PART ONE Setting the stage

- CHAPTER ONE - Who is God?

We could not begin to speak of God's plan of salvation without first defining God, its author. This plan is tied to who God truly is and having that knowledge will shed light on how he designed the plan that will ultimately rescue mankind from sin, and more importantly, why he felt such a plan was necessary.

The beginning of The Bible in the first book of Genesis does not define who God is as one would hope. In fact, no one section of The Bible gives you a complete profile of him. However, it would not be before you would read the entire Bible that you could begin to formulate his profile. I feel he is telling us that if we want to get to know him, then one way is to read his word... all of it!

his plan of salvation				

Question 1: Why do you feel that who God is has everything to do with

Question 2: Who was God to you before you began reading this?

Many writers even from varying non-Christian religions give different definitions of who they feel God is. I believe God is going to become as much to you as you know of him. People may define him based on certain aspects of his character. Some say, "He is such a loving God", others say, "He is so 'judgey' and full of wrath", and still others say, "He is such a great Father and provider." And even based on where they think he is located, some say "He is up in the sky in Heaven" while others say, "He is right here in my heart." Yes, God is all those and more. But what many fail to portray about God is that he is a SUPER RELATIONAL being even more than we can imagine. So much so that he can be defined differently by each person based on their own need of him or how they interact with him.

It's like if you ask the children in a family how they feel about a particular parent, you may get different profiles of the one parent based on how each child relates to that parent. If the child is obedient, then that parent may be just and fair, if the child is disobedient, then that parent may be strict, if the child is spoiled, then that parent may be 'chill/cool', or even like the child's friend. With that being said, who

is God?

I feel the best way to build God's three personas of the Holy profile is not to focus on his characteristics but rather his on composition, and what he represents. Because his character which produces his personality results from what he stands for, and his personality changes depending the circumstances on happening around whomever he is interacting with. It is why at different times God can be strict, wrathful, loving, and believe me he could come off as a 'softie' too, as he'd seemingly overlook the misdeeds ofwithout addressing them, even though that is never really the case. Either way, it's best to look at what makes God's character so 'colorful' and why he does things the way he does them.

The Bible says God is three persons in one, and that is commonly known as the Holy Trinity, the Holy Triune, or the Godhead. Except for the "Godhead", none of the other terms are found in The Bible, but they all speak to the fact that God has 3 personalities united in his one spirit entity. Many persons have made attempts to explain this Holy Trinity, and I have read a lot of them, but I still 1eft with was too many unanswered questions, therefore, I wanted to take a different approach to

Ouestion 3: What are the Trinity?

Question 4: What do you feel God's gender is?

build God's profile based on unpacking just what those three personas are, among other things.

As well, the book of creation in The Bible (Genesis) states that God created humans in His image and likeness. I feel that is another great lead to investigate. Because, if God said he made humans in his image and likeness, then understanding the composition of God's humans could help us to learn a lot about God. Let's see what I've come up with.

Gender and God

Before I get to his composition, let's dare to determine his gender. As tough as that may sound, it is not rocket science. The answer to this is buried deep in scripture should one choose to search for it. This is a topic many will avoid as it is very controversial especially in our world today. Many feel this is not a question one should ever ask, and we should just leave it at that, while others believe it is way too obvious and have already determined what they feel his gender is. But why should we not ask and answer that question? I need to get to know this God who is the author of the salvation he designed to rescue me. If he is going to ask me to subscribe to something he built and to subject my life to it, then I want to be settled in my spirit by learning as much as I can about him, including his gender. I am created as a gender, and I'm supposed to be made in his image, so what is his gender?

Well, I'm plowing through this topic until I hit a brick wall that offers me no way through or even around it. But going forward we are going to uncover the profound role that gender plays in the circle of life on the earth, and how it is an important component that links us as humans to God our Creator.

To begin, off the bat I am already referring to God with pronouns such as 'he,' 'his,' and 'him', which could suggest that God's gender is male. But is this correct? This is very important because there is a distinct difference between a MAN (being) and a MALE (gender). Read that again. Gender refers to if a human being is a male or female. While 'man' refers to humans overall. Note that The Bible refers to all human beings both male and female genders as 'man' or 'mankind.' Read that account below.

Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

¹So God created mankind in his image, in the image of God he created them:

male and female he created them.

Genesis 5:1-21 (NIV)

¹This is the written account of Adam's family line.

When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created.

Here we just read that The Bible said God created man (humans) in genders of male and female and that both genders are called 'man'. To determine why God uses male pronouns and how that is significant in determining his gender we must look at the difference between the genders.

Of the two genders, we know that God assigns the male gender

Question 5: What are your thoughts on the role of the woman?

as the head of a family unit, as its protector, provider, and life-breeder through procreation, among other functions. But let's look at both genders to bring us to our conclusion.

The Man and the Woman in a Nutshell

The female gender is assigned to being the bearer and nurturer of life and a 'help mate', the balancing companion to her male counterpart. They were both designed to fit and work with each other, and all of creation could not exist without both genders. The woman is by no means lesser than the man as many like to argue. To me, that is ridiculous and short-sighted! If you feel the man is given too much of an important role than the woman, then consider that the man in all his glory still NEEDS the woman to survive and function effectively, and that changes things. We see this when after God created Adam, he existed for a while by himself in the garden before God later declared that the man could not exist and he his own needed compatible counterpart, a woman.

God was not saying Adam was alone and needed companionship to have sex with. The woman's role is way more than that. God was saying that Adam needed BALANCE and BOOST to help him to flourish in his role. Thus, God described the woman as his 'help mate.'

Why exactly would he need her when he was governing and ruling on his own before she came? Because the man in his male gender needs a woman in her female gender to balance him, and more than anything, she could keep him grounded.

When I had to write this brief piece explaining the woman's role, God showed me the vision of the landscape of a river, a waterfall, and the sea. And suddenly I got what he was trying to reveal to me.

The woman is like fluid in the man's life. Like the free-flowing water that moves around his rock rigidity, contained only by the protective border of his sandy shore. And that makes the rough landscape of a river become alive and filled with beautiful life forms. The man could go anywhere from large boulder rocks to fine sand. Because the woman is the water in between, that moves alongside the rock, gently breaking off small particles from it without

Question 6: What are your thoughts on the roles of both the man and the woman?

completely breaking him down, enough to produce the sand needed for the shore where she comes to rest. Because she knows how to take from him without destroying him and make it into more. All the while his rock secures and guides her flow right there alongside him, while still being tethered to him.

Another analogy would be to consider a coloring book. The man is the outline of the picture, while the woman is the crayons, to color within the lines and bring life to the picture!

Consider the man as the PLUS SIGN and the woman as the MULTIPLICATION SIGN: God created the man with the authority to possess, provide, and lead. And he created the woman with VALUE built-in from birth with the ability to multiply and bring life to any situation.

Therefore, as his valuable help mate and having been specifically selected and given to him by God, she is her husband's TREASURE and she should know her worth and move in divine function in the order of the Proverbs 31 virtuous woman to add spiritual value to her husband's life, which increases his spiritual net-worth unto God. In other words, she makes his credit score in heaven go up!

Now the man being the head of their family can pull down more of heaven's currency from God to invest in building their lives! Because he is her spiritual covering, and he builds their kingdom (that she oversees), with a mighty fortress around it to keep his TREASURE safe from all harm, and where he alone can access and enjoy it. She would not need another; her husband encircles her with everything she could ever need inside their kingdom.

That is the functioning essence of the woman as she is added to the man. God created both genders to function differently with one purpose. And as his little gods created them in his image and likeness so they can multiply themselves upon the earth and rule and take dominion over it. Therefore, God MUST BE THE ONE TO CHOOSE OUR MATES! PERIOD! It cannot work no other way. We simply cannot make light of this kind of divine alliance!

We can never have much value or be able to function properly, multiply, rule, and take charge of anything if we don't see ourselves the way God sees and created us. We were created as a specific gender that has its role divine to carry on God's creation. As a woman, it is not about just having children, she has the builtin ability to breed life, to add value by multiplication, to any situation whether it is in love or business. So if the woman is not contributing this way to anything or anyone she is involved with, then she has bitten into that fruit Satan dangles at her that causes her to usurp her God-given ability multiplication change her subtraction instead! Don't forget, it was the woman that was brought to the man and not the man brought to the woman. She was added to him to multiply him into more. She is supposed to build him up and not take him down. And he is supposed to treasure her worth and not devalue her. She came to the earth already valued so no one can take that worth from her unless she allows them to because she does not know the true value of her divine blueprint! Women should choose to be who God created them to be.

Gender is revealed in the animal kingdom as well and even functions in the plant kingdom too. The Latter is

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Question 8: Why don't God and the angels have reproductive body parts?

where you'd find two opposite or different things designed to be compatible working together to bring about life. Like beautiful gardens are produced from two different elements as water and earth working together to produce life forms by watering a seed that is buried in the dirt. Like both genders, both elements are needed to make the earth come alive with all life forms!

Mankind could not be the same or just one gender. That would stunt the growth of life. The man and the woman not only had to be different but rather opposite in many ways yet similar where it matters, so they could ebb and flow together throughout life and cover more ground.

Did God, therefore, create the woman as an afterthought? Quite the contrary. God does nothing by chance but by purposeful design. He waited to create the woman to give the man enough time to learn he could not exist without her and for the woman to learn she is always needed and has divine value to God and all his creation! God himself already knew that before the beginning of time!

God as the head, ruler, and giver of all life forms, is referred to as 'He' because of how he functions. The seemingly male pronouns speak to his FUNCTION as the head, and not of his gender. Therefore, he does not have genitals or rather reproductive organs like the male being. Why?

Neither God nor any of the celestial beings need reproductive organs because they will not be reproducing via procreation (sexual intercourse) to produce offspring of their kind. The celestial beings called angels were not given the ability to CREATE, REcreate, or REproduce themselves. Only God has that unlimited ability, except to procreate... obviously, for he does not need to have sex to create life when he can simply create them from scratch.

There is a difference between CREATING, RE-creating, and RE-producing. 'Create' means making something from scratch, 'recreate' is changing something created or adjusting it, and 'reproduce' is to make a replica of something already created. God the ultimate life-giver CREATED only two prototypes of mankind and animals, one male and one female, and then tasked them with their gendered reproductive organs to REPRODUCE themselves and replenish or fill the earth. Therefore, along with spiritual beings, humans or animals were not given the permission or ability to ever CREATE or RECREATE themselves. Though we know certain humans who would love to violate and counterfeit that law.

I submit that the term 'man' describes the being which God is. But as I determined earlier, He does not have reproductive organs to define him as either a male or a female, yet we are told he created both genders in his image and are like him. So how does that work? It is simple, something in the composition of God makes him fully relatable and compatible with both genders, male and female! And we will find out what that is in the following topic.

If *man* never had to procreate or reproduce, then there would be no need for genders with reproductive body parts. Imagine what humans would look and be like if they were genderless. Remove all their reproductive organs which would be their genitals, and then remove the woman's breasts because she only received those to give her baby food from her body. Then remove the emotional needs built into humans that attract one gender to the other and all the physical and biological features that distinguish a man from a

Question 9: How do you feel about gender as being embedded in our DNA?

woman. What does that leave us? The genderless MAN being! Which is exactly what GOD is! There cannot be a male/man without there being a female/woman and likewise, removing the gender from man makes humans simply the 'man' being. And because we are made as a type or a kind of the man being that God is, hence, the word 'mankind.' And because both the man and the woman were made from that same man being... it is why they are both categorized as man!

I am not suggesting that one could ever remove gender from humans or even animals, you simply CANNOT. Gender does not refer only reproductive organs; it is much deeper than that. It also affects our biological form and is embedded into the intangible parts of our being, such as mental and emotional. It affects the way we think, act, and even sound, activates our relational needs for our opposite gender. It is built into our DNA, shapes our skeletal form, and flows through our blood and every cell in our body. Let's look at the following online article from https://naturalhistory.si.edu/education/ teaching-resources/writtenbone/skeleton-keys/male-or-female

The human skeletal

How do investigators and scientists tell if a bone or skeleton belongs to a man or a woman? The clues lie in the bones themselves.

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Figure 1 - The male and female pelvis skeletal [Left] Male pelvis. [Right] Female pelvis. Smithsonian photo

Question 10: List some differences between the male and female's skeletal	The differences between a male and female pelvis are compared below.
forms.	Pelvic Inlet
	· Male: narrower, heart-shaped
	· Female: open, circular
	Sciatic Notch
	· Male: narrower
	· Female: broader
	Pubic Bones
	· Male: narrower sub-pubic angle
	where the two bones meet
	· Female: wider sub-pubic angle
	where the two bones meet
	Hip Bones
	· Female: more outwardly flared
	If our skeletal structure was designed
	to distinguish a man different from a
	woman, then how much more would the cells, membranes, blood, and
	emotions depict gender differences as

well? Those were all built on top of the human framework, which is the skeleton. This confirms there is no way humans could ever change their gender, even if they managed to change out their reproductive organs. Gender is tangible, intangible, and lies within one's DNA. And this topic deserves a whole book by itself that I could mention only briefly here. Breaking down or taking away someone's gender while they live on the earth makes a human less than whom they are created to be, and they become broken and non-functioning.

As I stated earlier, gender is not just about childbearing. While everyone will not have the ability to produce children, a man will always secure/protect, provide, and have charge over anything he possesses, while a woman always brings balance and life to

anything he possesses, while a woman always brings balance and life to anything she possesses, whether it be in the family, business, or church... ANYWHERE! She has the God-given ability to balance, nurture, and bring life to anything!

So, what is God's gender? Neither! he is GENDERLESS. But is a 'he' because of how he functions in his leadership, protective, provisional, and authoritative role over everything, and he passes that right down to his creation to the male gender as the head and to the female gender as the lifebearer. Both genders are embedded into his spiritual man DNA and make him relatable to both as his mankind! And this is one instance where we as humans were indeed created in his image, and it reveals something about understanding who God is. Amazing!

The Holy Trinity

Now, let's look at God's composition. God describes himself in The Bible as a spirit, which simply means he cannot be seen, and he exists in the spirit realm or spirit world. The Bible states that he is made up of three different components, which we know as a Father, a Son, and a Holy Spirit. What

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Question 12: What is the difference between God being a spirit and having a persona of a Holy Spirit?

does this mean? Firstly, note that God's composition is different from *man's*. While God's is Father, Son, and Spirit, *man's* is Body, Soul, and spirit. God does not have a physical body in his composition like how he made man. A spirit means the non-physical or intangible part of a person or being, therefore this means all three of God's components are invisible as he is indeed a spirit.

In God's three components of a Father, a Son, and a Holy Spirit, we see the word 'Spirit' again! First, it says "God is a spirit" overall, then goes on to add a Spirit as one of his three components. Does this mean that the Father and the Son components are not spirits also? And if God is a spirit overall, why go back and make one of his components Spirit again? a Wouldn't the Spirit component become redundant?

the thing. Well. That here's Spirit indicates that the Holy **Trinity** of the component means something quite different than God being a spirit in general! The Father, Son, and Spirit components of the Godhead are referring to how they 'function' rather than mere titles. Just Question 13: Write a like referring to God as a 'he' speaks to how he functions and not to his gender.

Question 13: Write a summary of God's 3 components. (Pt 1 of

I believe the word "spirit" in the context of "God is a <u>spirit</u>" translates to the word 'embodiment' which means something you can visibly see from something intangible. In other words, it is like how something intangible like an idea or feeling is manifested visibly.

For example, when we use the phrase "the spirit of America", in that saying that context, we are not America is invisible, rather we are referencing the qualities that best describe how that country functions. America's qualities have mostly been referred to as being proud and brave, so the spirit of America is its ability to function as being proud and brave. So it is with the triune components of God, they are functions. Therefore, let's change the declaration of the Godhead to say: God the spiritual embodiment (function) of a Father, God the spiritual embodiment (function) of a Son, and God the spiritual embodiment (function) of a Holy Spirit! Indeed, making all three components of the trinity operate as functions and not titles. Now let's look at each component:

The embodiment of the Father spirit: What is the spirit of a Father?

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Ouestion 14: Write a summary of God's 3 components. (Pt 2 of 2) This component as the head of the Trinity is the part of God in his higher self that is among other authoritative, a leader, a ruler, and the one in executive charge. As a father, he is the life-giver, and sustainer of all life forms, the component that seeks to create. This is also where all his character resides, in the Spirit of the Father. God constantly refers Himself as Father, Creator, and God of all, therefore, we can conclude the qualities that this spirit in the trinity embodies, is Highest in authority, Creator, and sustainer of life.

The embodiment of the Son spirit: No this is NOT Jesus as you may think, and I'm daring to say that. But Jesus was not even a PERSON until he was planted as a seed in Mary's belly. Remember, the spirit of the Son in the Godhead like the other components is a function and not a title a particular person. or The component is the regenerative section of the trinity. Just like a son, it is an extension of God in his lower self, compared to its Father spirit in its higher self. The Son spirit carries the desire in God to be reproduced or regenerated to extend itself outside of the Godhead's existence with the need love. care. and nurture. submissive and loyal Son spirit needs its authoritative Father spirit to guide, provide for, and to protect it. It desires to be needed, loved, and is relational. The embodiment that could later be fitted into a human body as a seed in Mary's belly to be called Jesus, to carry the entire Godhead into the earth!

The disciple John gave some insight into this spirit of a Son component of the trinity when in introducing Jesus at the beginning of his epistle, he first referenced the Son spirit function in the Godhead before it came to the earth as a man. Look at those scriptures:

John 1:1-2,9,14 (NIV)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John was speaking of the spirit of the Son component before it became the person of Jesus himself. Note he did not even mention Jesus by name in that reference. John defined what the essence of the spirit of the Son in the Godhead was as the 'Word' and that it was with God (as part of the trinity) and would later come to earth as the true light and walk among men as Jesus in human form. The 'Word' translates to the 'truth' of what the Godhead is. Therefore, to define the spiritual embodiment of the Son component, we can say it is TRUTH, LOVE, and LIGHT. That was the spirit Jesus embodied when he was manifested on the earth. Because the spirit component of the Son fulfilled its ultimate mission by coming to earth in the form of Jesus to light the way that paves the path to save a world of humans for God. It proves it is the component that desires outward connections with others in love, and this component is what makes God very relational.

The embodiment of a Holy Spirit's spirit: What is the spirit of a

Question 15: Summarize the Holy Trinity as explained here.

Holy Spirit? It speaks to the emotions and attributes of God as a spirit that is holy and all things RIGHTeous. Unlike the Father and Son spirits being God in his higher and lower self, this Holy component is the center of God, the heart and the soul of God, the glue that bonds all the components together. The Holy attributes and emotions of God reside in this component. That is why often in scripture God expresses emotions by saying, "my spirit is grieved, or vexed or stirred up." The Holy Spirit component is also the powerful executor of the Godhead. This is where everything God needs done. This doing. gets **Spirit** component listens for the authoritative instructions from the Father spirit and deploys it to be executed. It is the worker and doer of the Godhead. It is the component that puts angels to work and equips mankind with power on behalf of the Godhead. It is the Project Manager of heaven. Whenever God moves on the earth it is through this powerful agent, the most essential part of the Godhead. This is why scripture says you can be forgiven if you blaspheme against the Father or the Son spirits but blaspheming against the trinity's Holy Spirit... forget it, it's over for you.

Its spiritual embodiment is that it empowers, and equips for divine

holiness, and carries out all the duties of the Godhead. That is the spirit of the Holy Spirit.

So, what is God? In a nutshell, we can say he is the genderless being who is the life-giving creator, most high in authority, truth, and light. He is all things righteous and divine that are love, and that desire to extend his attributes to others in personal relationships. Voila!

Trinity components in function

That being said. Whenever God interacts in the earthly realm, depending on the thing that needs to be done, the appropriate components are deployed. Let's look at two popular examples:

Creation of the earth Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV)

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the <u>Spirit of God</u> was hovering over the waters. ³ And <u>God said</u>, "Let there be...

All three components of the Godhead were deployed here but the Holy Spirit component takes center stage. In verse 1 it states, "In the beginning, GOD CREATED the heavens and the earth". Since 'created' is a verb or action word, this is like the headline news announcing that God with his three components worked in achieving this feat of creation. Next, from verse 2 onwards to the end of day 6 in the creation story is where the details of the headline news were reported, and we see all three components contributing to the execution of this project.

Verse 2 makes a distinction that the SPIRIT OF GOD was HOVERING. It did not say God was hovering but rather his Holy Spirit. This "hovering" seems to imply that the worker of the Godhead was waiting around for instructions to jump into action.

Then it said in verse 3, that GOD (via the spirit of the Father that gives executive instructions) said "Let there be... light, sky, land, vegetation, heavenly bodies, and living creatures." He kept authorizing creation's existence by speaking commands down to day 5, of things he needed to get done. Therefore, the words God spoke of "let there be," was him speaking from the position of the authoritative spirit of the Father, and the spirit of the Holy Spirit that was hovering, heard the WORD the spirit of the creator Father commanded and moved from hovering or idle mode into execution!

But then finally on day 6, we find God getting his hands dirty (pun intended) to personally create man from the dirt of the ground. He was about to fulfill his desire to be relational, to love, to sustain, and be extended outside of his existence by creating his very first son Adam, from the position of the spirit of the Son. For 5 days God spoke creation into being, but for man, he worked on his complex design himself and 'suscitated' him by blowing the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man's lifeless form became alive and breathing! Mankind means that much to him! Man is valued over all of creation.

Here's another example. Jesus' conception, where Mary is being impregnated with Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV) Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give

birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Again, we see all three spirits in the Godhead being deployed, but this time the spirit of the Son is featured in a more profound way than its role in the inspiration to create Adam.

In verse 20, an angelic being appeared to Joseph with a message from the Godhead via the executive spirit of the Father informing him that the executor spirit of the Holy Spirit has executed the job of placing the seed (sperm) of the spirit of the Son into Mary's womb. Then the angel tells Joseph in verse 21, that the child is to be named Jesus.

As opposed to Adam, where God created him from the POSITION of the spirit of the Son, for Jesus, placing the spirit of the Son of the Godhead into the human womb of a woman to be born, meant God is about to enter the earth physically into the form of his human son!

Verse 23 confirms this as it referenced when God told the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 7:14) that a virgin will give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel, which translates to mean that GOD (the entire Godhead) is with us!

All through the scriptures, God kept referring to the event when Jesus would come to the earth as God himself. Between God and Jesus, they would keep going back and forth referring to themselves as Father and Son. Look at what God said in the following scripture.

Zechariah 12:10 (NIV)

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"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

Did you catch the sentences in bold? In that one scripture, God was previewing a scene of Jesus' death that was to come and inserted Himself into the scene as if it were him though obviously, we know it was Jesus. Note he narrated the scene both in the first and third persons, "me" and "him"? And Jesus once said, "If you see the Father then you see me". This is because Jesus carries God's DNA. Jesus was God in the earth as a demonstration of the spirit of the Son from the need in the spirit of the Father to love and extend himself in the earth. They are moving in one spirit but in different functions of one spirit. Jesus coming to the earth was the spirit of the Father component busting at the seams to be reproduced and manifested into the earth! This way he gets to be both the Father and the Son!

This is confusing to many when it really should not be. Some would ask whom Jesus was praying to in the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus in human form was praying to his heavenly Father, but Jesus as the spirit of the Son was connecting to the spirit of the Father as well because the trinity has both a Father and a Son spirit!

By now you should have a general vision of God's composition to compile his profile. But I have one final lead to research to complete this. We must now look at the composition of *man* as well since they are an extension of God since we now know that God's humans are another reason that God from the position of the spirit of the Son, created them.

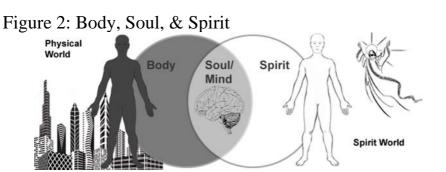
Composition of mankind

Later, as I unpack the contents of the plan of salvation for mankind, we will see how God interacts with his human beings and how much they are truly likened to him. So, to know who God is, we must look at man's composition as well to see how it points to God's profile. After all, it is the humans that need to be saved hence the reason the plan of salvation was forged.

As I stated earlier, *man*'s composition is different from God's, in that *man*, also being a triune being, is composed of a body, a soul, and a spirit, unlike God's triune components which are all invisible spirits of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Man*'s composition has a physical body component unlike God's, then a human spirit component (common 's') as opposed to God's Holy Spirit component (capital 'S'), and finally a soul component that is neither spirit nor body but rather the condition or state of the man's mind.

Additionally, unlike God who can exist only in the spirit world/realm because he does not have a body to live in the earth. The *man* was made more flexible, because his components have both a spirit and a body along with the soul, which means man can live in the physical world/realm via his body yet access the spirit world as well via his spirit!

This is key to note. Remember I stated earlier that the Son spirit of the Godhead is God's need to be relational and extended to others, note that God gave the *man* a connection back to him via their human spirit! Look at the *man*'s composition in the picture below and let's discuss each one in detail.



Spirit: God created man with a spirit like he has a Spirit component. But the function of man's spirit is to enable man to access the spiritual world/realm/dimension where God is, but this is also where all spirit beings both good and bad live as well. Man's spirit existed with God BEFORE his body was FORMED. And his spirit holds the raw data of the intention, plan, and purpose God had for him because he is God's creation, and he was created for a specific purpose.

Let's elaborate on this. In Jeremiah 1:5. God interrupted Jeremiah's normal life to CALL him to his divine appointment during a time when the nation of Israel was deep in sin and idolatry. Jeremiah was to be God's representative to give Josiah, the King of Israel, important direction. But Jeremiah was only around 17 when God "called" him. So naturally, young Jeremiah complained to God that he was too young to do what he was being asked and was scared. Jeremiah recounted God's response to him:

The Call of Jeremiah Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ The word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

⁶ "Alas, Sovereign Lord," I Question 17: What is the said, "I do not know how to purpose and function of speak; I am too voung."

⁷ But the Lord said to me. "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue vou," declares the Lord.

⁹ Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Based on the scriptures above, what did God KNOW before he formed Jeremiah? HIS SPIRIT! What did God set apart and made unique in Jeremiah? HIS SPIRIT! What holds Jeremiah's appointment, and purpose? HIS SPIRIT! What therefore defines who Jeremiah truly is and what he was to do on the earth? The data in HIS SPIRIT! Additionally, in verse 9 when God reached out and touched Jeremiah's mouth, he was activating the data of those divine purposes stored in Jeremiah's spirit and "calling" them to life to be superman's spirit?



Ouestion 18: What is the difference between the mind and the soul in reference to man's composition?

imposed over Jeremiah's purposeless and disconnected human condition! Jeremiah must now choose to rise to that call, which he eventually did. Because everyone has free will, even the "called" of God.

Man's spirit was created filled with the data of his purpose and everything God wanted man to do on the earth. The very essence of who each human is lies within his spirit, this is God-given data. But upon birth, man's spirit is dead to God because Adam and Eve gave into Satan's temptation and disobeyed God in the garden, and it brought sin upon them, so they died spiritually to God and connection to their divine purpose. So, for man's spirit to become alive to God again, there has to be a reconnection between God's spirit and man's, and this is where salvation comes in whether it is directly from God as in the case of Jeremiah before the time of Jesus' death or being spiritually reborn through Christ because of his death (more on that later). Either way, when the reconnection is made, man's spirit gets plugged into God's Spirit and it is resurrected (become alive again) like a spiritual resuscitation! But, just as a man can access God in the spirit world using his spirit, they can access the evil spirits in the same spirit world as well, and those spirits can also access him. Because the spiritual world comprises God, angels, and demons, all spiritual beings!

Soul: Let us first make a distinction between the mind and the soul. Understand that they are distinctively different. Many in the secular world say that man's composition is body, MIND, and spirit because they do not want to make a connection between humans and their Creator. If man has a soul, then he is created by God and accountable to him because the soul is the data God reads to determine if a man is saved. So, they place priority on man's mind over his soul so that the man is on his own and they tell him he has the power to change himself without help from God, using his mind. He can therefore use his spirit to tap into the evil spirits in the spirit world that gives him their power to become a god unto himself and rule his destiny, totally bypassing God. Later in the book, you will learn where this behavior comes from. But I disagree with that theory and submit that man's composition is rather a body, SOUL, and spirit. Let's elaborate.

The soul refers to the substantial nature of man because of his faculty ability to think and reason in his mind. Therefore, the results of man's belief system from what he has conjured up in his mind create his nature or the condition of his being, which is his soul. And man acts out of what is in his nature, or he becomes his nature. Since it is the mind that sends its data to form the soul that produces man's nature, then this makes the soul the higher component over the mind and qualifies to be recognized as an official component of man over simply the mind. If man has no soul and the buck stops at his mind, then there is no accountability to check the status of man's being. Because the mind cannot be seen, whatever it does shapes the condition of the soul, that in turn tells the body to show what the mind has become! The Bible constantly refers to man's soul as the entity that needs to be saved by renewing or retraining the mind. The mind is the battleground where good and evil are fought and whichever between good and evil wins, it affects the soul. The soul could also be referred to metaphorically as the heart, as a man's heart is his soul. The soul as

indicated in the picture above where the body overlaps with the spirit suggests that the soul or man's nature is generated/determined/affected by both the physical and spiritual components of man!

Body: This is the tangible physical component of man. This is where man acts out what his nature or soul has become because of the battles he has fought and won in his mind. It is the component that enables man to live and interact in the physical world. The body is the vehicle that carries man's spirit around in the earth. However, unlike man's spirit which is eternal and goes back to God when a man dies, the body is subjected to wear and tear with age over time, and when a man dies, his body goes back to the ground and disintegrates to dirt after it has decayed. Therefore, unlike the eternal spirit, the body is temporary, though still of huge significance, because, without the perishable body, the eternal spirit cannot live in the earthly realm. In essence, man is a spirit that happens to be in a body, and not the other way around.

Now that we understand the components of both man and God. Let's conclude what exactly the scriptures meant by "man is created in God's image and likeness" because based on the difference between both man and God's components, they are not the same though they are super compatible. It expressly means we are made as an extension of God to possibly carry his nature and character traits. We were made as his spirit of Sons or children. Additionally, when you think of God's composition compared to man's and you get right down to it, God has a component that DESIRES us, his Son spirit, and we have a component that NEEDS him... our human spirits! Together we have a built-in connection. Additionally, the traits in both the Father and Son spirits of the Trinity are found in the roles God gives to the man and the woman. The man leads and gives life while the woman follows and nurtures life and are in harmony with each other to become one as much as the Father and Son spirits work in harmony with each other to become one, and Jesus who was submitted to and in step with God says "I and the Father are one". Therefore, as humans we are likened to God... in his spiritual likeness!

It was very important to build an understanding of the make-up of both God and man to determine who God is, and now hopefully we have a clearer picture of God. This means everything in the why and how of God's plan of salvation. Hopefully, now you have enough information that lays the solid foundation upon which the plan of salvation is built on.

Setting the stage

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- CHAPTER TWO - God Is Love

This important topic needs to be brought to center stage as it completes God's profile by explaining why he is the way he is. As I was writing this research, God began to open a new understanding to me that many would bother to wrap their minds around; the topic of 'God IS Love', or 'the Love of God'. This research could not be complete without this topic. Understanding God's LOVE is key to understanding who he is and his plan of salvation for humans. Because the essence of that plan rides on his love for mankind.

Do we truly understand HOW or WHY God loves or even THAT he loves? I don't know how much we can relate to that. I believe this topic is a whole book by itself, but I feel that for us to understand God's Plan of Salvation, I had to include even one chapter on God's love. Because it is ultimately for LOVE that God created mankind!

Our Intimate God

Before tackling the extraordinary explanation of God's LOVE, I wrote about his relational character which is one aspect of his love attribute. But I want to talk about another side of that attribute, his intimate side, and how it shows up in our lives.

A few times in my writing I will state that God tells me this or

that. In a relationship with God, he Question 19: Do you share desires to speak directly to all of us as Many of Christians. us have developed the ability to hear him speak audibly whether by a real voice that you hear or a voice in your head, while many still struggle with hearing him speak at all. But it is requirement nonetheless if you are to become an effective follower of Jesus Christ and have a personal relationship with God; you MUST hear God speak to you and have a dialog with him. In this kind of relationship, he wants to share things with you that are dear to and current in his heart. This is what is happening as I am writing this research; he tells me things not found in scriptures but found in his heart.

"What is she talking about?" you may ask. I'll explain because it is not farfetched.

God has mysteries and deeper secrets that are hidden in his heart. Those things are not written in his Bible but reserved to be shared on a level of intimacy between him and someone he shares LOVE with and who seeks to converse with him. I don't believe God would everything in The Bible, that book could never hold everything he wants us to know. Some things he holds back for the intimate times with his

intimacy with God? Does he speak to you?

Question 20: At the very least, what is the bible written about?

beloved, his people, those who have developed a personal and intimate relationship with him. You must remember that The Bible is a book that outlines true historical events that took place thousands of years ago as well as the future projections for our world. In fact, in its purest sense, The Bible documents God's plan of salvation and what he projects will happen after that till the end of time. It is not a biography of a God that existed only in the past or is dead. he is still alive this very day thousands of years after The Bible was written and he is still speaking, so his current thoughts in his heart about us today and the world around us still need to be communicated to today. Let's examine scriptures as God speaks to one of his prophets Jeremiah:

Jeremiah 33:1-3 (NIV)

¹While Jeremiah was still confined in the courtyard of the guard, the word of the Lord came to him a second time: 2 "This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it—the Lord is name: ³ 'Call to me and I will answer and tell you vou great unsearchable things you do not know.'

Here we see the prophet Jeremiah being 'courted' by God. A prophet is selected to speak on God's behalf of his divine plans for the earth and its people. They are privy to mysteries, and secrets. curren things. A prophet's gifting activated from having a relationship with God where they hear his voice clearly and talk with him. This relationship of intimacy is not reserved only for prophets today. but for anyone who desires to be close to God on an intimate level God wanted to reveal to the prophe Jeremiah, one of many called by him that chose to share intimacy with him, of his plans for the devastation that would happen to Israel, which would ultimately lead restoration.

Incidentally, in the scripture, note that God introduces Himself to Jeremiah using his triune components by first declaring his position as Creator of all (spirit of the Father), and then encouraging him into a relationship with him (spirit of the Son) by adding that if he would "call out to him", (a 'calling out' means yearning a honest need for information or help. and the need to be heard) he would share with him (via the spirit of his "GREAT Holy Spirit)

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Question 22: What are the different ways God expresses intimacy with his children?

UNSEARCHABLE (undocumented) things, that he DOES NOT KNOW". Makes begins sense? God his relationship with Jeremiah bv introducing himself as the three functioning of the personas Godhead!

But let's jump back to God being intimate with his humans. Hopefully, don't share EVERYTHING you about yourself with everyone, even with your spouse. But I bet that due to the intimate moments and among close your spouse confidante(s), they each became privy to some of the deeper recesses of your heart. They'd know more about you than anyone else does, and it is because of the deeply established relationship you formed with them because they proved themselves worthy of your trust, to be told of the things hidden in the inner sanctum of your heart.

Someone may one day write my biography if I pass away and include in it enough important information about me that the public would need to know to form an honest impression of me. But if you needed to know the guarded parts of me to put that book together, you would not find it easily. You would have to find someone I trust with my private and personal things. Only such trusted person(s)

would hold that information because I would never share those things with anyone unless they were a part of my 'inner circle'. God's 'secret things' are being shared only with his 'trustees' today, those who choose to become a part of his inner circle.

This is one way we see an intimate God desiring intimacy with the ones who manage to get close to his heart. God tells things to his intimate friends that are unsearchable; undocumented and cannot be found anywhere except inside his heart. I am happy to be called one of his trustees and intimate friends whom he shares some of his instructions, knowledge, wisdom, secrets, and the longings of his heart with. This kind of need for intimacy and its benefits adds a new layer of paint to the picture of God's LOVE character which is a part of who he is.

That information also opens the door to truly understanding how God IS Love, and why out of this LOVE did he create mankind.

God's Desire and Love for Mankind

Because God is a relational being that desires intimacy and relationships, it was out of this desire that he wanted to create humans that would mean more to him than the relationship he already had with his angels. These humans could become his friends, his children, and his trustees. God created mankind as an expression of his desire to LOVE them with the hopes of them LOVING him back. This takes us right back to the spirit of the Son component of his triune being. The desire to extend himself, to nurture, and love.

Acts 17: 27-28 (NIV)

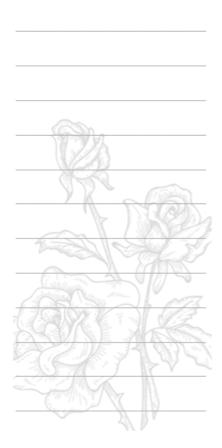
²⁷God intended that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though He is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some

Question 23: How has God prepared the planet earth for mankind's existence?

of your poets have said. 'We are His offspring.'

I believe God was so excited at the thought of these new beings that he may have told his angels; "Hey, I'm going to create a kind of man like me (in his likeness) that mirrors my character (in his image)!" God was about to CREATE humans to be relatable to him and them likewise, so he could have a unique relationship with them that he did not share with his angels. But even though these beings will be created by him as he created the angels, they too would be given free will to act on their own and to make a choice to LOVE him back.

With all that I've covered so far regarding who God is and why he created mankind, we can determine that creating mankind was not an afterthought after the creation of the Earth. I believe it's the other way around. In my mind, I see God searching out the Universe for the perfect real estate location to create a home for mankind. The first five days of creation were about God preparing for man's holistic planet earth existence. Please pause and reflect on what that truly means. This shows God's heart and the high value he places on mankind that he would



thoughtfully prepare a whole planet *Question 24: Why is the* for them in the huge expanse of the *location of the earth safe* galaxies and the universe. *mankind?*

The earth was created mankind and not mankind created for the earth. Here's an analogy. Think of how excited a young couple feels after they get married and are planning to start a family of their own and are looking for a new house to call their home. While they are excitedly shopping for this house, they have other things in mind than their own need to occupy it. They are thinking that soon they will have their children living in that house, so they choose or build the house based on that projection. It had to be in a safe environment that minimizes the risk of harm to them and their children, in a good neighborhood with good neighbors, situated close to good schools, with room enough in the house for the children, and maybe a sizeable fenced in backyard for the kids to play freely and safely. All this thought is given before a child is even born!

So it was with God, mankind was the sole reason he created the earth and prepared it specifically for them. Science would later prove that the planet Earth is the only planet that all life forms could exist on,

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simply because of its precise coordinates in the universe. Not its location, a location suggests a general area, but coordinates suggest a precise point. Because of the position of this precise coordinate in the universe that the earth's axis sits and rotates on, this makes it occupiable for God's creation because this coordinated position places the earth at the only safe distance away from the sun and the moon and that provides the right atmosphere for all life forms to exist on it. If this position were even one coordinate off, it would become either too hot or too cold and therefore uninhabitable for God's creation.

Here science confirms this as *The American Museum of Natural History (AMNH)* states this theory on their website: https://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/permanent/planet-earth/why-is-the-earth-habitable

A special planet: the habitable Earth

What makes the Earth habitable? It is the right distance from the Sun, it is protected from harmful solar radiation by its magnetic field, it is kept warm by an insulating atmosphere, and it has the right chemical ingredients for life, including water and carbon. The processes that shape the Earth and its environment constantly cycle elements through the planet. This cycling sustains life and leads to the formation of the mineral and energy resources that are the foundation of modern technological society.

God's selection for the home of mankind was very well thought out! I Imagine he pointed to the only single dot in the universe that was perfect for mankind's home, recorded its coordinates in heaven, and then built the planet around that single dot and caused the earth to stay in that position for all eternity rotating on its axis! How remarkable! He created everything mankind would need to thrive on the planet in the first 5 days, and then finally, he created *man* with his own hands and moved them into their new home.

I'm beginning to see another layer of God's love character being formed. This must have been very exciting for him. Finally, he is going to have a whole planet of 'little gods' after him that would rule the planet and exhibit his likeness and character and form a deep relationship with him. What is even more exciting is that those who will become his friends, the children through the plan of salvation, he'll charge his angels to serve minister to them as the angels do for This, therefore, places the him! children of salvation over the celestial beings on the hierarchy of the created things with God as their Father and the angels as their servants. Even the angels would serve us? How doggone cool!

Psalms 91:1, 11-12 (NIV)

¹Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Highest will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

12 they will lift you up in their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Hebrews 1:14 (NIV)

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those who will inherit salvation?

But something tragic happened that shook the core of Heaven and God's heart, and it changed the course of mankind forever. A great war broke out in heaven headed by an angel whom God loved who became greedy for more. That angel lost that battle, and God evicted him and all the angels he managed to deceive out of heaven down to the earth. Was this betrayal the reason why God had such a desire for a new kind of being? Who knows whether the chickens came before the eggs or the other way around, either way, I believe that God was affected tremendously by what that angel that he loved so much did, that it would justify his yearning for another form of relationship on a deeper level.

We need to see God as the ultimate being that has emotions and acts out of them. He also has characteristics. He is JUST, he is RIGHTEOUS, he is POWERFUL, he is the MOST-HIGH, he is ALL-KNOWING, and he is OMNIPOTENT among other amazing things.

But he is also LOVE. God has emotions. He gets ANGRY, he shows LOVE, he experiences GRIEF, he experiences DELIGHT. And by God being capable of LOVE, it comes with the downside; HURT and JEALOUSY. God emotes them all. He says in scripture that he is a jealous God.

Please read into that as something great because one gets jealous, hurt, or even angry when they feel someone betrays their love or loyalty to them. That's how much God loves us to the point that we can hurt him and cause him to become jealous. God indeed has character traits and emotions and he made us with all those traits and emotions too for we were created in his IMAGE and LIKENESS. Now we see where our good character traits and emotions came from.

When God lost his connection to mankind through Adam's sin in Eden, it must have hurt him too. I feel at times we interpret scriptures to portray God's heart whenever mankind messes up as if he was devoid of feelings and he moved into harsh action without them. That is not so.

We can see God's hurt and his desire for love through his plan of salvation to restore mankind. We see him doing everything possible and arranging circumstances to achieve that. And when all else failed, he came to the earth Himself in the form of a man Jesus, his son, and he lived among us. He was 100% God and 100% human through Jesus Christ. This mission would be the greatest expression of love for mankind, that he would Himself come as a human, knowing all he would endure in his human form.

God's spirit of the Son in Jesus also had every character, emotion, and experience that humans exhibit. Through Jesus God became COMPASSIONATE, HUNGRY, TIRED, ANGRY, REJECTED, he WEPT, and most of all... he DIED. God left his throne to come and live among us and was treated like anything but a King of anywhere.

God literally loved us to DEATH. That's where that statement came from. How much deeper can you love than unto death? When Adam betrayed God in the garden because of Satan, we can deduce that it hurt God a lot as he had to declare the curse that all

the players of the betrayal scene in the garden had brought upon themselves, as opposed to the great things he wanted for their destinies. That hurt activated the mission of salvation. If we understand how much God loves his humans, then we'll see his need to redeem them (win them back).

No one tries to reclaim something that means nothing to them. If you lost something and then set about to find it or to win it back to you then this is something that you love and means much to you. This is the heart of God. He created us to fill his need for a relationship he had never had before and then lost us to an enemy. And now he must reclaim us.

God is ultimately the author and creator of LOVE. So, whenever we say that God is LOVE, we are to remember that not only does God LOVE, but he has the desire to be loved in return.
