

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## HOW CAN I KNOW THAT GOD HAS FORGIVEN ME?

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### PART 3: THE COURTHOUSE IN HEAVEN

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- ❑ The Devil and his fallen angels have been driven out from the heavens and are confined to the earth. However, in the book of Job, we are told that Satan regularly comes before God to challenge Him over people here on earth. **Job 1:6-12**
- ❑ In the Book of Daniel, we get a glimpse of a command structure with a court system that exists with God's Holy Angels who are in charge of political offices on the earth. **Daniel 4:13-17**
- ❑ Jesus said that Satan desired or requested to sift Peter. **Luke 22:31-32**
- ❑ The New Testament tells us that of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost that make up the Godhead, Jesus is the Creator. **John 1:1-4; Colossians 1:12-19; Hebrews 1:1-3**
- ❑ The Apostle Paul tells us that Jesus is currently reigning. **1 Corinthians 15:22-28**
- ❑ The conclusion I am therefore drawing is that Jesus is the one Satan confronted as described in the book of Job, and that there must be a "courthouse" in the second heaven which Satan has access to, which is the same place where he was tried and sentenced to the Lake of Fire. **As a result, each believer in Christ is discussed at this courthouse with the Devil having the right to demand they be sifted just like a witness in a human court can be cross examined by a hostile lawyer.**
- ❑ Learning from the book of Job, nothing is sacred to the Devil; he will demand that maximum pressure be brought to bear on each Christian in order to break them and bring dishonor upon God. Satan will use a loved one (i.e. husband, wife, child, close friend) to attack a Christian with ugly profanity in order to get them into a rage and destroy their witness.
- ❑ Looking at the life of the Apostle Paul, it is obvious that the Devil was after him like an attack dog. Here is Paul's own description of the terrible abuse he endured. **2 Corinthians 11:22-30**
- ❑ In the following verses, Paul tells us that he was buffeted by a messenger of Satan (a spiritual demonic entity). **2 Corinthians 12:6-9**
- ❑ The Devil was not able to break Paul; instead, the more he suffered, the more he kept praising God and doing His works. **verses 10-13**



## **SUMMARY**

- ❑ Angels are created beings that are eternal. They were created with a free will but there was no redemption they sinned.
- ❑ Humans are created beings with a soul that is eternal and can never die. Man was created with a free will and the possibility to be redeemed if he would turn from his sins and repent. **Isaiah 55:6-11**
- ❑ Satan cannot steal your salvation but he can destroy your testimony and steal your eternal rewards in heaven and reduce you to a pauper who is stripped of all glory. **Romans 8:31-39; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

**ARE YOU WISE ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND THESE TRUTHS OR ARE YOU BEING OUTSMARTED BY THE DEVIL?**

**DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?**