

Walking Amidst the Angelic Conflict

1. The mechanics of walking make for an excellent metaphor.
2. We are to walk in time as ambassadors for Christ. We were called in eternity past to produce divine good. We may, however, produce or not produce. It all depends on our attitude toward God's protocol.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which **God hath before ordained** that **we should walk** in them.

3. Christ and all believers were elected by the Father after seeing the entire time line and all choices made.
4. Salvation is a direct result of faith alone in Christ alone. A failure to believe results in eternal damnation. Many Scriptures teach this age-old truth.

Joh 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

Joh 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Joh 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Joh 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

Joh 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?
Joh 9:36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

Joh 9:37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

Joh 9:38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Rom 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Rom 4:22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

Rom 4:23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

Rom 4:24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Gal 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

1Ti 1:16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

Heb 10:39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

1Pe 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

1Pe 2:7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

1Jo 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

1Jo 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

1Jo 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

5. God in His perfection has declared that man is an important creature in His plan to resolve the angelic conflict.

6. We walk as witnesses in the appeal phase of the angelic conflict.

6.1 Angels have the ability to observe humans, both their thoughts and actions.

Job 2:3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

6.2 The angelic conflict is a war being fought between God and Satan. Satan's purpose was originally to cause Christ to sin and reject God's plan, but since that plan failed, Satan switched strategies and has now directed his attention toward God's elect.

6.3 Christ took away Lucifer's excuse and the excuses of those angels who followed him in his rebellion.

6.4 The excuse apparently went something like this: "I as a creature angel so inferior to you members of the Trinity, I could not help myself, after all I am not like you."

6.5 A natural question asked often is, "Why is there life on Planet Earth amidst all the many galaxies?"

6.5.1 In a book published in February 2000 entitled *Rare Earth* two professors, Ward and Brownlee, specializing in geological sciences, mass extinctions, astronomy and astrobiology have concluded there is most likely no advanced life elsewhere in the universe, only here on Planet Earth. They have written,

"The earth's evolutionary achievements can be attributed to the following critical factors: our optimal distance from the sun, the positive effects of the moon's gravity on our climate, plate tectonic and continental drift, the right types of metals and elements, ample liquid water, maintenance of the correct amount of internal heat to keep surface temperatures within a habitable range, and a gaseous planet the size of Jupiter to shield Earth from catastrophic meteoric bombardment." They go on to write: "... conventional wisdom is wrong ... We finally said out loud what so many have thought for so long ...

“Earth is simply just too special the result of myriad physical conditions missing from most of the universe with just enough time and circumstances to let complicated life arise. We consider it to be random chance and luck” said Brownlee ... We want there to be lots of life out there ... but as scientists, here's what the evidence in our short lives and our narrow imaginations tell us ... perhaps our conclusions are a result of our failed imaginations ...”

6.5.2 These men of science claim to lack imagination but the truth lies, not in their failure to imagine, but their failure to believe “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
Gen 1:2 And the earth was (HAYAH can be translated "was" or "became") without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

6.5.3 Gen 1:2 tells us in corrected translation that the Earth became desolate, without form and void. Became is the better translation given Isa 45:18, where we find God creating out of absolutely nothing a perfect heaven and earth.

6.5.4 Let's not beat around the proverbial bush. The Earth was not created without form and void but rather it became without form and void a long time ago in eternity past. As we will see, the event triggering the Earth becoming “without form and void” was the fall of Satan and his subalterns.

Isa 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he **created it not in vain** he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

6.5.5 The angelic conflict is related to the creation of the Earth and its becoming worthless. That which occurred between the perfect creation and the "becoming **Tohu Va Bohu**" has been a long established hypothesis held by many grace expositors such as Chafer, Walvoord, Pentecost, Thieme, Ryrie, Feinberg and Lindsey.

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

6.5.6 The fall of Lucifer, taking one-third of the angels with him, occurred between Gen 1:1 and Gen 1:2.

6.5.7 This position is further substantiated by Isa 14:13 and Psa 48:2, where Satan chooses Earth as the battlefield for the angelic conflict.

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Psa 48:2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, **on the sides of the north**, the city of the great King.

6.5.8 After the fall, God restored Earth to perfection in six literal days. Gen 1:2-2:1