

**2013 Basic Doctrines (02)**  
**(The Angelic Conflict in Human History)**

The **Angelic Conflict (AC)** is a doctrinal term used to describe the history of the spiritual warfare between Satan and his forces and God and His forces (Eph.2:1-4) [Spiritually dead], (Eph.5-10) [Spiritually saved].

How important is the AC to human history? **The Bible opens with it (Genesis) and closes with it (Revelation).**

**This lesson will study five aspects of the Angelic Conflict in Human History.**

**1. The AC occurred before the foundation of the world when Satan led a revolt in heaven against the Plan of God (Isa.14:12-15; Ezek.28:11-19).**

Satan was called Lucifer in Latin Vulgate. He was a guardian cherub angel (Ezk.28:14). He sinned and led 1/3 of the angelic hosts in a rebellion against God's Plan in heaven (Ezek.28:16; Rev.12:4).

As a result of this angelic revolt in heaven, Lucifer was demoted with titles like:

- Satan and devil (Rev.20:2)
- The evil one (1 John 5:19)
- A ruler of darkness (Eph.6:12)
- The god of this world (2 Cor.4:4)
- The father of lies (John 8:44; Ezek.28:17)
- A deceiver (Gen.3:13; 1 Tim.2:14)
- And the defeated one (Col.2:14-15; 1 John 4:4).

**2. Satan and fallen angels were sentenced to the lake of fire to be carried out at the end of human history (Matt.25:41; Rev.20:10).**

Satan appealed this sentence and the AC was extended until the end of human history (Matt.8:28-29; Mark 1:23-24).

**3. The human race was created to resolve Satan's appeal and the AC before his final judgment of the lake of fire (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-6; 1 John 5:19; 1 Pet.5:8-9 2 Tim.2:26).**

The human race was created in the image according to the likeness of the Godhead with volition (free will) (Gen.1:26-27; 1 Cor.11:3-10).

**4. Volition makes both angels and human free agents in the AC (Gen.2:17; 3:6 and 1 Tim.2:13-15).**

Human are created inferior to angels (Heb.1:1-4, 14; 2:5-10 and Ps.8:5-6). Volition (free will) is the common denominator between angels and mankind.

**5. The fall of Adam and Eve is an example of the importance of volition in AC (Gen.2:17; 3:1-6; 2 Tim.2:26; Eph.4:27; James 4:7).**

As a result of Adam's Original Sin (AOS), satan became the ruler of the world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 2 Cor.4:4); and every member of the human race is born under the 13 judicial chargers of AOS (Rom.5:12-21) as well as under the dominion of satan (Col.1:13-14; Acts 26:18; Eph.5:8).

**Only faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ can redeem human race from AOS (1 Cor.15:1-4, 22; Rom.1:16).**