is doing today based on a reading of the Old Testament or even based on a reading of the Gospels. The very best the Gospels are going to give you is hints of a coming change, but the actual change does not begin until Acts 2. This is important to understand because we are talking in this series about the distinctions between Israel and the Church. Israel's relationship with the Holy Spirit was completely and totally different than our relationship with the Holy Spirit today. I

hope that this teaching makes you feel blessed and privileged because that is what you are, blessed and privileged! We are blessed and privileged because of the time period we are living in today as compared to biblical history prior to Acts 2. The four distinctions between the Spirit's activity in the prior age compared to the present Church Age discussed in this article are captured in the following chart.

<u>Work of the Spirit in the OT vs. Church Age</u>		
	<u>OT/Gospels</u>	<u>Today</u>
When is the reception of the Spirit?	Subsequent to salvation: Exodus 31:3	At moment of salvation: Romans 8:9
How long is the indwelling?	Temporary indwelling: 1 Sam 16:14 Ps. 51:11	Permanent indwelling: John 14:16
Does the Spirit come upon or within?	Upon/external: 1 Sam 16:13	Within/internal: John 14:17
Who is indwelt?	Selective indwelling: Joel 2:28	Universal indwelling: 1 Cor. 12:13

What have we seen thus far in our series? Israel is different than the Church in the sense that Israel is the wife of Jehovah and the Church is the bride of Christ. Furthermore, Israel birthed Christ whereas Christ birthed the Church. In addition, Christ will return for the Church in the Rapture while Christ will return for Israel at the end of the Tribulation period. Moreover, while Jesus is the King of Israel, He is the groom and head of the Church. While eighty percent of the Bible relates to Israel, a mere twenty percent of it relates to the Church. Also, while Israel was a party to the Biblical covenants, the Church is a mere third-party beneficiary to them. In addition, while Israel began in Genesis 12, the Church began in Acts 2. Furthermore, while Israel is a political nation, the Church is a spiritual organism. Also, while Israel fought physical battles, the Church fights spiritual battles. Moreover, although Israel is characterized by time texts and calendars, the Church has no similar characteristic. In addition, while Israel had a priesthood, the Church is a priesthood. Furthermore, although Israel had a physical structure called the temple, today the temple of God consists of not only the believer's individual body but also the corporate gathering of God's people. In addition, not only will Israel and the Church be resurrected at different times, but they will also be judged at different times and places as well. Moreover, Israel and the Church are different in the sense that both will comprise different features of the New Jerusalem, and initial membership is granted on a different basis. Membership to Israel is granted based on physical ethnicity while membership to the universal Church takes place only through regeneration or the new birth that is the result of salvation through faith alone in Christ alone. Furthermore, Israel and the Church are different in the sense that each is governed by a different source of Scriptural authority. While Israel receives her primary cues from the Mosaic Law, New Testament revelation in general and the epistolary material are directly binding upon the Church. Finally, Israel and the Church enjoy different relationships with the same Holy Spirit. These major distinctions constitute the first *eighteen* of the *twenty-four* differences between Israel and the Church that will be highlighted in this series.

(To Be Continued...)