



Our Awesome Human Potential! Why God Created Man Part 2

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Gen. 1:26-28 - Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

We found out last week that mankind is a created spirit being. I believe all spirit beings called Man were created at the same time. **Jer. 1:4-5 (Amplified) Then the word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah], saying, ⁵ Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] (God knew Jeremiah before he formed his body, just like He knew Adam before He formed Adams body).**

The word knew is the Hebrew "Yada" (intimate knowledge of and interaction with).

Our creator is a God of purpose and perfection. God created people to be people of purpose and perfection like Him. **Gen. 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; we are beings of purpose and developing perfection.**

God is a three-personage spirit being.

This three person being called God is a Family. The word for God in Gen 1:27 is Elohim - A masculine plural noun meaning God. It denotes the family.

When we understand God from the standpoint of family, we can better view God from an eternal perspective.

One of God's desires in creating man is to expand His family with beings like Him. That's part of our Awesome Human Potential to be like Jesus Christ, who is God.

God The Word agreed to change His state of being from being just Spirit, to become both Spirit and flesh So the family of God could expand. **John 1:1-2 & 14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ...¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

God the Word's attitude in doing this – **Phil. 2:5-7 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, (talking about the Word) did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.**

Phil 2:5-7 (Amplified Version) Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:] ⁶ Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, ⁷ But stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being.

God The Word became Flesh to fulfill the wish of the Father so God could expand His family in a way never done before.

God The Word did not think it was robbery because He knew through this process of becoming flesh, there would be increase on the other side of it. This increase was expanding the family of God.

This process for increase meant a sacrifice had to be made.

The family of God was going to expand from a family of just Spirit beings into a family of beings that are Spirit and Flesh. ...¹⁴ **And the Word became flesh.**

This being called Jesus (the Word made flesh) would be begotten of God the Father who is Spirit, but born of a woman who is flesh. This had never been done before.

Adam was a created spirit-being in the flesh body.

Even though Adam was a spiritual being he did not have eternal life in Him. This had to be obtained by choice.

That is why God the Word had to make a choice to be begotten of God.

The Word made flesh became a being that had never been seen before. **Luke 1:35 - And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One (KJV "Thing") who is to be born will be called the Son of God.**

Jesus was to be the first of many to come. **Rom. 8:29 (Amplified) - For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.**

God is expanding His family with beings that are both spirit and flesh in the pattern of Jesus.

Not just created spirit beings and flesh but spirit beings begotten of God by choice.

The only flesh that we see now is corrupted, mortal flesh which is not the being we are destined to become. **1 Cor. 15:50-57 - Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.** ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed — ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We, born-again believers, are in the process of becoming like Jesus and inheriting all things.

1 John 3:2-3 - Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. We are metamorphosing into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Born both of God and man.

2 Cor. 3:18 - But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

1 Cor. 13:12 (Amp) - For now we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim (blurred) reflection [of reality as in a riddle or enigma], but then [when perfection comes] we shall see in reality and face to face!

Now I know in part (imperfectly), but then I shall know and understand fully and clearly, even in the same manner as I have been fully and clearly known and understood [by God].

We are destined to live in a glorified body that only Jesus has had a chance to experience. **Job 19:26 - And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God.,**