



Our Awesome Human Potential! Destine to be Like Jesus

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Our ultimate destiny is to be like Jesus.

1 John 3:1-2 - Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Not only to be like Him but to rule and reign with Him.

We are also destiny to share in His inheritance of everything seen and unseen. **Eph. 1:11 - In Him also we have obtained an inheritance,**

We are created spirit beings. God also created a soul for each one of us. and He formed a body from the dirt for us to live in.

Why did God create Man? God created man to be in His image and to be like Him,

What is God? **John 4:24 - God is a Spirit,**

So, for mankind to be like God, they would have to be spirit beings. **Gen. 1:27 - So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**

- 1) God created mankind like Him as spirit beings. We must identify with our spiritual essence.

We were spirit beings first before we came to earth. **Eccl. 12:7 (Amp) - Then shall the dust [out of which God made man's body] return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God Who gave it.**

- 2) In **Gen. 1:26** the word The Elohim in Hebrew is a masculine plural noun meaning God. More than one to make up the entity. It denotes the family.

When God created mankind as spirit beings he did so in His image as a family. **Gen. 1:27 - So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.** Notice God created them male and female spirit being in His image, (family).

These two spirit beings called man (mankind) were created at the same time to be a family like God.

God knew these spirit beings call man and had interaction with them before He gave them a body.

We see the interaction; **Gen. 1:28-30 -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." ²⁹ And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be**

for food. ³⁰ **Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.**

God had blessed them, empowering them to prosper, giving them purpose and assignment before He formed them a body.

We were empowered to prosper before we were born.

This is also confirmed in **Jer. 1:4-5 (AMP) - Then the word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah], saying, ⁵ Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.**

God knew Jeremiah before he formed his body.

The word knew in the Hebrew “Yada” means having intimate knowledge of and interaction with.

The same way God knew Jeremiah and interacted with him before Jeremiah was in his mother’s womb, God had done the same with Adam before He formed Adam’s body.

God also gave Jeremiah purpose and assignment **[and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.**

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.

We are destined to be in the family of God.

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

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

Up until this point the family of God was just spirit. **John 4:24 - God is a Spirit,**

God has other beings He calls sons but they are just Spirit-created beings. **Job 1:6, Job 38:7, and Gen. 6:2-4.**

This being called Jesus 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, but he wasn’t begotten of God.

All of mankind are sons through creation but God is expanding His family with begotten ones.

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

Adam’s sin disqualified him from the opportunity to choose to be begotten of God and have eternal life.

Jesus' sacrifice, life, death, burial, and resurrection, allow us the opportunity to choose to be begotten of God in spite of our sins.

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**
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dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

This is our awesome human potential to be in the image of Jesus, a Spirit being with a glorified body.

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

The Word that was made flesh called Jesus Christ, would become a being that had never been seen before.

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 begotten beings that are both Spirit and have glorified bodies in the pattern of Jesus.

The state of Jesus the Christ is different from that of the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Father and the Holy Spirit are Spirit. Jesus is both Spirit and He has a glorified body.

Jesus has a Glorified body in Heaven.

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,**

These beings, have to be born of both flesh first, then the Spirit. **John 3:3-6 - Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

The expanded family of God will be made up of begotten sons, children who are both born of God and man, and received their total glorification like Jesus. That's why Jesus is biblically known as the Son of God and the Son of Man.

We are destined to be Hybrid beings. Both spirit and have a glorified Body.