

## “SEEN BY ANGELS”

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*“Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory”* (1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:16). The great mystery of godliness includes, among other facts, that God who was manifested in flesh was also beheld by angels. Angels were and will be very active with Christ Jesus.

1. The angel Gabriel foretold His conception to Mary (Luke 1:23-38).
2. An angel explained His conception to Joseph (Matthew 1:20-25).
3. Angels announced His birth to the shepherds (Luke 2:8-15).
4. An angel directed His flight to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15), as well as His return (19-23).
5. Angels ministered to Him following His temptations (Matthew 4:11).
6. An angel strengthened Him after His prayer in Gethsemane (Luke 22:43).
7. Angels opened the tomb when He arose and announced His resurrection (Matthew 28:1-7).
8. Angels foretold His return at the ascension (Acts 1:9-11).
9. Angels will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1:7) and they’re going to make some noise (1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:16).
10. Angels will hear Him confess the names of the saints (Luke 12:8-9).

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“In His life, Christ is an example, showing us how to live.

In His death, he is a sacrifice, satisfying for our sins.

In His resurrection, he is a conqueror.

In His ascension, he is a king.

In His intercession, he is a high priest.”

– Martin Luther

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In a fired-up church, every prayer is punctuated with a chorus of “Amen” (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:16) because the congregation is listening and makes the prayers their own. The songs are likewise verbally affirmed (1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 16:36). The preaching, too (Nehemiah 8:6).

In a fired-up church, prayers mention the sick, travelers, and others “*by name*” (John 10:3) because prayer isn’t meant to be recited (Matthew 6:7), but heartfelt and “*fervent*” (James 5:16).

In a fired-up church, the brothers serving at the Lord’s Table know there is a plethora of Scripture relevant to the body and blood of the Lord and don’t tie themselves down to the same two passages week in and week out (Psalm 22; Isaiah 53; Matthew 27:1-54; Acts 20:7; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:16-17; Colossians 1:22-23; Hebrews 10:10; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:24; Romans 5:9; Ephesians 1:7).

In a fired-up church, the offerings are abundant (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:6-7), with saints giving even “*beyond their ability*” (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:1-3)!

In a fired-up church, members linger well past dismissal to “*greet one another*” (Romans 16:16; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:14), catching up on the lives and well-being of their fellow believers.

In a fired-up church, Christians spend time together outside the assemblies, sharing food and visiting each other’s homes (Acts 2:46).

In a fired-up church, disciples go home and review the message preached and the articles written in the light of an open Bible (Acts 17:11).

In a fired-up church, the believers make direct and personal application to what they have heard (Matthew 7:24-27; James 1:22), letting Jesus transform them and renew their minds (Romans 12:2).

In a fired-up church, volunteer lists fill up in a hurry because the classes need teaching, the facilities need cleaning, the visiting preachers need feeding, and the disabled need rides to church (Romans 12:6-8).

In a fired-up church, the members are eager to share articles, sermons, and other content from the church’s website, Facebook page, or YouTube channel because their minds are set on things above (Colossians 3:1).

In a fired-up church, nobody makes excuses (Luke 9:57-62).

**"WHAT MUST I DO  
TO BE SAVED?"**

**ACTS 16:30**

**LEARN THE GOSPEL**

John 6:45; Romans 10:17

**BELIEVE IN CHRIST**

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

**CONFESS CHRIST**

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

**REPENT OF SIN**

Acts 3:19; 17:30

**BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST**

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

**REMAIN STEADFAST**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

**"THE ASSEMBLING OF  
OURSELVES TOGETHER"**

**HEBREWS 10:24-25**

**SUNDAY**

Worship @ 10:00 a.m.

Studies @ 11:45 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Studies & Worship @ 7:00 p.m.

75 Sherrod Boulevard

Belén, New Mexico

**Seekers Welcome.**

**Members Expected.**

**"IF A MAN IS OVERTAKEN IN  
ANY TRESPASS..."**

**RESTORE SUCH A ONE"**

**GALATIANS 6:1**

**CONFESS TRESPASSES**

James 5:16; 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9

**REPENT OF SIN**

Acts 8:22

**PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS**

Acts 8:22

**REMAIN STEADFAST**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

**"A WORD FITLY SPOKEN IS**

**LIKE APPLES OF GOLD IN**

**SETTINGS OF SILVER"**

**PROVERBS 25:11**

"You never know which church service will profoundly touch your life, but it won't be the one you missed."

– Larry Dickens

**"WHOLE COUNSEL"**

**ACTS 20:27**

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**A FIRED-UP CHURCH**

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Jesus chastised the church in Laodicea, saying, "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth" (Revelation 3:15-16). That congregation was complacent, lethargic, lazy, uninterested. Rather hyperbolically, the Lord expressed His preference that they turn "cold" if they wouldn't get heated up for the cause of the gospel than that they remain uselessly tepid. Clearly, Christ expects each church to be fired up. Here is how that looks.

In a fired-up church, Christians bring their friends, neighbors, coworkers, classmates, and relatives to get to know Jesus (John 1:41, 45).

In a fired-up church, every member attends every assembly every week (Hebrews 10:24-25). If one is sick or traveling, he informs the brethren to request prayer (James 5:13), and doesn't leave them wondering.

In a fired-up church, disciples arrive at each assembly promptly so it can be conducted in an orderly manner (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:40).

In a fired-up church, all are singing their hearts out to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19), not leaving it to the musically inclined few to carry the songs.

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