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All Things Subjected to Us in Christ

## "Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life?" (1 Corinthians 6:3)

God has declared "the end from the beginning" (Isaiah 46:10a), and in His wisdom, He has determined that lowly man will rule the coming world, not angels. But man cannot partake in the coming world in his current sinful, rebellious state. There has to be a change. God made this possible by "sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin" (Romans 8:3) - our sin. Jesus "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14), so that man could be reconciled to God's purpose and saved from the consequences of his rebellion. Jesus paves the ONLY WAY for mankind to inherit the world to come through HIS inheritance of it and our union with Him as His Bride, the Church.

"God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels did He ever say, 'You are My Son, today I have begotand He shall be a Son to Me?' And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, 'And let all the angels of God worship Him'" (Hebrews 1:1-6).

"For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are

speaking. But one has testified somewhere, saving, 'What is man, that You remember him? Or the Son of Man that You are concerned about Him? You have made him for a little while lower than the angels; You have crowned him over the works of Your hands; You have put all things in subjection under his feet.' For in subjecting all things to him [man], He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not vet see all things subjected to him" (Heb. 2:5-8). Indeed, till this day "the whole world lies in the power of the evil one" (1 John 5:19b) - God has allowed the present world and mankind to be subjected to those powers (and their servants) who prey on our rebellion against God—our sin.

But this has changed through Jesus Christ, "the firstborn among many brethren" (Rom. 8:29b), for now "we DO see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him...in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, 'I will proclaim Your name to My brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will sing You praise.' And again, 'Behold, I and the children whom God has given Me.' Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had ten you'? And again, 'I will be a Father to Him the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives" (Heb. 2:9-15).

> In becoming man, Jesus made it possible for sinful man to inherit God's promise through Him, if we accept His redemption from sin, and His protection and lordship! Amen!

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