

The Elect Are the Remnant Forming the Body of Christ that when Completed Is Raptured; Lucifer Attacks Line of Christ Pre-Cross but Body of Christ Post-Cross

- 65. Therefore, the plan of God is designed to carry this process along is procreation. This act is divinely legitimized by a process that begins with a man leaving the divine institution of his parents' family to form his own through marriage.
- 66. This marriage is consummated by the sexual intercourse which will, eventually, result in the extension of the family line into yet another generation.
- 67. Out from this continuing process a "remnant" is formed called the Body of Christ by means of faith alone in Christ alone.
- 68. Thus Genesis 2:24 becomes the foundational principle for the divine institution of marriage. Sex was a legitimate activity before the fall but became the means of delivering the human race after the fall.
- 69. All three elections are dependent upon this process continuing through history. The election of the Messiah is prophesied through childbirth in:

Genesis 3:15 - And I will put enmity between <u>you</u> [Lucifer] and the <u>woman</u> [Ishah], and between <u>your seed</u> [unbelieving humanity] and <u>her seed</u> [the virgin-born Messiah]; <u>He</u> [the Seed] shall <u>bruise you</u> on the head [Satan's final doom], and <u>you</u> [Lucifer] shall <u>bruise Him</u> [Messiah], on His <u>heel</u> [a reference to the cross].

- 70. This is the prophecy that the line of Christ will be established through childbirth, a capacity assigned to the woman in Genesis 3:16.
- 71. The nation Israel became the bloodline of the Messiah by procreation through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This bloodline was later narrowed to the tribe of Judah, and later even further to the house of David.
- 72. Those Jews who believed in Messiah form the elect of the dispensation of Israel. Jesus Christ forms the elect One of the dispensation of the Incarnation.
- 73. Post-ascension, believers form the elect of the dispensation of the Church. All these elections are dependent upon, first, procreation, second, selection, and, finally, election.
- 74. PRINCIPLE: If there is no procreation there can be no selection. If there is no selection there can be no election. If election can be diminished then the Rapture can be postponed.
- 75. Therefore, it becomes obvious that Lucifer has a number of strategies to delay the Rapture by slowing the progress of election. These strategies include efforts to deemphasize marriage.
- 76. This is accomplished by promoting adultery in its various forms. Normal promiscuity includes fornication which inevitably results in out-of-wedlock pregnancies. This problem is now managed by abortion on demand but in all cases results in a dysfunctional home.
- 77. Abnormal promiscuity involves sodomy which cannot result in pregnancy. It is an abnormal act committed outside the stipulated divine institution and results in judgment.
- 78. Both these deviations have the effects of cutting off bloodlines of families, tearing down the divine institutions, preventing selection, and diminishing the pool of candidates for election.

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- 79. Therefore, deviations from sexual intercourse in marriage are expressions of the satanic assault on the Body of Christ in the Church Age.
- 80. Procreation is the means by which the remnant of the Church Age is formed.
 When a man leaves his parents he in essence becomes a remnant from that household: καταλείπω, kataleipō and ὑπόλειμμα, hupoleimma.
- 81. The means by which he continues his family bloodline, or "remnant," is also through procreation within the boundaries of the divine institution of marriage: one man and one woman as established in the Garden.
- 82. The word for the sexual act in Genesis 2:24 is "cleave." Both the Lord and Paul quoted this verse and Matthew and Paul recorded it in Koine Greek. The meanings of the words each used for "cleave" are discussed by:

Kittel, Gerhard (ed.). *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*. Translated by Geoffrey W. Bromiley. (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1965), 3:822-23:

κολλάω, **kollaō** comes to be used for intimate association in the form of sexual intercourse. Thus we read in Matthew 19:5 a quotation from Genesis 2:24. At root the word, like the corresponding pt **davaq** in Genesis 2:24, does not have the sexual sense, but it acquires this. (p. 822)

προσκολλάω, proskollaō. Matthew 19:5 and Ephesians 5:31 use it to denote sexual intercourse. (p. 823)

- 83. For this sexual union to properly occur the two people involved must identify each other through physical attraction, spiritual compatibility, and rapport of souls that lead to the marriage union.
- 84. Taken together this soul rapport and fleshly union are described by the phrase, "they shall become one flesh."
- 85. There should be no "fleshly union" until "soul rapport" is confirmed.
- 86. This divine institution is classified by Paul as a mystery doctrine: the eternal relationship between Jesus Christ and His church is illustrated by the lifelong commitment between husband and wife in marriage.
- 87. The phrase, "This is a great mystery" in Ephesians 5:32, indicates that the relationship of the Christian husband to his wife in marriage is an illustration of the relationship between Christ and His Church.