

## CHAPTER ONE

### THE GOD-HEAD BEFORE CREATION

Neither time nor space existed—only God. He eternally existed as one God, (often referred to as the God-Head). Interestingly, although He exists as one God, however, He is really three distinct persons, namely, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

**DEUTERONOMY 32:40**

**FOR I LIFT UP MY HAND TO HEAVEN, AND SAY, I LIVE FOR EVER.**

**ISA 43:13**

**13 YEA, BEFORE THE DAY WAS I AM HE;**

These three persons of the God-Head exist in absolute harmony functioning as One Individual. All three are totally equal in every way. When we speak the word “GOD” we are including all three persons in that one name. In fact, if we glorify just one member of the God-Head, all three receive it as worship.

Now for what the God-head was doing before anything was brought into existence? First of all, God, in a God-Head council meeting planned all of creation from eternity past to eternity future. The plan for creation included a dwelling place for Himself and a vast universe, with several planets, but in particular a planet to be called earth. The creation would also include some living beings—angels and human beings. God planned for the humans to be made in His likeness—in His image.

The God-Head could see everything that would ever happen as clearly as if it had already taken place. Nothing would ever catch the God-Head by surprise. Stated another way, God is all-knowing (omniscient). In fact, He sees all of eternity as one eternal present. His knowledge gave Him an awareness of everything that would occur in heaven and on earth. With that knowledge, the God-Head determined all the minute details for a Plan of Salvation (a GPS). God, through foreknowledge, was aware that mankind would sin and would need to be redeemed. He knew that His love must be extended to sinful mankind. This would be accomplished by the Second Person of the God-Head taking on human flesh, living and dying as a human. So, the Plan of Salvation was developed with perfect love, the God-kind of love. The Father practiced giving love to His Son during this planning process. The Son expressed love to the Father, and it was by the binding force of the Holy Ghost that this love was expressed. This love was so strong that it is actually a part of God’s very being. God is love and love is of God. In fact, love is so much God that it can be said the two cannot be separated. Love was declared to be the only official Law of God.

**SAY: THE LAW OF GOD IS LOVE.**

This fact is imperative that we remember it. The Law of God is Love. The Word of God emphatically declares that Love is the only real Law of God.

**DEUT 10:12-13**

**12 AND NOW, ISRAEL, WHAT DOTHTHE LORD THY GOD REQUIRE OF THEE, BUT TO FEAR THE LORD THY GOD, TO WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS, AND TO LOVE HIM, AND TO SERVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART AND WITH ALL THY SOUL,**

**13 TO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD, AND HIS STATUTES, WHICH I COMMAND THEE THIS DAY FOR THY GOOD?**

**JOSH 22:5**

**5 BUT TAKE DILIGENT HEED TO DO THE COMMANDMENT AND THE LAW, WHICH MOSES THE SERVANT OF THE LORD CHARGED YOU, TO LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND TO WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS, AND TO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, AND TO CLEAVE UNTO HIM, AND TO SERVE HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL.**

**ROM 13:8**

**8 OWE NO MAN ANY THING, BUT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER: FOR HE THAT LOVETH ANOTHER HATH FULFILLED THE LAW.**

**ROM 13:10**

**10 LOVE WORKETH NO ILL TO HIS NEIGHBOUR: THEREFORE LOVE IS THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW.**

**GAL 5:14**

**14 FOR ALL THE LAW IS FULFILLED IN ONE WORD, EVEN IN THIS; THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF.**

**JAMES 2:8**

**8 IF YE FULFIL THE ROYAL LAW ACCORDING TO THE SRIPTURE, THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF, YE DO WELL:**

**1 JOHN 4:8**

**8 HE THAT LOVETH NOT KNOWETH NOT GOD; FOR GOD IS LOVE.**

**1 JOHN 4:16-17**

**16 AND WE HAVE KNOWN AND BELIEVED THE LOVE THAT GOD HATH TO US. GOD IS LOVE; AND HE THAT DWELLETH IN LOVE DWELLETH IN GOD, AND GOD IN HIM.**

**17 HEREIN IS OUR LOVE MADE PERFECT,**

**JOHN 17:24**

**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.**

After people are placed on the earth, the redeemed people operating in the love of God will be given as a grand and glorious inheritance to the Second Person of the God-Head at an appointed time after He had fulfilled His earthly mission. Even though this reward for the Second Person of the God-Head was determined before anything was created, this gift is still waiting to be officially granted which will be done in the future.

It has already been mentioned that God was going to make mankind in His image. Let me tell you more about what the Bible says about God's plan for mankind. God is a Spirit and the creature that was to be called mankind would also be a spiritual being, as well as a physical being. With man being a spirit, he could be a part of God's spiritual kingdom. So, God went ahead and prepared a spiritual kingdom for mankind even before He created the earth. This spiritual kingdom was to be a part of God's dwelling place and would include what later would be called the True Tabernacle. This was to be the location of the Throne Room of God Almighty. Just as God is a Spirit and because of this kingdom being a spiritual kingdom, nothing nor anybody would ever be able to see it nor enter into it in a human physical body—only that which is spiritual can see and enter it.

**MATTHEW 25:34**

**THEN SHALL THE KING SAY UNTO THEM ON HIS RIGHT HAND, COME, YE BLESSED OF MY FATHER, INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD:**

God also determined that all creation would be brought about just by the words that He said. This means God preplanned everything that He would ever say. After this, God declared that He would never change anything that He had previously said. He promised to be eternally true to his Word.

**PSALM 119:89**

**FOREVER, O LORD, THY WORD IS SETTLED IN HEAVEN.**

You need to remember this verse. It is going to determine some of God's future action. Forever includes the time before creation as well as eternity future. Forever truly is a never-ending long, long time. God's Word is His standard of holiness and is the means by which all creation will be judged.

God was not finished with His plans. But, before the next point is given, a definition of the word *foreknowledge* needs to be given. Foreknowledge is the ability to realize that something is going to happen before it happens. For instance, if you are standing on a mountain looking across a valley at another mountain and you notice a narrow road which has one car going up the mountain and another car coming rapidly down the mountain on the same narrow road, you know that those two cars are going to meet. You know that something is going to have to give or something bad is going to happen. Now, you are able to know ahead of time that a wreck is in the making. You, in no way, are the cause of the wreck, you just know that it is going to occur.

Again, I emphasize that God, in his foreknowledge, knew that mankind was going to be in need of a Savior. Understand, God sees all time as one eternal present. So, He knew that after mankind was placed on the earth, man would sin. God, in no way, would cause man to sin, but He knew ahead of time that man would fall short of the mark and need to be redeemed. There would be no way for mankind to enter into the spiritual kingdom that had been prepared unless something was done to restore him to his original relationship with God. Therefore, the God-head council determined even before one particle of dust was created to send the Second Person of the Godhead to the creation. This was so that He could be the Redeemer and Savior of mankind. He would deliver mankind from his sin by giving His life on a cross. The cross would become the symbol of the Plan of Salvation (God's GPS).

To be more specific, God knew that mankind, once placed on the earth would have no way to see or know Jehovah God. The only means for humans to ever become acquainted with God was for God to be revealed by Someone who had the ability to see and know Him. As you know, it was only the Second Person of the Godhead that could do this. He was at the Father's side.

**JOHN 1:18**

**18 NO MAN HATH SEEN GOD AT ANY TIME; THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, WHICH IS IN THE BOSOM OF THE FATHER, HE HATH DECLARED HIM.**

**GENESIS 1:26**

**26 AND GOD SAID, LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS: AND LET THEM HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA, AND OVER THE FOWL OF THE AIR, AND OVER THE CATTLE, AND OVER ALL THE EARTH, AND OVER EVERY CREEPING THING THAT CREEPETH UPON THE EARTH. 27 SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD CREATED HE HIM; MALE AND FEMALE CREATED HE THEM.**

There are more details that we need to understand. More than incarnate image, the Second Person of the Godhead is the pattern after which every person was created and designed to reflect. The "us" in that verse includes the pre-existent Second Person of the trinity - the Word. It was at this point that the Second Person of the Godhead submitted Himself to the will of the Father and accepted the assignment to take on human flesh and later to be born as a human and be named Jesus. So, we can say that Jesus, who is exactly like the invisible God in every way because He, too, is God, was then made according to the image of God so He could be in every way like humans.

**PSALM 89:27-29**

**27 ALSO I WILL MAKE HIM MY FIRSTBORN, HIGHER THAN THE KINGS OF THE EARTH.**

**28 MY MERCY WILL I KEEP FOR HIM FOR EVERMORE, AND MY COVENANT SHALL STAND FAST WITH HIM.**

**29 HIS SEED ALSO WILL I MAKE TO ENDURE FOR EVER, AND HIS THRONE AS THE DAYS OF HEAVEN.**

**This lets us know that Jesus was really the first individual to be a human, even though He would remain in Heaven until an appointed time for Him to come to the earth as a baby.**

**The Gospel of John clarifies the fact that Jesus existed before creation.**

**JOHN 1:1–3**

**1 IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD.**

**2 THE SAME WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD.**

**3 ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM; AND WITHOUT HIM WAS NOT ANY THING MADE THAT WAS MADE.**

**As a side note, remember Jesus was the Lamb that was slain before the creation of the world, verifying the fact that He was already in a human form before coming to the earth.**

**REV 13:8**

**“...THE LAMB SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.”**

**This is exciting! Just to think about how much our God really cares for us. He loves us so much that even before creation He was aware that each of us would need a Redeemer. Actually, God put it this way, “My grace will be sufficient for man’s salvation.”**

**2 TIMOTHY 1:9**

**WHO HATH SAVED US, AND CALLED US WITH AN HOLY CALLING, NOT ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS, BUT ACCORDING TO HIS OWN PURPOSE AND GRACE, WHICH WAS GIVEN US IN CHRIST JESUS BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN.**

**The grace of God denotes Divine Favor—meaning that God will meet every need that mankind will ever have. It also includes the fact that God will give us the ability to do what we within our on selves do not have the ability to do. Even more, it also gives us a divine influence that radiates out from us assuring other people that they, too, can have the favor of God. Without question, God’s grace incorporated every detail necessary for the total salvation of mankind—spirit, soul, and body. God would not have to try one idea and then another, hoping to stumble upon a satisfactory means by which man could be saved. No, God’s total Plan of salvation was established in all of its minute details before creation was ever started.**

**The God-head council had already determined that the Plan of Salvation would be revealed to mankind a step at a time, requiring hundreds of years before the entire plan would be revealed. In fact, it would take a little more than 4000 years. Step-by-step, mankind would be directed toward the Savior. God knew His plan would work, so He went ahead and wrote in the Lamb’s book of life the names of every single individual who would ever live. That means God knew each of us even before the world was created.**

**EXODUS 32:33**

**...AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES, WHOSOEVER HATH SINNED AGAINST ME, HIM WILL I BLOT OUT OF MY BOOK.**

For the sinner's name to be blotted out of the book, it has to be written in the book first. At death, sinners will realize what they could have had if they had only received the plan of salvation. They will realize that eternal separation from God, called the second death in the Scriptures, is what makes hell even more than the flames.

**LUKE 10:20**

**...NOTWITHSTANDING IN THIS REJOICE NOT, THAT THE SPIRITS ARE SUBJECT UNTO YOU; BUT RATHER REJOICE, BECAUSE YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN.**

**REV 3:5**

**HE THAT OVERCOMETH, THE SAME SHALL BE CLOTHED IN WHITE RAIMENT; AND I WILL NOT BLOT OUT HIS NAME OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE, BUT I WILL CONFESS HIS NAME BEFORE MY FATHER, AND BEFORE HIS ANGELS.**

God blotted out of the Book of Life only the names of those who would refuse to accept the Plan of Salvation. His foreknowledge allowed Him to know who these people would be, so, He went ahead and blotted out those names. This is not predestination. God does not in any way keep people from accepting the plan of salvation. It is God's will for all to be saved. There are some people who do not accept Jesus, so God in His perfect foreknowledge knew who they would be. He went ahead and took their names out of the Book of Life.

**REVELATION 13:7-8**

**7 AND IT WAS GIVEN UNTO HIM TO MAKE WAR WITH THE SAINTS, AND TO OVERCOME THEM: AND POWER WAS GIVEN HIM OVER ALL KINDREDS, AND TONGUES, AND NATIONS.**  
**8 AND ALL THAT DWELL UPON THE EARTH SHALL WORSHIP HIM, WHOSE NAMES ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE OF THE LAMB SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.**

**REVELATION 17:8**

**8 THE BEAST THAT THOU SAWEST WAS, AND IS NOT; AND SHALL ASCEND OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT, AND GO INTO PERDITION: AND THEY THAT DWELL ON THE EARTH SHALL WONDER, WHOSE NAMES WERE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, WHEN THEY BEHOLD THE BEAST THAT WAS, AND IS NOT, AND YET IS.**

To those whose names remain in the Lamb's Book of Life, God promised eternal life.

**TITUS 1:2**

**2 IN HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE, WHICH GOD, THAT CANNOT LIE, PROMISED BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN;**

God during precreation said that those who receive eternal life will be called the children of God.

**EPHESIANS 1:4-5**

**4 ACCORDING AS HE HATH CHOSEN US IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, THAT WE SHOULD BE HOLY AND WITHOUT BLAME BEFORE HIM IN LOVE:**

**5 HAVING PREDESTINATED US UNTO THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN BY JESUS CHRIST TO HIMSELF, ACCORDING TO THE GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS WILL,**

The finishing touches were put on the Plan of Salvation before creation. The God-head Council unanimously agreed that the Son of God would be the only means by which mankind could be saved. Again, look at Revelation 13:8.

**REVELATION 13:8.**

**8 AND ALL THAT DWELL UPON THE EARTH SHALL WORSHIP HIM, WHOSE NAMES ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE OF THE LAMB SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.**

This verse states that the Lamb of God was slain from the foundation of the world. We know the Lamb of God to be the Second Person of the God-Head. We know Him better as the Son of God or Jesus.

Let's review for a moment. We have learned what God was doing before he created the earth. God was expressing love within the God-head. God said that he would always be true to his Word. God would prepare a spiritual kingdom for the people who would accept the Plan of Salvation. God wrote everybody's name in the Lamb's Book of Life and, through foreknowledge, removed the names of the people who, of their own choosing, would not accept Jesus as Savior.

**MAKE THIS DECLARATION: I BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF GOD. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN EXISTENCE. I BELIEVE THAT HE REVEALS HIMSELF TO ME THROUGH THE BIBLE. GOD IS ONE GOD, EXISTING IN THREE PERSONS, NAMELY, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. LOVE BINDS THE GOD-HEAD IN PERFECT UNITY. GOD IS LOVE. GOD DECLARED HIMSELF TO ALWAYS BE TRUE TO HIS WORD. GOD HAS PREPARED A KINGDOM FOR ME. HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR MY SALVATION. MY NAME IS WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE. I AM GOING TO LIVE FOREVER! I AM A CHILD OF GOD. JESUS IS MY SAVIOR. HE IS MY LORD! GLORY TO HIS NAME!**