

Born of Love (I Chose You)

Of the many questions that we often have concerning humanity, one of the most prominent is, "How did humanity come about? And Why? Many have attempted to answer this via several means, but we would like to see what the Bible has to say with regards to this issue.

Genesis 1: 26-28

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." (NIV)

The passages we have just read make it clear that mankind/ humanity has its origin from God. God made humanity, and He did so with a purpose in mind.

1 John 4:8^b states that God is love, He is the fullness of perfect love. One of the unique things about love is that it seeks out avenues to express itself; this is the same with God. Although absolutely complete and contained in Himself, God desired companionship and so set out to make humanity. Thus, humanity became the object of God's love and so provided Him with an avenue to express Himself. So we see that we were born of love; He chose us. He chose to bring us into existence so that He could shower us with His love.

This is an amazing truth to grasp... God made me and you to be the object of His love and affection. The first purpose of humanity's creation was Companionship.

The second purpose for which God created humanity is Partnership. The same passage we had read earlier from Genesis makes it clear also that God desired for man/ humanity to be a steward/ manager of His creation. Man was to work together with God in taking care of all that God had made. Man was to be God's second in command.

Here we are able to see God's order revealed; Companionship (Intimacy) must be realized before an effective partnership would be possible. This is because humanity was to rule according to the mind of God; Intimacy ensures the knowledge and awareness of God's will and heart.

***** Psalm 139:13-16 *****

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” (NIV)

NOTES (Born of Love)

❖ God created YOU primarily for two reasons; Companionship and Partnership with Himself.

1. What is your understanding of God’s desire for companionship with you?

2. What is your understanding of God’s desire for partnership with you?
