

identified with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. (2)

*Experiential*: Believer's experience inside the Plan of God. (3)

*Ultimate*: Believer receives a resurrection body at the Rapture of the Church.

Redemption is the basis for the *strategic victory* of Christ in the Angelic Conflict. Satan and the fallen angels desperately tried to stop Christ from going to the Cross-and dying a spiritual death. They wanted Him to be stoned by the Jews and thus be unable to die spiritually on the Cross. The Cross-was an act of justice as well as an act of love. Satan questioned the justice of God when God sentenced Him to the Lake of Fire for His rebellion. The Cross-proved that God was just. The cross not only provided redemption for man but defeated Satan and the kingdom of darkness (Col. 2:14-15). The Redemptive work of Christ on the Cross not only freed mankind from slavery to Satan and the Cosmic system, but it also rendered Satan powerless who had the power of death (Heb. 2:14-15). Satan questioned the integrity of God when sentenced to the Lake of Fire for his rebellion and the Cross-displayed to all the angels both elect and non-elect, the integrity of God. The Cross-and the Redemptive work of Christ on the Cross was an act of integrity on the part of God. The Cross-was a display of God's perfect character and integrity.