

THE CHURCH ABOVE – THE CHURCH BELOW

(Two Aspects of the Church)

1. **Revelation 1:10-12** I was in the Spirit – I heard behind me a loud voice – saying “What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches – which are in Asia.” – Then I turned to see the voice – I saw **seven golden lampstands** and (vs. 13) in the midst of the seven lampstands – One like the **Son of Man**.

2. **Revelation 1:19** Write the things you have seen – the mystery (vs. 20) of the seven stars you saw in my right hand – and the seven golden lampstands: – the seven **golden lampstands** which you saw – **are the seven churches**.

NOTE: The lampstands are in – **heaven** – the churches are on the **earth**.

3. **Ephesians 1:9-10** Having made known to us the – mystery of His will – that He (vs. 10) might gather **in one** all things in Christ – both which are in heaven and which are on earth – in Him.

4. **Ephesians 1:18-23** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; -- **that you may know** – the hope of His calling – and what is the exceeding greatness of His power – towards us – according to the working of His mighty power – which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand – **in heavenly places** – and gave Him (vs. 22) to be head over all things – to the church, which (vs. 23) is His body, the fullness of Him – who fills all in all.

5. **Ephesians 2:5-6** Even when we were – **dead in trespasses** – **made us alive** together – with Christ – and (vs. 6) raised us up together and made us sit together **in heavenly places** – in Christ Jesus.

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6. **Acts 2:1** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, and suddenly (vs. 2) there came a sound – from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and (vs. 4) they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

7. **Acts 2:14** But Peter, standing up with the eleven – raised up his voice, “This Jesus (vs. 32) God has raised up – Therefore (vs. 33) being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the – **Holy Spirit** – He poured out this which you now see and hear.”

8. **Acts 2:41** Then those who gladly received his word were baptized – and **that day** – three thousand souls were added to them.

NOTE: **50 days after** the church was seated in heavenly places – in Christ, Pentecost came – the Spirit poured out – and the church was also established on earth.

9. **Romans 12:1-2** Brethren – present your **bodies** as a living sacrifice and do not be conformed to this world – prove what is that good – and acceptable – and perfect will of God.

10. **1 Corinthians 6:15** Do you not know that your – bodies – are members of Christ?
11. **Ephesians 2:19** Now – therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners – but fellow citizens – with the saints and members of the household of God, having (vs. 20) been built on the foundation – Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom (vs. 21) the whole building, being fitted together.
12. **1 Corinthians 3:10b** -- but let each one take heed how he builds on it.
13. **Colossians 3:2** Set your mind on things above – not on things on the earth.
14. **Colossians 3:1** If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above – where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
15. **Colossians 3:5** Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth.
16. **Philippians 3:20** For your citizenship is in heaven
17. **Colossians 2:19** And not holding fast to the Head – from whom all the body – nourished and knit together.
18. **John 4:21** Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me -- the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem worship the Father. God is Spirit (vs. 24), and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
19. **Hebrews 9:12** Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood – He entered the Most – Holy Place – once for all – having obtained eternal redemption.
20. **Hebrews 10:19** Therefore, brethren, having boldness – to enter the – Holiest – by the blood of Jesus.
- NOTE:** Remember – in Revelation 2:4 the church left its first love – remember (vs. 5) from where you have fallen – or else I will come quickly and remove your lampstand from its place.
What we do down here below affects what we are above. The church is heavenly – also down here below – but not worldly – (unless we live in the -- spirit and we are by the Spirit we cannot partake or participate in that which is above, only with what is below).
21. **Ephesians 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ – who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing – **in the heavenly places in Christ.**

Amen