

# Who Are Christ's "Fellows"?

These "fellows" are mentioned, but not identified, in Psalm 45 of the King James Version:

Psalm 45:7

"... therefore, God, your God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." (KJV)

In the New Testament book of Hebrews, this verse is quoted in 1:9 "... therefore, God, your God, has set you above your companions ..." (NIV) and is commonly applied to Christ.

Our question here is: Who are "thy fellows"? There are various opinions on these "fellows".

The Adam Clarke Commentary on the Whole Bible (Abridged by Ralph Earle) comments on both of these verses but ignores the identity of the "fellows".

The Companion Bible remarks on Psalm 45:7 that "fellows" means "companions". Its comments on Hebrews 1:9 are: "Gr. metochos. Here, 3:1,14; 6:4; 12:8, and Luke 5:7. Quoted from Psalm 45:6,7. Of no other could this be said."

Other opinions include Christians in general, Moses, the prophets, etc., and even angels. Those claiming the fellows are angels then use this verse as proof that the pre-human Jesus was just one of many angels, with no particular differentiating characteristics, and was a brother of Lucifer. Can we rise above opinions of men and determine the truth from the Bible?

One point of agreement is that Jesus has been exalted above everything (except the Father). Jesus therefore has been exalted above any subset of everything, i.e. subsets such as Christians, the prophets, angels, etc. and without further evidence any of these subsets could be his "fellows". Do we have any further evidence? Can we decide on any particular group as these "fellows"?

As with many scriptural issues, it is best to let the Bible interpret itself. We let it do this by gathering all of the verses which relate to the issue, examine and analyse them, and only then draw a conclusion, lest we fall into the trap of Isaiah 28:13. Let us start in the Old Testament.

## In The Old Testament

The word used for fellows in Psalm 45:7 is "chaber", and is word number 2270 in Strong's reckoning. It is used in only three other places.

In Ecclesiastes 4:10 "For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falls; for he has not another to help him up." This vers is of no assistance to us in this matter.

The next use is Isaiah 44:11 "Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together." The context is making idols. This verse obviously does not refer to Christ.

The final useage is in Ezekiel 37:19 -- "Say unto them, Thus says the Lord God, Behold I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them ..." and is also not about the Messiah.

Examining the Hebrew word for fellows in Psalm 45:7 did not help us. Let us now turn our attention to the New Testament, to ``metochos" of Hebrews 1:9, the original word translated into English as fellows, partners, companions.

## Metochos

``Metochos" is Strong's Greek word number 3353. It is used only six times in the Bible: once in Luke 5:7, and 5 times by the writer of Hebrews. Let us examine these verses:

Luke 5:7 KJV

And they beckoned unto <their> PARTNERS, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

This verse provides no additional information for our problem. The next verse is the one we originally mentioned.

Hebrews 1:9

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your COMPANIONS by anointing you with the oil of joy."

Hebrews 3:1

Therefore, holy brothers, who SHARE in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

Now here is some useful information. We have saints, holy brothers, sharing in the heavenly calling with thoughts fixed on Jesus as their apostle and high priest. Sharing with whom? The next verse using metochos tells us.

Hebrews 3:14

We have come to SHARE IN CHRIST if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first.

Now we know the saints are sharing the heavenly calling and sharing in Christ. Here is proof that Christ and Christians are partners and companions.

Hebrews 6:4

It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have SHARED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,

This verse does not mention Christ explicitly but refers to Christians who have shared in the Holy Spirit. We know from John that Jesus himself was filled with the Holy Spirit as a man and Jesus is the one who sends the Holy Spirit to Christians. Again Christ is seen as working with Christians.

Hebrews 12:8

If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

These other uses of the word metochos have told us the Christians are workers with Christ and sharing with him, but are there others who do so too? Let us look at similar words and how they are used.

## Other Words for ``Fellows''

Other Greek words for ``fellow(s)" are Strong's 435 and Strong's 2083.

435: aner ``Man, male, as contrasted with the generic anthropos which may refer to either sex. A man as distinguished from a woman or a child. A man as related to a woman, a husband." [The Complete Word Study New Testament (KJV), Spiros Zodhiates (Editor), 1991 AMG International Inc, p887]  
Never used in Hebrews.

The other word is 2083: hetairos ``A clansman, a comrade, fellow, friend" [The Complete Word Study New Testament (KJV), Spiros Zodhiates (Editor), 1991 AMG International Inc, Greek Dictionary, p33]  
Never used in Hebrews. Used only in Matthew. (11:16; 20:13; 22:12; 26:50).

Matthew 11:16

But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

Matthew 20:13

But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

Matthew 22:12

And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

Matthew 26:50

And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

These words do not add anything useful to our quest for the identity of Christ's fellows.

## Those Who FELLOWSHIP With Christ

We can also learn something about a fellow from those with whom the fellow has fellowship. With whom does Christ have fellowship? There are 4 Greek words translated fellowship in the KJV which we will now examine.

### 1. **2842 koinonia**

``fellowship with or participation in anything (1 Corinthians 10:16); a communion, fellowship, society (Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Phile. 1:6, cf. 2 Corinthians 8:4); communication, distribution, almsgiving (Rom. 15:26; 2 Corinthians 9:13; Hebrews 13:16)."  
[The Complete Word Study New Testament (KJV), p929]

Used in: Acts 2:42; Romans 15:26; 1Co 1:9; 10:16; 2Co 6:14; 8:4; 9:13; 13:14; Galatians 2:9; Ephesians 3:9; Phillipians 1:5; 2:1; 3:10; Phile 1:6; Hebrews 13:16; 1 Jo 1:3,6,7.

Acts 2:42

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Romans 15:26

For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 1:9

God <is> faithful, by whom ye were called unto THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

Now here is a direct statement from the Bible about Christ's fellowship.

1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the COMMUNION (FELLOWHSIP) OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST? The bread which we break, is it not the COMMUNION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST?

The same Greek word for fellowship has been translated as ``communion". This verse reinforces the previous information about whom Christ fellowships.

2 Corinthians 6:14

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

2 Corinthians 8:4

Praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and <take upon us> the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

2 Corinthians 9:13

Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for <your> liberal distribution unto them, and unto all <men>;

2 Corinthians 13:14

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE COMMUNION (FELLOWSHIP) OF THE HOLY GHOST, <be> with you all. Amen.

Again we have reinforcement of the same theme.

Galatians 2:9

And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we <should go> unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

Ephesians 3:9

And to make all <men> see what <is> the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Philippians 1:5

For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

Philippians 2:1

If <there be> therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT, if any bowels and mercies,

Philippians 3:10

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS, being made conformable unto his death;

Again, humans fellowshipping with Christ.

Philemon 1:6

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 13:16

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

1 John 1:3-7

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly OUR FELLOWSHIP <IS> WITH THE FATHER, AND WITH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST. {4} And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. {5} This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. {6} IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: {7} But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Summary:

These Greek scriptures tell us that Christ has fellowship with Christians, but does also have fellowship with angels?

## 2. **2844 koinonos**

from koinoo [2840], to make anything common (koinon [2839]). A partaker (Matt. 23:30; 1 Corinthians 10:18; 2 Corinthians 1:7; 1 Pet. 5:1; 2 Pet. 1:4; see Phile. 1:17). Partner, companion (Luke 5:10; 1 Corinthians 10:20; Hebrews 10:33). Deriv.: koinos (2839), common; koinoo (2840), to make anything common; koinoneo (2841), to share; koinonia (2842), fellowship with, participation in anything; koinonikos (2843), communicative or cultivating a loving fellowship; sugkoinoneo (4790), to participate in something with someone; sugkoinonos (4791), partaker." [The Complete Word Study New Testament (KJV), p929]

Used in: Matthew 23:30; Luke 5:10; 1Co 10:18,20; 2Co 1:7; 8:23; Phile 1:17; Hebrews 10:33; 1Pe 5:1; 2Pe 1:4

Matthew 23:30

And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

Luke 5:10

And so <was> also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

1 Corinthians 10:18-20

Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? {19} What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? {20} But I <say>, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

2 Corinthians 1:7

And our hope of you <is> stedfast, knowing, that AS YE ARE PARTAKERS OF THE SUFFERINGS, SO <SHALL YE BE> ALSO OF THE CONSOLATION.

2 Corinthians 8:23

Whether <any do inquire> of Titus, <he is> my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren <be inquired of>, <they are> the messengers of the churches, <and> the glory of Christ.

Philemon 1:17

If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.

Hebrews 10:33

Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.

1 Peter 5:1

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also A PARTAKER OF THE GLORY THAT SHALL BE REVEALED:

2 Peter 1:4

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Summary:

Again, further evidence from the Bible that Christians fellowship with Christ and will partake of the divine glory and nature in the future.

### 3. 3352 metoche

participation, fellowship

Used only in 2 Corinthians 6:14

2 Corinthians 6:14

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Summary:

No further information about Christ and his fellowship in this verse.

4. **4790 sugkoinoneo** (a stronger form of 2841, koinoneo), to partake. Used in: Ephesians 5:11; Phillipians 4:14; Revelation 18:4

Ephesians 5:11

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove <them>.

Philippians 4:14

Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

Revelation 18:4

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Summary:

No further information about Christ and his fellowship in these verses.

## Exploring Other Expressions

Investigating those with whom Christ has fellowship has shed light on those who may be Christ's fellows. Let us explore other expressions which are related to fellows, fellowship, etc.

- With Whom Does Jesus Claim to Be?

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. {19} Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: {20} Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, <even> unto the end of the world. Amen .

- With whom does Jesus work? Who are his partners in work?

Mark 16:20

And they went forth, and preached every where, the LORD WORKING WITH <THEM>, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

- Another counsellor to be with you forever

John 14:16-24

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may ABIDE WITH YOU FOR EVER; {17} <Even> the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for HE DWELLETH WITH YOU, AND SHALL BE IN YOU. {18} I will not leave you comfortless: I WILL COME TO YOU. {19} Yet a little while, and the world

seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. {20} At that day ye shall know that I <AM> IN MY FATHER, AND YE IN ME, AND I IN YOU. {21} He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. {22} Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? {23} Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and WE WILL COME UNTO HIM, AND MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM. {24} He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

- The grape vine and its branches poetically represent a mutually close relationship between a superior and multiple subordinates.

John 15:1-11

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. {2} Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every <branch> that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. {3} Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. {4} ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except YE ABIDE IN ME. {5} I am the vine, ye <are> the branches: HE THAT ABIDETH IN ME, AND I IN HIM, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. {6} IF A MAN ABIDE NOT IN ME, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast <them> into the fire, and they are burned. {7} IF YE ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. {8} Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. {9} As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. {10} If ye keep my commandments, YE SHALL ABIDE IN MY LOVE; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. {11} These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and <that> your joy might be full.

- Whom does Christ call his friends?

John 15:14-15

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. {15} Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called YOU friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

- Servant a partner with the master?

John 15:20

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

- Who were Christ's partners in his earthly ministry?

John 15:27

And ye also shall bear witness, because YE HAVE BEEN WITH ME FROM THE BEGINNING.

John 16:12-15

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. {13} Howbeit when he, the Spirit

of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, <that> shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. {14} He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show <it> unto you. {15} All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show <it> unto you.

- With whom does Christ identify?

John 17:10

And ALL MINE are thine, and thine are mine; and I AM GLORIFIED IN THEM.

- Who are workers for / with Christ?

John 17:18

As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

- Who was given to Christ by the Father?

John 17:22-26

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: {23} I IN THEM, AND THOU IN ME, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. {24} Father, I will that they also, WHOM THOU HAST GIVEN ME, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. {25} O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. {26} And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare <it>: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me MAY BE IN THEM, AND i IN THEM.

- Who will offer a close relationship to the Gentiles?

Romans 15:12

And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; IN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES TRUST.

- What is the temple where God dwells?

2 Corinthians 6:16-18

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I WILL DWELL IN THEM, AND WALK IN <THEM>; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. {17} Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean <thing>; and I will receive you, {18}z And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Hebrews 3:1

Wherefore, holy brethren, PARTAKERS OF THE HEAVENLY CALLING, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

- Christ is one of many sons being brought to glory. He is the pioneer (captain). The pioneer is the first, going ahead of the rest, who will follow in his ways later.

Hebrews 2:10

For it became him, for whom <are> all things, and by whom <are> all things, in bringing MANY SONS UNTO GLORY, to make the CAPTAIN of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

- Christ and Christians are all of one origin, so Christians will be like Christ. Christ will rule angels and be worshipped by them, therefore so will resurrected Christians.

Hebrews 2:11

For both he that sanctifieth AND THEY WHO ARE SANCTIFIED <ARE> ALL OF ONE: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them BRETHREN,

- Christ calls Christians his (future resurrected (1 Corinthians 15)) brothers.

Hebrews 2:11-13

For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified <are> all of one: for which cause HE IS NOT ASHAMED TO CALL THEM BRETHREN, {12} Saying, I will declare thy name unto MY BRETHREN, IN THE MIDST OF THE CHURCH will I sing praise unto thee. {13} And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I AND THE CHILDREN which God hath given me.

- Christ became human to be like us so he might help us better. With whom does Christ associate himself?

Hebrews 2:14

Forasmuch then AS the children are partakers of flesh and blood, HE ALSO HIMSELF LIKEWISE TOOK PART OF THE SAME; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

- Humans are his brothers (consummated by the resurrection, forming the marriage of the Bride of Christ, Revelation 19)

Hebrews 2:17

Wherefore IN ALL THINGS it behoved him TO BE MADE LIKE UNTO <HIS> BRETHREN, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things <pertaining> to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

## **The Marriage of the Lamb**

The closest relationship we can experience as humans is marriage. Human marriage is no accident of creation; God knew all along about the marriage of Christ and would have designed human marriage to teach us humans important lessons of this institution. Paul wrote of this God-ordained relationship:

Ephesians 5:23-32

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. {24} Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so <let> the wives <be> to their own husbands in every thing. {25} Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; {26} That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, {27} That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. {28} So ought men to love their wives as their

own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. {29} For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: {30} For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. {31} For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. {32} This is a great mystery: but I SPEAK CONCERNING CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

Christ will marry his Bride at a future time, after the resurrection and after the destruction of the false religious system depicted as Babylon the Great.

Revelation 19:1-9

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: {2} For true and righteous <are> his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. {3} And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. {4} And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. {5} And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. {6} And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. {7} Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: FOR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB IS COME, AND HIS WIFE HATH MADE HERSELF READY. {8} And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. {9} And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed <are> they which are called unto THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

The wife is married to the Lamb, not to any of the four and twenty elders or any of the other angels. This passage tells us who are the partners, the closest of all possible partners -- the marriage partners -- of the Lamb.

## **In the Millenium**

Investigating the roles of the saints and of the angels in the Millenium is very instructive in further identification of Christ's fellows.

Firstly, what roles does the Bible tell us angels play now?

Hebrews 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

The Bible tells us that the angels are workers for Christ to whom all power in heaven and earth has been given (Matthew 28:18), and they work for the benefit of the saints. None of them is off somewhere else in the universe working on some other project or operating independently in some unrelated activity.

What will angels be doing in the Millenium? Angels will still be working for the benefit of Christ and the saints in the Millenium, there will be flesh and blood humans who will be heirs of salvation for the angels to still minister to and the angels will minister in a new way to the resurrected humans who

inherited salvation at Christ's return at the beginning of the Millennium, but will have only relatively minor functions in the management of the earth compared with those of the resurrected saints, as shown in Hebrews 2.

Hebrews 2:5

For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

- Who will rule this "world to come"?

Revelation 1:5

And from Jesus Christ, <who is> the faithful witness, <and> the first begotten of the dead, and THE PRINCE OF THE KINGS OF THE EARTH. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Revelation 17:14

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is LORD OF LORDS, AND KING OF KINGS: and they that are with him <are> called, and chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 19:12-16

12 His eyes <were> as a flame of fire, and on his head <were> many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he <was> clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies <which were> in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on <his> vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

- When Christ returns in glory, who will be his partners, his fellows?

Revelation 17:14

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him <are> CALLED, AND CHOSEN, AND FAITHFUL.

- Who are the "called and chosen and faithful"? Who will be the partners with Christ?

Revelation 5:10

And hast made US unto our God KINGS AND PRIESTS: and we shall reign on the earth.

- Angels will not be partners with Christ in controlling the world after his return (Heb 2:5).

## Conclusions

What conclusions can we draw? With whom does Christ have fellowship? Who are Christ's companions? The scriptures have told us the answer.

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