
CREATED WITH
PURPOSE

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Before the fall of man, Adam and Eve enjoyed a perfect relationship with God. As His children, they saw Him correctly. However, after they rebelled against God and the power of sin was unleashed onto the earth, their lens was skewed and their relationship torn apart. Instead of viewing God as a loving Father, man began to view God as a distant punisher to rebel against (Satan's perspective). They no longer lived as God's children but as orphans.

God is a perfect Father. There is no evil in Him! He loves His children more than any earthly parent ever could. When we walk away from Him, it grieves Him. When we choose the enemy, His heart breaks. Satan seeks to kill, steal, and destroy our hope, freedom, joy, and relationships. Like Adam and Eve, the enemy wants us to feel naked and alone. He wants us to hide our shame in the dark... to be fatherless.

Thankfully, Jesus came to restore the relationship Adam and Even first enjoyed with God in the garden. In Christ, there is no more shame or punishment. Sin is defeated! We are fully accepted sons and daughters, safe and secure, fully known, and unconditionally loved by our gracious Father.

Slow down for a moment and take this in:

You are the pinnacle of God's creation. You are His crowning jewel. He knew you before He created the world. You are His design. You are the object of His love. You are fully known and fully loved. God wants a personal relationship with you more than you could imagine. You are a son or daughter of God. You are His family.

He made you in His image! God made us to be like Jesus. Jesus said we would do even greater things than Him as we are seated with Him in heavenly places and have been given the Holy Spirit. He created you with a destiny that requires Him and His body (the Church) to accomplish together. He loves you. He values you. There is no striving or pressure in Him. Simple obedience is true success. He wants you

to succeed. He is for you. As you mature in Him, growing in awareness of your completeness in Him, your destiny unfolds. You inherit all that Jesus is and all that He has. He came to give abundant life. Jesus is abundant life! Eternal life! He gave Himself to us.

This is the mind-boggling gospel. This is the truth that sets us free! While we cannot fully understand it, we can fully receive and experience it as we walk with God and learn to love like Him.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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