**Principle:** The free will of mankind and the sovereignty of God must coexist in human history in order to resolve the Angelic Conflict.

The power of Jesus Christ to resolve the Angelic Conflict requires coordination with the human soul. This coordination requires a system for the two to converse which is accomplished by the instillation of a human spirit at the moment of salvation.

The Holy Spirit teaches the soul of a believer the "mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16). He is to take that information and represent Him in the combat of the Angelic Conflict.

The advance to spiritual maturity promotes the believer to the first rank in the Lord's phalanx which we illustrate by the word  $\pi po\mu \alpha \chi o \varsigma$  (*promáchos*): front ranker.

In the same sense, Paul uses another Greek word to describe a believer's advance to spiritual maturity:

**Ephesians 4:11** - And Christ gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors-teachers,

**v. 12** - for the purposes of equipping the <u>saints</u> [**believers**] for spiritual combat and constructing the body of Christ;

**v. 13** - until we all have attained the goal of spiritual maturity because of the consistency of <u>epígnōsis</u> [ἐπίγνωσις] knowledge of the Son of God, a mature man, to the standard of spiritual maturity which belongs to the <u>plērōma</u> [πλήρωμα] status of Christ. (EXT)

*Plérōma* is the word for completeness or reaching the intended goal. In Ephesians 4:13, it refers to the achievement of spiritual maturity or attainment of problem-solving device number 10. In military terms, it is taking the high ground. It is in this status that the believer fulfills the Christian way of life by functioning consistently on recall of Bible doctrine.

- 6. The Preservation of Israel. Jesus Christ issued four unconditional covenants to Israel: (1) Abrahamic: defines the Jewish race as the citizens of the first and last client nations in history and indicates the bloodline of Messiah (Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-16; 15:18-21; 26:3-4), (2) Palestinian: This is the real estate covenant which promises the Jews a land grant for the client nation, fulfilled only partially in the dispensation of Israel, but fully implemented in the millennial kingdom (Genesis 13:14–15; 15:18), (3) Davidic: Narrows the messianic line from the Tribe of Judah to the House of David and ultimately to Jesus. (2 Samuel 7:8–17; Psalm 89:20–37), and (4) New: Whereas the conditional covenant given to Moses in the Law, the New covenant is permanent and will be implemented in the Millennium. It is fulfilled in two stages: (1) The Incarnation of Christ providing salvation to all mankind including the Jew. Only believers will enter the millennial kingdom and (2) during the Millennium when the covenant will be permanently known by every Jew.
- 7. Holding the Universe Together: The arena for the resolution of the Angelic Conflict is the universe, defined as follows: "The whole body of things and phenomena observed as a systematic whole held to arise by and persist through the direct intervention of divine power. The entire celestial cosmos." (*Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, s.v. "universe.")

All of the mathematical laws pertaining to the preservation of the universe and its continued function are provided by the omnipotence of Christ. In fact, Jesus is the living embodiment of these laws which He sustains until He deems otherwise.

**Colossians 1:16** - By means of Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on the earth, visible and invisible, whether <u>thrones or dominions</u> [laws of divine establishment] or <u>rulers or authorities</u> [demonic powers] all things through Him and for His purpose stand created. (EXT)

**Colossians 1:17** - He is <u>before all things</u> [ with eternal life He precedes the creation of the universe], and by means of Him all things are preserved. (EXT)

**Hebrews 1:3** - <u>He</u> [Christ] is the shining forth of the <u>glory</u> [divine essence] and the exact representation of his character, and He constantly sustains <u>all things</u> [the universe] by the verbal command of His innate power. (EXT)

Hebrews 1:10 - You, Lord, pertaining to the <u>beginnings</u> [plural noun ἀρχή (*archḗ*): creation of heaven and earth, angels, & man], the earth you have founded and the heavens are the works of Your hands. (EXT)

**Psalm 102:25** - "Of old You founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands." (NASB)