

The Will Of God

Part 1

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3.0 I am God.

When I was ten years old (photo below), my father (In the uniform photo), a career military officer, was stationed in Germany for five years. I attended military school and took the mandatory classes to learn German. I will never forget the class on the proper ways Germans were to call or answer their telephones. The receiving party's responsibility was simply to say hello. This signaled the caller to proceed. The caller's proper introduction was to fully state who they were and/or represented, whom they were calling, and the purpose of the call.

This is exactly how God reveals Himself to man. The Bible begins with the simple, yet utterly profound statement, "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1)*". Almighty God introduces Himself as the one true God who created the universe and all matter and life within. By virtue of His written Word, God is telling mankind that we are very, very special to Him and that He has planned to

have a relationship with man for all eternity. He has created all things just so He could spend eternity fellowshiping with us. This is God's will and the "heart" of the entire gospel message.

God wants to personally know you and I and everyone who has ever existed or will exist intimately throughout all eternity. God's purpose in this phone call, or if you will, His Word, is to invite you to enter this relationship with Him.

What a phone call!



Man is not an accidental by-product of creation nor are we an accidental result from any evolutionary process, alien life forms, chemical pools, energy, singularities, proclamation, or any other "beginning" proposed by man.

God specifically planned man to fellowship with

Him for eternity. God wants to personally know us, wants a relationship with us, has lavished gifts and love upon us, and will care for us eternally. Just think of all the wonderful gifts God showered upon Adam and Eve after He created them. In short, God planned to share His (eternal) life love with us. Not just some of us, but every single one of us. What a life the first couple had in the garden as they enjoyed His gifts and fellowshiped with God on a personal basis.



In Genesis 1:1 God introduces Himself as God and that He is the one who created all things. He created man different from all other life forms as He had a unique purpose and a unique invitation just for man.

On a social media website, my dear sister, Glenda, posted the following.

Because HE lives, I can face tomorrow

She is so right. Because Christ has risen, He has paid the penalty in full for all of mankind to be restored to God for eternal fellowship. I was so excited to read her post, I just had to respond ...

"... More than that. Without Him, the entire universe cannot exist for one heart beat. God Almighty sustains us all for one reason, and one reason alone. He created us in love that He might fellowship with us for all eternity. Just think about Adam and Eve for a second, Genesis 1:27 says, " God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." What kind of life did Adam and Eve have in the Garden? A blessed life until they were banished for sinning. The soul that sins, dies. Mankind inherited the capacity to sin from Adam and Eve, Man is doomed because our inheritance constantly causes every man, woman and child to sin each and every day. So how do we get rid of this curse, this awful inheritance? God knew we were eternally judged and condemned in a hopeless nightmare the moment Adam and Eve sinned and could do nothing to restore ourselves back to God for eternal fellowship. So God did the most awesome, the most sobering, the most loving and the most terrifying rescue ever conceived. He sacrificed His own Son as the propitiation for all of mankind's sins for all

time. How can we take advantage of this rescue and be counted among those who will eternally fellowship with God Almighty? Romans 10:8-9 says, "But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" -- that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;" Each morning, like Glenda, Because He Lives, I can face tomorrow!!

Because HE lives, I can face tomorrow and spend eternity fellowshiping with God Almighty



4.0 Quick Summary Of Genesis 1:1

The Bible was written by God to reveal Himself and His glorious plan of restoring all things to Himself. The intended audience was mankind in whom God had created in His own image for the explicit purpose of eternal fellowship. Bible scholars believe that Genesis was written by Moses, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, during the forty years that the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness (1450 - 1410 B.C.). God chose this particular moment to officially record His story.

As Moses led God's chosen people, the Israelites, around and around Mount Sinai in the wilderness, God directed Moses to write the first five books of the Old Testament so that Mankind would understand from whence they came, why, the purpose of life, how mankind fell from grace and eternal life through rebellion to God and sinning, how man was to live, and what was expected of each individual fully restored to God, Almighty.

God, naturally starts from start. God begins His revelation by stating what He is, not His name. He is God! And in simple words notes:

Genesis 1:1, In The Beginning God Created the Heavens And The Earth

This simple statement is one of the most provocative verses in the Bible as it introduces several key themes that are continuously developed throughout the rest of the Bible.

- (1) **God Introduces Himself.** God simply states who He is. He is God, not just a god, but **THE God**. This verse shouts that there are no other gods in existence and He is THE God, the ONLY God and the only God there will ever be. The statement that in the beginning God created the Heavens and Earth precludes anything else, including gods, or any entity, or matter from existence prior to His creation of all things..
- (2) **Only God Has Eternal Existence.** God existed before the beginning of all things and as God will never know an end. He has always existed and will always exist.
- (3) **God Is Self Sustaining.** Only God is eternal and self-existent. Nothing sustains God. Only God sustains Himself.
- (4) **God Sustains all.** ALL other beings are created and sustained by God. Nothing exists unless God allows it. All things exist within God's will.
- (5) **God's Will.** In eternity God had a desire (His will) for fellowship. This desire became God's purpose for creation. With essentially a blank sheet of God planned and designed the perfect solution to achieve His desire (will). We know this because God creates after in accordance with a will, a decision, and a plan. A plan is set of instructions to accomplish a goal. Therefore when God said He created, this meant He had a desire, made a decision, thought of everything (plan) and did the plan...perfectly. His plan is still being perfectly fulfilled.

- (7) **God is Perfect.** Everything God does is perfect even God's solution to man's fallen state. Since God is perfect so are all His plans are perfect and cannot fail. In Matthew 5:48 we are explicitly told that God is perfect. *Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*
- (8) **God Owns Creation.** As the creator, God owns all beings and may do with all He has created as He so pleases
- (9) **God Is The Absolute Authority.** There is no authority God answers to, accounts for His deeds, use or purpose of all He has created. He is the ultimate authority of all. There is no higher power than He, since only He is the THE God.
- (10) **God Is All Truth.** God is the absolute authority testified by His creation which includes all truth. Therefore, all things are to have as their ultimate anchor God's truth. Ignoring truth causes chaos within the universe, individual lives, civilization, political and religious organizations and etc., to name just a few.
- (11) **God Is Love.** God's creation was the result of a decision. That decision was made in love and for love. The driving force for creation was most definitely not hatred nor indifference. Those are imperfect motives and God did not create for malice. God as THE God has the ability to love or not love, but He chooses only to act in love as only THE God would. God created with perfect love and man was created with God's image therefore all man have the ability to love as well as the ability not to love. Man has the ability to love God as well as the ability to reject and hate God. God, being perfect, has the perfect plan to achieve fellowship which includes all contingencies. God's restoration plan is part of God's plan.
- (12) **God Is Good.** As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness after their exodus from Egypt, God took these descendants of Abraham and prepared them to become a nation un-equalled worldwide. They were God's chosen people, having increased from a family of 70 to estimates that range 2-6 million in population. Genesis 1:1 begins God's chronicle of how mankind sinned and rejected God. The rest of the Bible chronicles God's instructions, prophecies, truth, laws, desires, warnings, and etc. for His People for all time. God' is central in a battle of good (Him) versus evil (rejection of Him).
- (13) **I AM that I AM.** Moses, as he wrote the Pentateuch under guidance of the Holy Spirit was directed to state in Exodus 3:14 *"God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" In using the words "I AM THAT I AM,"* God used an expression to reveal to Moses a promise and pledge found in His name. the meaning of the Hebrew name YHWH – God's name – is "the Self-existent," "He who becometh," or "the becoming one." God, therefore, is providing a promise to Israel and the heavenly church He is what we need, an architect for the plan of salvation that will bring us back into harmony with Him. John 14:6, Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. God's creation is perfect in accordance with His perfect plan for perfect restoration of mankind to fulfill His perfect will.

5.0 Created For A Reason

God planned and created us for His glory and for fellowship. The Bible consistently underscores God's will and desires that He wants to fellowship with you! Yes, YOU!

As much as I try, I can't fully understand or appreciate God's driving desire to fellowship with me. I am very unworthy. I stink at being good, or kind, or godly. I truly know what I've done all my life, and sadly, I can't hide any of it from God Almighty. My only saving grace is that I truly believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He was crucified and died for all my sins and rose again on the third day, defeating Satan and conquering death, and now sits at the right hand of God the Father in Heaven, pleading on my behalf. I believe.

The Bible is clear. In eternity, before the foundation of the world, God decided He wanted fellowship and planned absolutely everything necessary to achieve His will. We are the fulfillment of God's own will as



stated in the first verse of Genesis.

Fellowship with God is the richest privilege bestowed on man because God wanted fellowship and created the perfect vehicle (mankind) to share His eternal life. When God created man, He walked in the garden and talked with Adam and Eve just as you or I talk with our earthly friends.

Can you imagine how beautiful the Garden of Eden must have been? Personally created by God and given to Adam and Eve in Godly love.

The "Prince of Preachers" Dr Charles H Spurgeon, Pastor of the New Park Street Chapel (later the Metropolitan Tabernacle) in London for 38 years. In September, 1861 Spurgeon gave a sermon in Chicago, IL focusing on God's desire to fellowship with man. Spurgeon was a prolific author having published his sermons, an autobiography, commentaries, books on prayer, devotionals, magazines, poetry, and hymns.

In this sermon, Spurgeon stated,

"So long as he was willing and obedient, Adam ate the fat of the land, and among the rich dainties and "wines on the lees well refined," of which his soul was a partaker, we must number first and foremost, unbroken communion with God, his Father and his Friend. Sin, as it banished man from Eden, banished man from God, and from that time our face has been turned from the Most High, and his face has been turned from us; -we have hated God, and God has been angry with us every day. Christ came into the world to restore to us our lost patrimony. It was the great object of his wondrous sacrifice to put us into a position which should be equal and even superior to that that which we occupied in Adam before the fall, and as he has already restored to us many things that we lost, so among the rest -fellowship with God. They who have by his grace believed, and have by the precious blood been washed, have peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord, they are "no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God," and they have access with boldness into this grace wherein we stand. So they who are in the kingdom, and under the dispensation of the second Adam, have restored to them in all its fullness that fellowship which was lost to them by the sin and disobedience of their first federal head. Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

6.0 Let Us Make Man In Our Image.

God's intention to dwell with people is seen at creation in Genesis 1:26, then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Notice the first part of this first says, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness!"

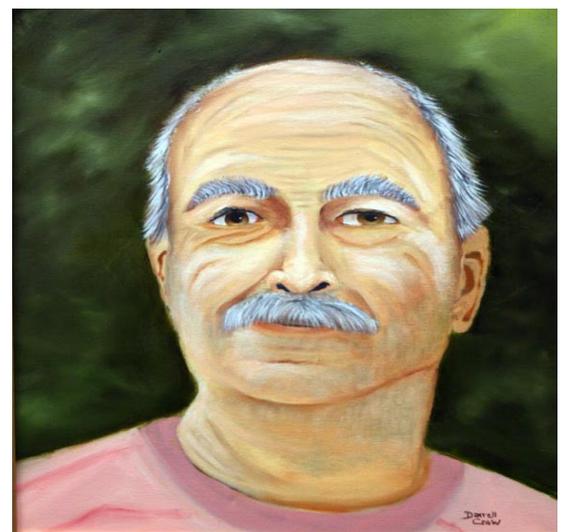
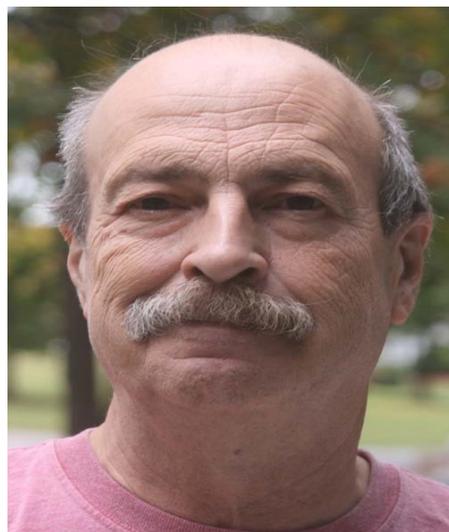
And again, in Genesis 1:27 we read, *God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.* And in Genesis 3:8, we find, "They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden."

What does it mean to be created in the image of God?

What it does not mean is that man possesses all the powers, characteristics and attributes of the great Creator Himself. Nevertheless, we have been created as much physically and spiritually as God deemed appropriate for fellowship and worship.

Being created in the image of God means,

1. Having responsibility as stewards of God's creation. Genesis 1:26-27 spells out that when God created humankind in His image, God created them male and female.
2. It means we are created with the capacity for building a relationship with God.
3. Out of all He created, God singled out mankind to be made in His image. No other lifeform has the ability to fellowship, worship, glorify, or love.
4. Man is blessed and honored uniquely by God as He has a specific purpose for man as no other created entity can fulfil His will.
5. Man is more important to God than all His creation. God has a purpose for man.



And that purpose is fellowship with God.

6. God's entire creation was created to achieve God's will for fellowship. This is good, happy, joyful, and of great worth to God, Almighty.

These verses (and many more) unequivocally assert that human beings are created in the image and likeness of God. Philosophers and theologians have debated the exact meaning of these verses for thousands of years. Some concluded that being made in the "Image of God" does not mean that God possesses human-like features, and the statement is figurative language for God giving man the ability or **capacity** to fellowship with Him, the capacity to **enjoy** fellowship with Him and the **desire** to fellowship with Him." Man is not complete until He has been restored to God's fellowship.

One philosopher, Maimonides (1138-1204 AD), was a medieval Sephardic Jewish philosopher who became one of the most prolific and influential Torah scholars of the Middle Ages. argues that it is consciousness and the ability to speak which is the "image of God." These are "abilities" which differentiates us from all other life forms, and allows us to understand, reason, and explore concepts and ideas that are definitely not merely instinctual but critical for fellowship.

Having made my living for the past 20 years as an artist, I reproduced images onto canvas. An image is a reproduction of a scene, person, event, place, emotion, ideal, or message. This may sound trite, but images are created to image. Whenever I painted a portrait, I wanted to display something about that person. After creating my masterpiece, I would display my artwork in high traffic places so countless people can look at it, notice it, think about that person, think about that image. — thereby eliciting a reaction.



Being created in the image of God means that we image God. We reflect God. We live in a way, we think in a way, we feel in a way, we speak in a way that calls attention to God and all His greatness. Everyone sees God's image reflected in us.

This is God's Glory, that all creation reflects His image. God has done so much for us that we cannot help but to thank Him profusely for all things He has done. We are overcome with the necessity to praise and worship Him as the one true God, creator of all things, who has chosen to love us before the foundation of the world.

To glorify God means to acknowledge His greatness and to value Him above all things. It means we make His greatness known to others. It means we have a heartfelt gratitude for all that God has done. We glorify God through our faith, through our love and through our desire to obey Him.

God created four forms of life; angels, plants, animals and man. Two of them he has selected to develop relationships: angels and man.

Just think about it for a minute.

Isn't this the most awesome thing you can imagine? I, a mere human among countless humans that live, have lived or yet to live can actually know and have a personal (one-on-one) relationship with God Almighty, the Creator of all things. Not only can I know Him, but He has written a book for me so I can know Him intimately before I arrive in heaven.

That privilege, that invitation to know and fellowship with God, has been extended to every single human since before the beginning of time. "How great Thou art," indeed. This is why we were created. We were created for fellowship with God, the Father Almighty.

I have twin sisters who are younger than I, Brenda and Glenda (left photo), who are believers. A family tragedy occurred in 1955 that resulted in our mother's death and our father finding other families to raise all four of his children. Brother Rick was between my twin sisters and I in age. We were never to live together again as brother and sisters after this tragedy.

But our Father in heaven was very gracious.

My brother and I always desired to be with our little sisters. We yearned greatly to once again talk, play, laugh, tease and become a single family unit again. Rick and I constantly shared with each other how glorious life would be if only we could be united with our sisters again. Later in life, Rick and I learned that our sisters had the same driving desire to be united. We were family and being wrenched apart and living separated was the hardest, hardest thing we could endure. As the years passed our desire to be with them only increased. As young adults and living on our own, we sought each other out, were reacquainted, and have had constant fellowship every since.

God has an even greater craving to be reunited with every single man, woman, or child that has lived, is living, or will live. In fact the Bible says, "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance." It is God's ardent desire to fellowship with man. It is so great that He allowed His only Son to be sacrificed that we may spend eternity in fellowship and worship with the Triune God.



7.0 To Know Him Is To Love Him

Take any person you presume to know personally. Do you know them immeasurably? Do you know their every thoughts, everything they've ever said or done, their entire physical makeup and how everything in their body works? Do you know their full nature or their full potential or even their plans? God already personally knows every person that has ever lived, is now living, or yet to live. *(Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.")*

In some ways we know many people. We know their name, where they live, where they work and/or what they do. We know their habits and even how they play. We know certain of their abilities. And, to the extent we have talked and spent time together with them, we know their mind.

In short, you know their identity—who they are.

Today's modern technology, allows us to "know" people we've never personally met. We call these people celebrities. While you don't know these people personally, we can recognize them, and know something about them. At the least, we know their work—which can tell you a lot about them. I am an art instructor and have authored nearly 350 DVDs on how to oil paint. I've also advertised extensively on-line for over 20 years. I've been told that nearly 8,000,000 people 'know' me to some extent on YouTube. And I've probably met less than 1% of those 8,000,000. Yet they 'publicly' know me.

The word glory, in relation to God, has two aspects:

First, the Hebrew word transliterated as *kabowd* or *kaw-bode'* (primarily translated as "glory" in the Old Testament) can refer to praise and honor and at times even abundance and riches.

(The "Muffin Men." A small group of men meeting weekly for coffee to fellowship with each other and worship God Almighty.)



Secondly, it can also refer to the brilliant splendor of God's appearance.

- *Now you must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and all that you have seen; and you must hurry and bring my father down here.” Genesis 45:13*
- *on that day I swore to them, to bring them out from the land of Egypt into a land that I had selected for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands. Ezekiel 20:6*

I've heard a number of people say that God created us to work for Him. And in a way this is true. However, this was not God's primary purpose in creating us. The primary goal was—and still is—**to worship Him and fellowship with Him.**

Before the Lord commanded Adam to work the garden, God had fellowship with man. This is the order of relationships or fellowship God instituted from creation: fellowship, then work.

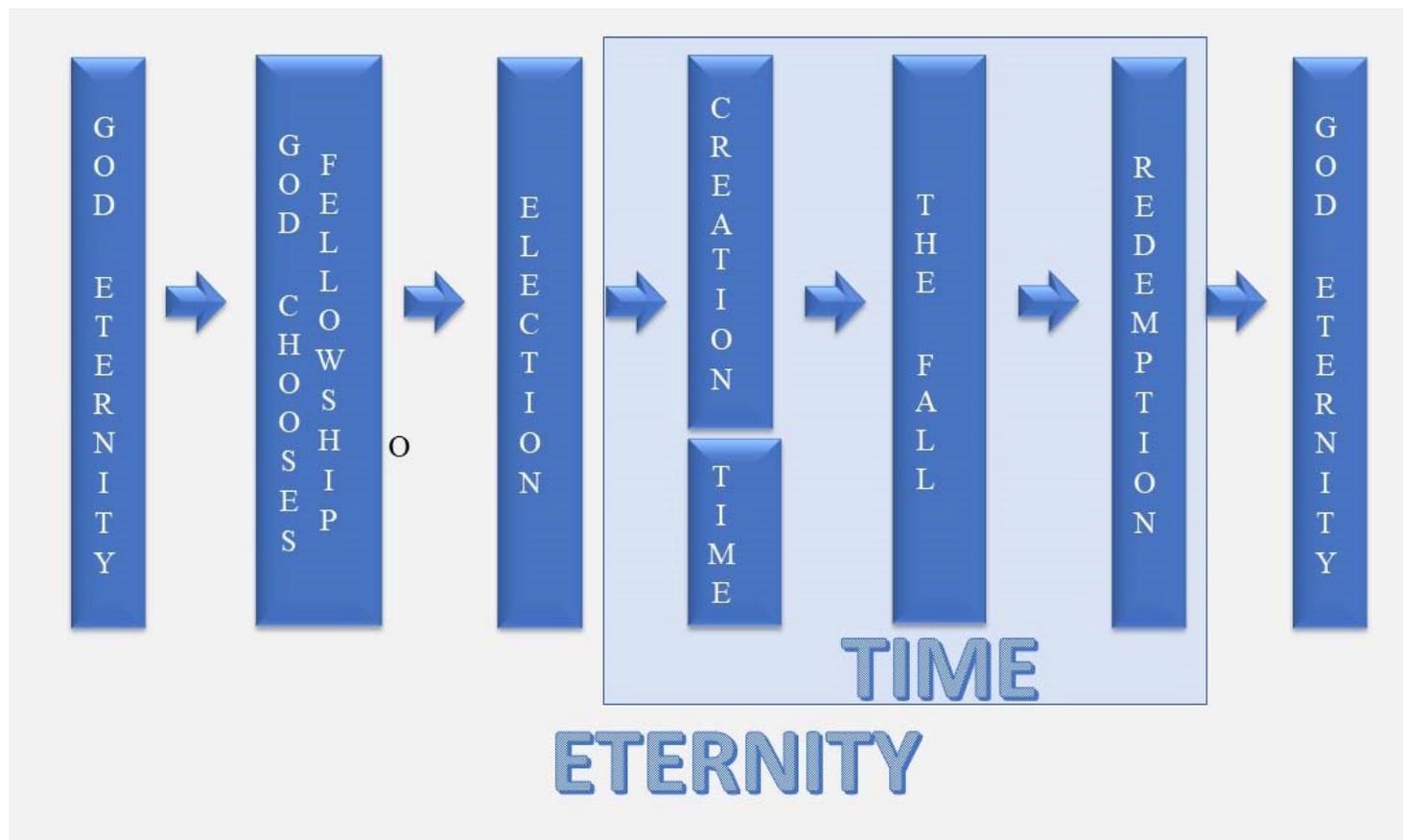
- Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. Gen. 2:15

Adam and Eve fellowshiped directly with God and came to know His voice, to know His ways, to see what others cannot see, and to come to know Him per-

We are predestined to fellowship directly with God and to come to know His voice, to begin to know His ways, to see what others cannot see, and to come to know Him personally—intimately.

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This is the fellowship God has predestined for all believers.



have been planted in the United States alone.

In a recent article C&MA stated ...

God is love, and is for that reason the source of all the love there is. He has set as the first of all commandments that we love Him with all our hearts, but He knows that the desired love can never originate with us. We love him, because he first loved us, is the scriptural and psychological pattern

Love is the basis of all fellowship. Since God is love, He seeks each of us out personally because that is what love is. The Bible says in 1 John 4:8, "The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love." and in 1 John 4:16, "We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him"

As a young college lad, I saw this amazing young woman in one of my classes that I just had to know better. I felt excitement whenever I saw her or thought about her. I look forward to seeing her in class. I was a foolish student in love just looking at her. Finally, I sought her out, introduced myself and tried everything I knew afterwards to "woo" her to desire me. Two years later we were married and have spent the last 54 years in a very close fellowship as husband and wife.

The reality is the fact that God is seeking you, not corporately, but specifically, personally. In Genesis 1:1 God introduced Himself to us. For that is what love does. I praise God that He is not a passive, non-communitive entity or a man-made object considered a god, or an energy force, or an accidental occurrence in the universe, a singularity or a figment of our imagination. God is the perfect being in which all truth and goodness exists. God is the source of all beauty and all love. Its hard to imagine, yet it is so wonderful that God loves each of us and all of us. And, He wants us to know that He exists.

How far away is God? Just one heart beat.

He is real and He is near.

He is active and He is intimate, as intimate as we will let Him. And our God wants us to spend eternity with Him in a special, intimate relationship that He may fellowship with us without end.

8.0 The Basis Of Fellowship

Fellowship is foremost the sharing together a common life with one another. God desired this fellowship. God created man so that He could have fellowship. The only requirement was for one to respond positively to the gospel call that Jesus is the Messiah, and has paid the penalty in full for all sins ever committed. Since Jesus paid this price He is our savior. God's gift of eternal life is freely given whenever anyone believes. This gift means we can therefore enter into fellowship with God. God created us for fellowship because of His desires not ours. He now draws man to Him to fulfill His will.

Man first rejected God's desire for fellowship by rebelling against Him when Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Paradise. As descendants of Adam & Eve we have inherited their rebellious nature and no man seeks God or wants God.

Therefore God took the initiative to draw man to Him. Without God's initiative, His active "wooing" of us to Him, no one would be restored to eternal fellowship with God.

Fellowship is first and foremost a relationship, rather than an activity. The principle is that any activity that follows, should come out of the relationship.

In an article published by "The Alliance, an organization originally founded in the late 1800s. This organization now known as the C&MA grew out of the vision of Rev. A.B. Simpson, a Presbyterian pastor from Canada. He worked among the prostitutes, longshoremen, and the homeless that they may receive the reconciliation message that all people are eligible for Christ's amazing grace. Rev. Simpson established the New York Gospel Tabernacle to bring likeminded people together into an organization that could facilitate outreach ministries. He set up the Missionary Training Institute (MTI) to provide training and resources for men and women God was calling to take the gospel to the world.

During this time, Simpson's group sent out the first team of missionaries to the Congo in 1884. This organization continues its missionary work to this day, planting churches worldwide. Over 2,000 churches

Before one even thought about God, He was pursuing them. *Psalm 139:16-17 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them. [17] How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!*

God promises that if anyone makes a decision to pursue, or look for God, they will find Him. *Jeremiah 29:11-13 For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. [12] Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. [13] You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.*

The clearest verse on God's drawing to salvation is John 6:44 where Jesus declares that "no one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day." The Greek word translated "draw" is *helkuo*, which means "to drag" (literally or figuratively).

Why does God need to draw us to salvation?

Man in his fallen state is not spiritual and has a nature that would rather sin than comply with God's will. This desire to be evil is so strong and prevalent since birth that this way of life is natural and normal for all men. Everything man does, thinks or achieves is from his inherited evil nature.

Natural man doesn't consider or recognize that he has a problem or even a need for reconciliation.

During college I worked at nights and weekends at a burger drive through restaurant. I'll never forget one Sunday night when two middle-aged women drove up to the window for their order. They were so excited and happy and just bustin with joy. I couldn't help asking, "Why are you so happy, ladies?"

"We've just been saved," they both cried out.

Perplexed, I asked, "From what?"

They went on telling me over the next couple of minutes things I just didn't understand. You see, I was a natural man observing, thinking, and acting from my inherited evil nature and way of life. I had no ability then the things of God.

Man has no desire to know God. I couldn't understand those two freshly saved ladies because my heart was hard and my mind darkened.

The unregenerate person doesn't desire God and is actually an enemy of God (*Romans 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*).

When Jesus says that no man can come without God's drawing him, He is making a statement about the total depravity of the sinner and the universality of that condition. Total depravity is not that you've committed the worst possible sins, rather you are in the worst possible position before Almighty God.

Therefore, it is only by the merciful and gracious drawing of God that we are saved.

God woos us by

- Enlightening our mind (Ephesians 1:18),
- Inclining our will toward Himself,
- Influencing our souls (that part of us which communicates with God), without which influence the soul remains darkened and rebellious against God.

All of this is involved in the drawing process.

God has taken the initiative to woo all of mankind to Himself that He might eternally fellowship with Him. This initiative included Jesus being the propitiation for sin, the Fathering wooing us and drawing man to Him, and directing disciples to actively engage in battle through prayer and witnessing to all lost souls.

Psalm 14:2 says, "The Lord looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God." That's the point of the Hidden Treasure and the Costly Pearl. When we understand what God has done for us and that He is a treasure worth more than anything we could acquire in this life, we pursue Him.

Everyone is pursuing something that they consider ultimate, and that means everyone is pursuing a "god".

Never forget. God will woo you to death. He is relentless and will not abandon you. Should you die still rejecting Him, He will finally honor your request and allow you the privilege of eternal damnation and punishment in hell. Its not what He wants or desires, but He will honor your final request.

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God knows us even better than we know ourselves. Theologians talk about the fact that God is omniscient. This means that God knows everything, including the past, present, and future. Certainly, Psalm 139 affirms God's omniscience, but it seems like something deeper than omniscience is being discussed. God personally understands you. He knows all your thoughts, all your history, all your fears, all your joys, and all your sorrows. And He still wants to fellowship with you.

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Wherever we are, God is there. Psalm 139:7-9 *Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? (8) If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.*

No matter where we are, in life or death, God is there wooing us.

Omnipresence is something more than a theological doctrine. It can be scary to realize that we can't ever get away from God.

God Is Closer to You Than You Realize

Because of our sin, we may be tempted to try and run away from God. But this is futile as God is always near us and above all, always wants to help us (Psalm 139:10).

Pursuing God is about going "full circle," and it involves faith (trusting Jesus), repentance (change), life (honoring God), and purpose (helping others).

When we respond to God's wooing, we might feel like God is a new part of your life; however, the Bible is that God has been at work in your life before you were even born.

Psalm 139:13, 15-16 *You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb...You watched me as I was being formed in*

God Has Always Been at Work in Your Life

utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.