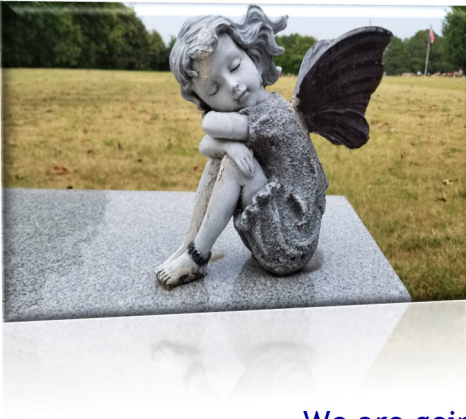




Do People Turn Into Angels When They Die?

Psalm 8:5: (KJV) *For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.*



It is funny how certain fanciful images make their way into the human mind and become a part of our belief foundation. Case in point: someone dies, and the next thing we know, we visualize them standing before those massive and ornate “pearly gates” of heaven. Once issued their wings and harp, we see them as having “made it” into eternal bliss. Or how about the common and comforting idea that someone who has passed is now an angel looking down on us and protecting us? Do human beings REALLY turn into angels when they die? No, they do not. What about angels, can they ever turn into people? Are these ideas based on the Bible, or do the Scriptures tell us something else?

We are going to review a very important fundamental concept in the Bible. Understanding this as a foundational truth personally helps clarify many misconceptions and assumptions people make about life after death and about God, Jesus and angels in general. The overall concept is there is a clear distinction of natures - of what constitutes human nature, what constitutes angelic nature and what constitutes divine nature. God’s various creations are on separate and distinct levels or planes of being. No entity occupies more than one plane at a time, and with very few exceptions for specific reasons, beings do not change the initial nature they had when they were created.

Let’s start with the basics. **The principle theme of the Bible is the plan of God for the recovery of the human race from sin and death.**

We are often asked about the overall plan of God - why we have suffering and when will it all end. The entire story of the Bible can be summed up in four words: paradise lost; paradise restored. The details in the middle are what the Bible outlines.

The whole plan of God as revealed in the Bible relates to the fall of man into sin and death, and His salvation therefrom.

It is all about restitution.

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Restitution: noun

the restoration of something lost or stolen to its proper owner.

What is going to be restored, and to whom? For mankind, three main things were lost, and three main things are promised to be restored:

1. Mankind had a direct relationship with God.
2. Mankind had a perfect environment - a great place to live that sustained life.
3. Mankind had the right to life -a conditional opportunity for eternal life.



What God made:

Genesis 1:31: (NASB) *God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

After the sixth day, God said it was all *very good*. God was looking at the overall process He finished. In His mind, *very good*, means perfect. For man, there were no flaws or no pain. The environment had clean and pure air, water and food.

We cannot even imagine perfection. Consider what it would be like to live in a world where we are all able to see and hear perfectly, with no mental illness and the ability to function without any disease. It would be wonderful to experience perfect weather conditions all the time. Even our reasoning abilities have degenerated so much that we have largely lost the understanding of right and wrong. We cannot conceive what perfection is like.

All of this is what was lost when sin entered:

Genesis 3:17-19: (NASB) *¹⁷Then to Adam He said, Because you have eaten...from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat from it; cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the field; ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

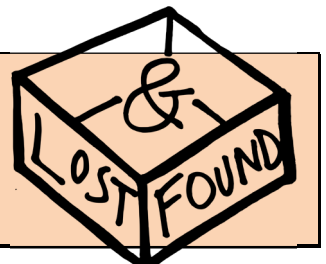
The consequence of sin included banishment from Eden:

Genesis 3:22-23: (NASB) *²²Then the LORD God said, Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever ²³therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.*

Genesis 3:22 is an important foundational text. It specifically tells us that had Adam not sinned and been allowed to stay in the Garden where he was able to eat from the tree of life for sustenance, he would never have died - *take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever*. Humans were designed with the ability to live forever. Adam had a direct relationship with God, a perfect environment and the right to life. Due to Adam's sin, he needed to be removed from that life sustenance.

What was lost?

- God's original design and environment for humanity
- Harmony and Adam's relationship with God
- The right to life and the tree of life
- Equality of genders
- The direct heavenly sovereignty over earth



Did God have to quickly come up with a new plan after what Satan did?
No. God understood what would happen, even from the very beginning.

God's plan provided a way to RESTORE ALL that was lost:

Acts 3:20-21: (NASB) *²⁰and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, ²¹whom heaven must receive (retain) until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.*



Please see the Bonus Material for a list of the prophets who spoke of the period of restoration.

Observation of Angels and Men:



At the most basic level of uncovering God's plan, we do not see any provision for humanity to become angels – God is showing us **humans are simply human.**

It is hard for us to fathom the magnitude of the perfect human environment that was created and lost.

If God's plan is to restore and man was never given heaven, why do we say the faithful go there?

As we soon shall see, the call to heaven to follow Jesus DOES fit in as a provision of grace. To get there, we first need to clearly establish that God's creation was put in place with specific dividing lines between different planes of existence. Let's see what these are and how they are distinct.

Assumption: God placed distinct and defining levels of existence within His creation.

Observe the order of creation:

Creative Day three: The earth - the dry land - is where we find the mineral creation:

Genesis 1:9-10: (NASB) ⁹Then God said, Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear and it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land earth and the gathering of the waters He called seas and God saw that it was good.

Gold, silver, copper and iron might all be refined and valuable, but of these, gold has the most value. The mineral world has its own hierarchy.

Earth Conclusion: Within the basic elements of the earth, there is variety and a spectrum of value. Even though something is created in a perfect way, it does not mean everything is equal.

Creative Day three continues:

Genesis 1:11: (NASB) Then God said, Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them; and it was so.

The list is vegetation grass, plants and trees. Again, plant life is another varied level of existence.





Plant Life Conclusion: Within the spectrum of plant life there is also varied complexity, use and value. Even a mineral like gold is not as valuable as something that is living.

A cell has immense complexity. Only recently have scientists begun to understand DNA and how it works. Within cellular structures, there are levels of existence.

Creative Day five: On to fish and fowl - notice fish are first:

Genesis 1:20-22: (NASB) ²⁰Then God said, Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens... ²¹and God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.

Fish and Fowl Conclusion: These further levels of existence are extraordinarily more complex than minerals and plants, yet they are still on the more basic side of the overall earthly creation.

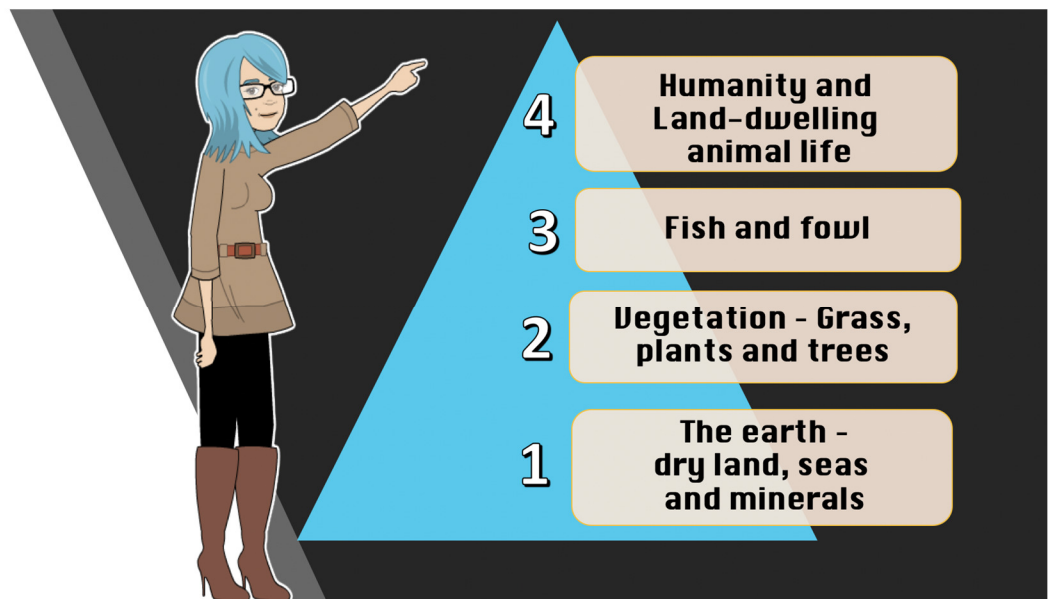


Creative Day six: Land-dwelling animal life and finally humanity:

Genesis 1:24-26: (NASB) ²⁴Then God said, Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind; and it was so. ²⁵and God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

Animal and Human Conclusion: These are the highest levels of existence in all of the earth. The dramatic difference between them is the earth bringing forth animals versus God creating humanity.

Many in science say we evolved from lower forms and we challenge that from a scientific perspective. For more on this topic, please search our archives for **Episode 830: Is God Really the Creator?** and **Episode 1062: Does Science Prove Intelligent Design?**





While we can grasp perfection on any level of existence, we realize *perfecting a nature does not change a nature*. Natures are separate. Minerals do not change into plants. Plants do not change into fish. We see the plan of nature. A creature can be perfect, yet on a lower plane of being than another. Therefore, a perfect horse would be lower than a perfect man. A fish is a lesser species than a horse. If living species were brought to perfection, there would still be variety.

Man is lower than the angels (see theme text). Jesus was made to be HIGHER than the angels:

Hebrews 1:3-4: (NASB) ³When he had made purification of sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much better than the angels, as he has inherited a more excellent name than they.

We see God's specific design. In the creative days, He shows us the levels of existence and the hierarchy in His creation.

Observation of Angels and Men:



The design of creation shows us the human level of existence is not at all attached to the spiritual level of existence, rather, **they are separate and distinct.**

In the creative process there is no mention of angels.

It seems like God's creative process for our world stair-stepped from the bottom up, and the highest plateau is us.

With mankind at the top of the earthy ladder, let's talk a bit about angels. Are they perfect like God?

Our conversation about angels will admittedly be conducted in a dimly lit environment of uncertainty. We do know there are levels of existence in the spirit realm. Because we do not know how the creative process actually occurred on this level, we will look at it from the top down.

The spirit world has different levels, too. Divinity is the highest level and is the nature of God and Jesus. There is an archangel, morning stars, seraphim, cherubim, guardian angels, dominions, principalities and powers, angels/messengers and demons, who are angels who disobeyed God. **For more on angels, please see Episode 1043: How Do Angels Help Us in Daily Life?**

Demons are in league with Satan and oppose us:

Ephesians 6:12: (KJV) *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*



Spirit beings were created:

Colossians 1:16: (NASB) *For by him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through him and for him.*

“What are spirit beings like?” They are frequently present, yet invisible to humans. They are powerful which can be scary. They can assume human bodies and appear as men. They are glorious in their normal condition.

Spirit beings can also be dark:

2 Peter 2:4: (NASB) *For if God did not spare angels when they sinned but cast them into hell (tartaroo) and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment.*

The Greek word *tartaroo* is translated as the word *hell*, which can confuse the verse. It means because of their sin, they were restricted and restrained by some type of barrier from heaven where God and His faithful angelic hosts reside. (Also see Jude 6.) They could no longer do what they were able to do but they still have power and influence.

Their sin was leaving their dominion, taking on human form and illicitly commingled with humanity:

Jude 1:6: (NASB) *And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal (everlasting) bonds under darkness (without God’s light) for the judgment of the great day.*

All “angels” did begin as perfect - some sinned and fell from that perfection... sound familiar?

Before the Flood, they attempted to mix natures, creating an unauthorized race that did not belong. God destroyed them because the mixture of spirit nature and human nature is not part of God’s plan. These “fallen angels” will be judged.

Spirit beings are mortal (they can die) in that they require an outside source for life - we are not told what that is. Maybe a hint? The manna from Israel’s wilderness wanderings is referred to as “angel food.”

Psalms 78:25: (NASB) *Man did eat the bread of angels (we believe this is the bread supplied by angels); He sent them food in abundance.*

All of the spirit realm, except for one class which we will soon discuss, need sustenance. This is the difference between divine nature and spirit nature.

Mortality: A condition in which death is a possibility but is not inevitable. A mortal being may live forever (eternally), or a mortal being may die. They are dependent on an outside source to sustain life.

Dictionary.com:

Mortality:

The state of being subject to death.

Angels are mortal. If they continue doing God’s will, they can live forever.



Immortality: A condition in which death is an impossibility.

Dictionary.com:

Immortality:

The ability to live forever, deathless.

Whatever is required for life, it is self-perpetuated in an immortal being - not dependent on any outside source for life. "Life within himself" - independent of circumstances.

Immortality is above the possibility of death. It is a self-perpetuating life.

Mortals CAN live eternally. God's design for humanity was to do so here on earth.

The point of these definitions is to refute another commonly held misconception that man must always die, and that perfection and everlasting life are only attainable in heaven. The truth is, perfect man *will* live forever, if obedient to God's law, on a perfect earth, in the kingdom.

Adam's trial was to see whether he was worthy or unworthy of a continuance of the life and the blessings already possessed. Nowhere was he offered or promised immortality. If Adam was already immortal, the punishment in Genesis 2:17, *Thou shalt surely die* would have been a lie! We know he was mortal because he required the tree of life in order to sustain his life.

Angels and Man:

Hebrews 2:6-7: (KJV) *'But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? 'Thou madest him (specifically being applied to Jesus) a little lower than the angels...*

Man was created lower than the angels. Spirit beings are mortal and exist below God's divinity and above man's earthly mortality.





Observation of Angels and Men:

Human and spiritual natures are separate and distinct.

The blending of two natures is not part of God's design and would be an imperfection.

The change from one nature to another is not the rule, but the exception.

Angels were created perfect, mortal and spiritual. They are on a higher plane than humans but can still fall into sin.

**We have already said God is above all with Jesus at His side.
What do we know about their divinity?**

The Bible tells us the nature of God is above and beyond reproach and has always been a constant within, and outside of, our universe. He is beyond time, outside of our universe and a force of unlimited power and unlimited wisdom. He is the originating source of all creation and all life.

When we focus on the differences between men and angels, we need to understand the source of all life:

Psalms 90:1-2: (NASB) *¹Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. ²Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.*

Isaiah 57:15: (NASB) *For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, I dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.*

God unequivocally stands above all else. He is untouchable in His being and unchangeable in His plan. Even though it looks like His plan got derailed when Adam sinned, we know from the Bible He had that factored in.

For an informative 2-minute animated CQ Kids video called, "Who Made God?" go to ChristianQuestions.com, click on the VIDEO tab on the top left gray bar.

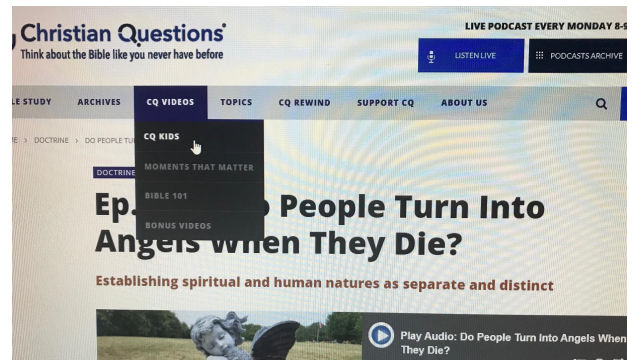
Jesus' original nature: Jesus was the Logos (the Word) in his pre-human existence:

John 1:14: (NASB) *And the Word (Logos in Greek) became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

He had a level of glory and in a very unique position as *the only begotten from the Father.*



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John 17:5: (NASB) *Now, Father, glorify me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.*

Jesus understood and remembered where he came from while he was human on earth. There is a difference between spirit and human nature - spirit nature is closer to God's nature.

Jesus actually underwent a change of nature from spiritual to human. This was different from angels, who appeared as men to deliver messages but were never actually human. Jesus was born and lived as a man.

This unique change of nature was special in that it had never happened before:

Philippians 2:5-8: (NASB) *⁵Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, although he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.*

Emptied himself - he did not take his original nature with him; he left it behind to accept human nature. Why? To be the exact price necessary to bring salvation. The original message of Scripture was paradise lost; paradise restored. How do we bridge the gap between the two? By fulfilling justice.

⁸Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

The word *appearance* here means, "the manner of life." He was a human being. He changed natures.

1 Timothy 2:5-6: (NASB) *⁵For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a **ransom** **<487>** for all, the testimony given at the proper time.*

Ransom: Strongs #487, *antilutron*, a redemption price

This is only used once in the Bible. It is derived from two Greek words:

anti: Strongs #473, instead of or because of; used to denote substitution or correspondence

lutron: Strong's #3083, a redemption price,

ransom - *antilutron* means a "corresponding price."

Adam sinned. Jesus gave his life in exchange for the death sentence Adam and his progeny received.

RANSOM

Let's say a man is captured in war and held by the enemy, who demands a certain sum for his release. The sum represents the value of the man - his value, or ransom. When Adam disobeyed God and was condemned to death, a perfect man's life was forfeited. To redeem Adam's life, and thus release him from death, another perfect man's unforfeited life must be given up as an offset, in place of the forfeited life. This is the "ransom price" for Adam. God arranged for that price to be paid by another perfect man, Jesus. Jesus, who did not deserve to die because he did not sin, sacrificed his perfect



human life in the place of Adam, who did deserve to die because he DID sin. God accepted Jesus' sacrifice as the ransom price for Adam, which means Adam and all his race who inherited death through him were redeemed and will live again.

Prophecy fulfilled!

Hosea 13:14: (KJV) *I will ransom them from the power of the grave. I will redeem them from death.*

Matthew 18:11: (NASB) *For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.*

We already talked about what was lost, and therefore, what will be restored - back to the original condition from which man fell.

Jesus would be rewarded with an even higher nature than before - divine nature at God's right hand:

Philippians 2:9-11: (NASB) *⁹For this reason also, God highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Hebrews 2:6-8: (KJV) *⁶But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? ⁷Thou madest him (specifically being applied to Jesus as the son of man) a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honor, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: ⁸thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.*

Divine nature is immortal. This means having life that is not dependent on an outside source:

John 5:26: (NASB) *For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in himself;*

God is above all and unchangeable and always has had the divine nature. Jesus was a spirit nature, became human, and as a reward for his faithfulness, became divine. He changed natures twice.

Observation of Angels and Men:



The differences between angels and men are so marked that when Jesus, by the will of God, embarked on this path, he had to empty himself of his spiritual life.

His earthly death emptied him again to be able to receive immortal spiritual life with God Himself.

God's universe is not only organized, it is compartmentalized, as well. Every plane of being has its purpose.



**God's planes of existence are clear-cut dividing lines.
Why then do we talk about going to heaven?**

We have already seen how God provided Jesus as the exception to the rule and enabled him to cross the lines of distinct natures twice. As we will see, this opened the opportunity of grace that would be given to Jesus' footstep followers. They would be able to go where he went and do what he does.

Does this mean all human life before Jesus' death on the cross would only be resurrected on the earth because the door to heaven was not yet opened? Yes. Paradise was lost on earth; paradise will be restored on earth.



Mankind never lost a heavenly nature!

By God's grace, He is giving an opportunity to change natures from earthly to divine to a *select* group of followers. We will develop this thought further, but it does not apply to all mankind or even just a casual fan of Jesus.

Restoring mankind means restoring back that which was lost - human nature on earth:

Romans 5:18-19: (NASB) ¹⁸So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. ¹⁹For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

Romans 5:12: (KJV) Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

Jesus' sacrifice as a man was sufficient because the default of being born of Adam is to be born into sin. The default of having Jesus ransom Adam is to be raised to an opportunity for life. All die - all are raised. Justice required an equivalent.

Average "Joe Mankind" was neither offered nor promised immortality. In fact, the concept did not exist until the New Testament. Why? Because the offer of a heavenly reward was made solely to the footstep followers of Jesus and only after his death on the cross. No one in the Old Testament - even God's most trusted and faithful servants like Noah, Abraham, David and Daniel - were ever offered or promised immortality.

At funerals we often hear things like, "Well, Dad is up there watching the big game, rooting for our team," and "Well, now she can play all the golf rounds she wants." No one ever says their loved ones are doing "heavenly things" like sitting on clouds or even conversing with God. Their "earthiness" shows up - they are attached to the earth. The perception to many is, heaven is just like earth but "up there." Mankind is longing for paradise restored. When trying to envision their best life, inevitably, people want the life they know, only better.



This is reconciliation! Does everyone who is saved go to heaven? No, but the path to heaven is there for Jesus' true footstep followers.

They are the exception, not the rule:

1 Corinthians 15:45,53-54: (NASB) ⁴⁵So also it is written, the first man, Adam, became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ...⁵³For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

This contradicts the concept of man having an immortal soul, that a part of us never dies. *This mortal must put on immortality* - we do not have it; we have to get it. It is not inherent. Adam returned to dust and died. He was without life.

Notice Jesus is called the *last Adam*, not the "second Adam." Adam was the head of the human race. Jesus Christ is the head of redeemed humanity. Since Christ died once for all time, there is no need for another Adam. Therefore, he is the *last Adam*.

Hebrews 7:27: (NASB) *who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this he did once for all when he offered up himself.*

Hebrews 9:28: (NASB) *so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await him.*

Hebrews 10:10-14: (NASB) ¹⁰By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; ¹²but he, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time onward until his enemies be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by one offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Some people might say justice requires that God should bless all of His creatures with the same blessings. If this were true, it would show God had no right to create Jesus higher than the angels and then to exalt him to the divine nature, unless He intended to do the same for all angels and all men. To carry the principle further to its extreme limit, all beings, including animals and insects, should receive the same position. Obviously, this is absurd.

We see God's levels of existence for His creation are all different.

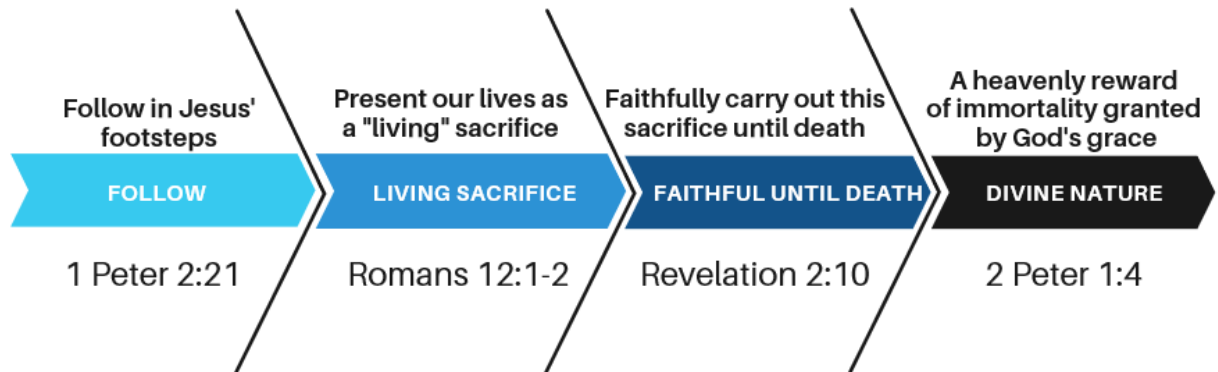
The divine nature is not arbitrarily promised because God is not arbitrary:

2 Peter 1:4: (NASB) *For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature.*

May become partakers of divine nature - this is an opportunity for immortality, not a guarantee. This goes well beyond just believing in Jesus.



THE PATH TO HEAVEN



The conditions for Jesus' followers to attain this divine nature are the same as Jesus' own conditions:

1. Follow in his footsteps:

1 Peter 2:21: (NASB) *For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in his steps.*

Following in his steps does not mean a life of ease and prosperity.

2. Present our lives as a living sacrifice:

Romans 12:1-2: (NASB) *¹Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Renewing of your mind - we are not capable of doing this ourselves. This refers to the begetting of God's Spirit - His holy power and influence. His influence gives us a new mind.

3. Faithfully carry out this sacrifice until death:

Revelation 2:10: (NASB) *Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

These requirements do not describe a causal relationship or just a "fan" of Jesus. This change of nature is for the very few faithful who dedicate their lives. Only a very small percentage of mankind are promised immortality. If we cannot be proven faithful through trial and difficulty, how could God trust us throughout eternity?

The end reward is a change of nature:

2 Peter 1:4: (NASB) *For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.*

NEW CREATURE

Why do these (new creatures) go to heaven when the billions of humanity will be raised on earth? Is this a contradiction?

2 Corinthians 5:17: (NASB) *Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*



In the physical creation, God in Genesis showed us the hierarchies of earth. Here, because of the sacrifice of Jesus, God made a *new creation*, allowing this small group to change natures. These faithful ones do not change to the next level, the angelic nature; they are given the Divine nature.

This is not a contradiction; it is an addition. WHY?

2 Corinthians 5:18-19: (NASB) ¹⁸Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

These faithful ones will help reconcile the world back to God. They will be God's instruments for blessing the fallen race and restoring them to the perfection Adam enjoyed in the Garden of Eden, which God proclaimed as "very good." This is why Jesus was allowed to change natures - reconciliation. His faithful, true church will assist in restoring mankind.

This is a win-win-win-win picture! We see Adam's fall and the world groaning in sin and think, this is awful. But remember: Paradise lost, paradise restored through the act of Jesus and those who are following him as part of what the Bible calls the *body of Christ*. They will help bring back the billions of people resurrected back into harmony with God, with the opportunity for rehabilitation and life.

Observation of Angels and Men:



All levels of God's creations
are in a meticulous order.
Humans and angels were not ever
meant to be mixed.

**The "new creation" God sanctioned is there for the purpose
of the restoration of humanity to that which was lost.**

No human ever has or ever will turn into an angel.

The Scriptures teach there is a supreme Creator, a God of wisdom, justice, love and power, who has a grand plan whereby sin and death, which have been permitted for man's experience, will be eliminated. The result will be a perfect race of human beings living forever in health and happiness in a worldwide Garden of Eden. Acts 3:21 promises a restoration of all things.

God meticulously created heaven, earth and the various levels within each. Each nature has a specific design and does not co-mingle. All life will praise and honor Him throughout eternity. Humans do not become angels, but the true followers of God, through the grace of God, will change natures.



*So, do people turn into angels when they die?
For Jonathan and Rick (and Julie) and Christian Questions...
Think about it...!*



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Bonus Material

WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED

All wars shall cease.	Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3
All evil shall be suppressed.	Psalms 37:10, Revelation 20:2,3
God will execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.	Isaiah 28:17
There shall be nothing to hurt nor destroy.	Isaiah 11:9
Truth shall triumph in the earth.	Psalms 85:11
God will write His law in the hearts of men.	Jeremiah 31:33
All shall know Him from the least to the greatest.	Jeremiah 31:34
The earth shall be filled with a knowledge of the Lord.	Habakkuk 2:14
God will pour out His spirit upon all flesh.	Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17
All iniquity pardoned and sins remembered no more.	Isaiah 55:7
Sorrow and sighing shall flee away.	Isaiah 35:10
God will wipe away all tears.	Isaiah 25:8, Revelation 7:17
There shall be no more sorrow and no more pain.	Revelation 21:4
There shall be no more sickness.	Isaiah 33:24
The lame man shall leap as a hart.	Isaiah 35:6
The eyes of the blind shall be opened.	Isaiah 35:5
The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.	Isaiah 35:5
Death shall be swallowed up in victory.	1 Corinthians 15:54, Isaiah 25:8
The earth shall yield her increase.	Psalms 67:6
The desert shall blossom as the rose.	Isaiah 35:1
Every valley shall be exalted and every hill made low.	Isaiah 40:4
The crooked places shall be made straight.	Isaiah 40:4
The rough places will be made plain.	Isaiah 40:4
One shall not build and another inhabit.	Isaiah 65:22
One shall not plant and another eat.	Isaiah 65:22
None shall labor in vain.	Isaiah 65:23
Every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree.	Micah 4:4
God will multiply the fruitage of the earth.	Psalms 67:6, 85:12
There shall be showers of blessings.	Ezekiel 34:26
The whole earth shall become like the Garden of Eden.	Isaiah 65:17



ALL THE PROPHETS

Acts 3:21: (KJV) *Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all the things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.*

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| 1. Enoch | Jude 1:14,15 |
| 2. Jacob | Genesis 49:10 |
| 3. Moses | Genesis 22:17, 18 ¹ /Genesis 26:4/Deuteronomy 8:18,19/
Psalms 90:3,4 |
| 4. Hannah | 1 Samuel 2:1-10 |
| 5. Samuel | 1 Samuel 10:23-25/1 Samuel 2:6/2 Samuel 7:13 |
| 6. Job | Job 33:19-30/Job 14:13-15 |
| 7. David | Psalms 104:5/Psalms 45:16/Psalms 30:5/Psalms 37:10,11/
Psalms 46:9 |
| 8. Solomon | Proverbs 2:21/Ecclesiastes 1:4 |
| 9. Isaiah | Isaiah 33:24/Isaiah 35:1-10/Isaiah 40:4,5/Isaiah 25:6,7/
Isaiah 9:6,7/
Isaiah 11:6-9/Isaiah 45:18/Isaiah 55:12,13/Isaiah 60:13/
Isaiah 6:13/Isaiah 61:1,2/Isaiah 64:4-11/Isaiah 65:17-25/
Isaiah 66:1 |
| 10. Jeremiah | Jeremiah 31:15-17,31,33-34/Jeremiah 24:5-7/
Jeremiah 51:25 |
| 11. Ezekiel | Ezekiel 18:2-4/Ezekiel 16:55,60-62/Ezekiel 18:21,22/
Ezekiel 28:25,26/
Ezekiel 34:24-31/Ezekiel 47:3-5 |
| 12. Daniel | Daniel 2:34,35,44/Daniel 7:13,14,27/Daniel 9:25-27/
Daniel 12:1 |
| 13. Hosea | Hosea 13:14/Hosea 6:1,2/Hosea 2:18,21-23 |
| 14. Joel | Joel 2:22-24,26,32/Joel 3:18 |
| 15. Amos | Amos 9:13-15 |
| 16. Obadiah | Obadiah 1:21 |
| 17. Jonah | Jonah 3:1-10/Jonah 4:11 |
| 18. Micah | Micah 4:1-5,8 |
| 19. Nahum | Nahum 1:15/Nahum 2:3-6 |
| 20. Habakkuk | Habakkuk 2:14 |
| 21. Zephaniah | Zephaniah 3:8,9 |
| 22. Haggai | Haggai 2:6,7 (Romans 8:19-22) |
| 23. Zechariah | Zechariah 8:22,23/Zechariah 9:10/Zechariah 14:4-9/
Zechariah 3:9,10/
Zechariah 4:7 (2 Peter 3:8; Jeremiah 51:25) |
| 24. Malachi | Malachi 3:11/Malachi 4:1,2 |
| 25. John
the Baptist | Matthew 11:7-13, John 1:29 |

¹ While this promise was given to Abraham, it is generally accepted that Moses recorded the first five books of the Bible. See Deuteronomy 31:9.