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WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?
PART 3
THE HOLY SPIRIT
ANGELS, SATAN, AND THE
DEMONS

2 PETER 1:1

2 Peter 1:1b, “To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:”

λαγχάνω

***langchano* aor act
part masc plur dat
to receive by
appointment or by
lot; cast lots**

ἰσότιμος *isotomos*

fem sing acc

**equally precious; of
equal value**

πίστις *pistis* fem sing

**acc faith, belief, trust;
value; what is believed**

Jude 3, “Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”

πίστις *pístis*;

with article: here it refers to a specific body of doctrine; the content of what a person believes

Acts 20:28, “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Acts 20:29, “For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

Acts 20:30, “Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

Acts 20:31, “Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.”

2 Pet. 2:1, “But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.”

What is the “body of what we believe?”

1. Foundation must be God. The foundation of every faith rests on some authority.

Ex. 20:11, “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”

The God of the New Testament is based on the revelation of the God of the Old Testament.

- 1. The Creator God**
- 2. The Holy God**
- 3. The Redeeming God**
- 4. The Forgiving God**

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- 2. The Authority of Scripture. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:20, 21**

2 Pet. 1:20, [because we] “know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

2 Pet. 1:21, “for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

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3. Christianity is grounded on a specific declaration of redemption.

Rom. 3:23, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Rom. 3:24, “being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus”

1 Pet. 1:18, “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

1 Pet. 1:19, “but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

2 Cor. 5:21, “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

John 20:31, “but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

John 3:18, “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

John 3:36, “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

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4. Who is the Holy Spirit?

5. The invisible realm: Angels, Satan, Demons

6. How we should interpret the Bible

7. God's plan for the ages

8. God's plan for the future

1. The Holy Spirit is a distinct Person, not some impersonal force or simply another term for God.

Matt. 28:19, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” [also 2 Cor. 13:14]

The Holy Spirit has Intelligence

1 Cor. 2:10, “But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

1 Cor. 2:11, “For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.”

Rom. 8:27, “Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

**1 Cor. 2:13, “These things we also speak,
not in words which man’s wisdom teaches
but which the Holy Spirit teaches,
comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”**

The Holy Spirit has Will

1 Cor. 12:11, “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

Rom. 8:14, “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

2. The Holy Spirit was involved in the creation of the world, Gen. 1:2

He caused the virgin conception and birth, Luke 1:35

He revealed the Scriptures, 2 Pet. 1:21

He raised Jesus from the dead, Rom. 8:11

3. The Holy Spirit is involved in a number of other ministries for each believer.

- **He guides into truth by guiding, speaking, hearing, telling, John 16:13**
- **He convicts of sin, John 16:8**
- **He performs miracles, Acts 8:39**
- **He intercedes, Rom. 8:26**

4. But in this Church Age the Holy Spirit is vital for the life of the believer. There are four important ministries. There are others, but these focus on believers.

**1. We are baptized *by means of* the Spirit.
Rom. 6:3–6; Gal. 3:27–28; 1 Cor. 12:13;
Col. 2:10–12**

Matt. 3:11, “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with [*en*] the Holy Spirit and fire.”

2. In this Church Age, God the Holy Spirit dwells in believers, Rom. 8:11

Rom. 8:11, “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

1 Cor. 3:16, “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

3. We are to walk by the Spirit, Gal. 5:16, or according to the Spirit, Rom. 8:4.

Gal. 5:16, “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

Rom. 8:4, “that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

Rom. 8:5, “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.”

4. We are to be filled by means of the Spirit, Eph. 5:18, with God's Word, Col. 3:16.

Eph. 5:18, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled by means of [en] the Spirit,

Eph. 5:19, “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,”

Col. 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

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1. Only the Bible gives us accurate information about angels, demons, and Satan.

The Old Testament speaks about angels over 100 times, while the New Testament mentions them about 165 times.

2. Angels are an order of supernatural, sentient beings, created by God before the creation of the world. Job 38:4–7; Psa. 148:5

**Psa. 148:5, “Let them [angels in vs. 2] praise the name of the LORD,
For He commanded and they were created.”**

**3. The Hebrew and Greek words for
“angel” mean “messenger.”**

4. There are several types of angels. I will mention four here.

1. Cherub: Four wings (Gen. 3:24; Ezekiel 1:5–24; Ezekiel 10:1–15; Heb. 9:5)

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2. Seraphim, *Seraph* in Hebrew means burning ones and speaks of the consuming devotion to God. Only in Isa. 6:1–7.

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3. Living creatures, Rev. 4:6–9

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- 4. Archangel, there is only one:
Michael, Jude 9 designates him, “the archangel.”**

**5. “Angel of the LORD” or “Angel of God”
is a reference to the pre-incarnate
Second Person of the Trinity.
Gen. 16:10–11; Judges 6:11–21; Zech.
1:12**

6. *Helel ben Shafer, “Lucifer,”* was the highest of the angels who sinned through arrogance.

Isa. 14:12–14; Ezekiel 28:11–19

7. There are two major classifications of angels.

Elect or holy angels

1 Tim. 5:21, “I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His Choice angels, to maintain these principles without bias, doing nothing in a spirit of partiality.”

Mark 8:38, “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

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Fallen angels

Some are active, 1 Tim. 4:1; others are imprisoned, 2 Peter 2:4

All fallen angels have been sentenced to the Lake of Fire, Matt. 25:41

2 Cor. 11:13, “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

2 Cor. 11:14, “And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

2 Cor. 11:15, “Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”

2 Pet. 2:4, “For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;”