

Amalgamation of the Body of Christ: Election, Procreation, Selection, the Call, & Salvation; The Rapture Occurs when the Body is Complete; Conclusions

II. The Amalgamation of the Body of Christ:

- 1. The word "amalgamate" means "to merge into a single body." The Church Age is the dispensation in which the Body of Christ is formed and it is therefore a part of the mystery doctrines.
- 2. This body is made up of believers who have died and are now in an interim body in heaven face-to-face with the Lord.
- 3. It is made up of believers who are presently alive on the earth and who are not yet dead. If the rapture does not occur immediately but remains imminent, then when these die they will join those who have gone before in heaven.
- 4. Should the rapture remain imminent, then those yet unborn will join the body of Christ through election in the future.
- 5. Consequently, the body of Christ is amalgamated from candidates who became members of the human race through procreation by their parents and selection by God at physical birth.
- 6. They remained candidates until they were called, the invitation to eternal life expressed by the communication of the gospel, at which point they believed in Christ through faith alone.
- 7. Although they were identified as the elect in eternity past, their salvation was not a reality until they believed in Christ in time.
- 8. Although the elect were foreknown and a predetermined plan was designed for them, they did not become a part of the body of Christ until they believed in Christ.
- 9. Whenever a person believes in Christ, the Holy Spirit baptizes him into the Body of Christ.
- 10. In eternity past, God knew each and every person who would believe in Christ and would become a member of His body on earth.
- 11. Therefore we may conclude the following:
 - 1) Since God knew all who would believe in eternity past, then he knew the exact number of believers who would amalgamate into the body of Christ.
 - 2) When the last person on that list believes in Christ, then the body of Christ will become complete.
 - 3) When this occurs then the rapture of the church will take place *immediately*.

III. Conclusions:

- 1. In human history, the sovereignty of God and the free will of man must coexist by divine decree.
- 2. Therefore, human volition operates as a free agent during the appeal trial of Lucifer.



- 3. The sovereignty of God has established His directive will for the human race. The laws of divine establishment including the divine institutions represent his will for the entire human race while doctrinal mandates constitute His will for believers.
- Since this is the devil's world. God allows human volition to deviate from his 4. established standards to a certain degree by means of his permissive will.
- But so that order might be maintained in the courtroom, the Lord has 5. established rules of engagement for the Invisible War.
- By means of His overruling will He will punish those whose collective deviations 6. threaten the survival of the human race.
- 7. This is what happened to the pentapolis in the Valley of Siddim. An earthquake and lightning combined to ignite a mixture of flammable oils, minerals, and gasses that showered down divine judgment on the area as it sunk into the miry fissure to become the southern extremity of the Dead Sea.
- 8. Lucifer's strategy prior to the Incarnation was to sever the line of Messiah as its bloodline was revealed through prophecy.
- 9. First he assaulted the line of Adam, then, in succession those of Seth, Shem, Abraham, Israel, Judah, David, and the kings of his dynasty.
- 10. During the Incarnation, Lucifer sought to kill Christ before He could get to the cross.
- Now that the resurrection has occurred the Church Age becomes the intensified 11. stage of the angelic conflict.
- 12. Every person who is born becomes a potential member of the Body of Christ. Thus each birth adds to the developing drama of when the body of Christ, the Universal Church, will be completed.
- 13. Therefore, strategies have been developed by the Dark Side to remove procreation from the framework of the divine institution of marriage.
- 14. Sexual deviations always lead to lower birthrates. This occurs as a result of rampant diseases associated with the behavior, such as syphilis, gonorrhea, and cervical cancer.
- 15. Deviations away from the biblical standard rip and tear at the fabric of the divine institutions. Never-to-be-developed homes or broken homes lead to poverty and a demand for social services to help the helpless.
- 16. This results in a high demand for tax dollars to finance the bureaucracy that supports fatherless children thus robbing those in traditional marriages of the ability to afford larger families.
- 17. Children reared in the chaos of broken homes often grow up to create broken homes themselves. They do not have the example of fathers who love their mothers as Christ loved the church not mothers who respect and submit to the leadership of their fathers.
- 18. Finally, one of the most efficient ways of preventing selection is to prevent procreation. Thus, Lucifer campaigns for the acceptance and tolerance of homosexual relationships.