

*Can Christ be in accord with Belial? Can light have fellowship with darkness? What has a believer in common with an unbeliever? May God's temple be in harmony with idols? We are the temple of the living God, who has said: "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (quotation from Lev 26:12; also similar to Exo 29:45; Lev 26:12; Jer 31:1; 32:38; Eze 37:27). Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." (2Cor. 6:15-18)*

- I. The Ultimate Goal of the Salvation in Christ is to be central to The New Covenant life.
  - a. God will be God
  - b. We will be the people of God
  - c. **Jeremiah 24:7** *I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD; and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.* (Jer. 24:7 RSV)
- II. This goal is eternal (not just everlasting) - The Covenant of God is one - but two in time.
  - a. Originated in/of/by God.
  - b. God himself the savior.
    - i. **Rev. 13:8** *All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of creation.*
    - ii. **NET Notes (Rev 13:8)** <sup>26</sup> **tn** *Grk* "it"; the referent (the beast) has been specified in the translation for clarity. The prepositional phrase "since the foundation of the world" is traditionally translated as a modifier of the immediately preceding phrase in the Greek text, "the Lamb who was killed" (so also G. B. Caird, *Revelation* [HNTC], 168), but it is more likely that the phrase "since the foundation of the world" modifies the verb "written" (as translated above). Confirmation of this can be found in Rev 17:8 where the phrase "written in the book of life since the foundation of the world" occurs with no ambiguity. <sup>28</sup> **tn** Or "slaughtered"; traditionally, "slain."
- III. This is the one God who reveals his Godself in Jesus - God is his Word - The Word is God - become flesh.

As a first century believer wrote: **Hebrews 1**

- a. *Formerly, in differing dimensions and diverse days, God spoke to our ancestors in the prophets, but has in this final age spoken to us in a Son; whom he ordained the heir of all creation. This is the One through whom was established the ages. He is God's own glory shining out - the exact expression of the divine being.*
- b. The first phrase expresses all of the history of revelation.
- c. All is summed up in "The Son."
- d. All time - truth - life - and the ethics of holiness - are in his being.
- IV. **I will be their God, and they shall be my people!**
  - a. The people of God
  - b. No temple there - *I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.* (Rev 21:22)
- V. The Sons Of Light.

Christ taught us that "The Knowledge of God" was the key to ageless life: *This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent.* (John 17:3)

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