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This is for all the people who are not going to be at our church Sunday.
WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE EARTH WAS FORMED?

Picture with me a time when there was no sun, no moon, no earth, no stars, no universe. There was only heaven. God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, the angels, Lucifer, and the children that Jesus had created. Picture the children enjoying all the beauty and wonder of heaven. Colors that defy description. plants, trees, flowers, animals, radiant skies. Every day Jesus is with the children. They hold Jesus' hand, play and run all over heaven. There is no evil, no pain, no sickness, no sorrow, no rejection, no hurt-only love. The children lack nothing. Every need is supplied immediately.

If you were born into a place like this, how would you feel as a child? What kind of fears, worries, and concerns would you have in this kind of situation? How impossible do you believe it would be to ever be in a situation like what is described above.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart for my holy purpose. I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations." (Jer 1:5 GWT). Since Jesus created Jeremiah before he was born, and since God treats everyone the same (Acts 10:34), He knew us before we were born just as he knew Jeremiah. We were in heaven before the earth was ever formed. God knew them before he made the world, and he decided that they would be like his Son so that Jesus would be the firstborn of many brothers. (Rom 8:29 NCV).

How important do you feel it is for you to believe that you were created by Jesus before you were ever born? Why? What effect would it have on your love, belief, and trust in God to know this? How easy would it be for you to relate to God and Jesus if you knew without doubt that this was true? How much do you feel you would rely on them to help you with things in your life, if you really believed this? How many of your burdens could you roll over on them? How does it make you feel to know that God wants us to be like His Son, Jesus. How do you feel it is possible for us to be like Jesus?

But to all who did accept him and believe in him he gave the right to become children of God. They did not become his children in any human way--by any human parents or human desire. They were born of God. (John 1:12-13 NCV).

What do you feel is the main thing this scripture is saying you would have to do to be restored to being the children of God as you were in heaven? If you were born into a dysfunctional family (and who wasn't), would it be possible, if you did what this verse said, to circumvent your human family and go back to your heavenly family? If you believed this were true, what would it do to your feelings

about yourself, and the people in your family?

And (Jesus) said, Truly, I say to you, unless you repent (change, turn about) and become like little children [trusting, loving, forgiving] you can never enter the kingdom of heaven at all. (Matthew 18:3 AMP).

What is the main thing this scripture is saying that is different from the previous verse? (Reread the verse) What is this verse asking you to do? If you don't take this action, what does it say you will never be able to do? How does that make you feel?

Because Satan and the sin of Adam and Eve we have been separated from the true person we were created to be. Jesus, who created us, came to earth as a human, lived as a human, died as a human on a cross, and was raised from the dead. He did all this so we could be restored to the person he created us to be. He is our rescuer, our deliverer, and our restorer. His (God's) unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because he wanted to! (Eph 1:5 TLB).

+How do you feel about being separated from the true person you were created to be? If another human would go to all the trouble Jesus did to help you and restore you, how would you feel about that person? How would you express how you felt to Him? What would you be willing to do for him for doing this for you? Suppose he asked you to love and trust Him with your life for the rest of your life? How would you feel about that?

Here are prayers you can pray to express your appreciation to Jesus.
I confess Jesus Christ is the Lord of my Life, and I surrender my whole being to Him. In the name of Jesus, I call forth the new person Jesus created me to be before the earth was formed. I was with Jesus in heaven. Jesus, I ask you to restore, redeem, and reconcile me to the true person I was before Satan marred, messed up, deceived and covered up the true person I am in you. I choose to allow this new person to take over my life completely. I pray this in the Name of Jesus, My Lord, Master, King, and Savior.

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