

Loved by the Father before the Foundation of the World

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"As You have sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that they also might be sanctified through the Truth. Nor do I pray for these alone, but for those also who shall believe on Me through their word; so that they all may be one; as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, so that they also may be one in us; so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them; so that they may be one, even as we are One; I in them, and You in Me, so that they may be made perfect in One; and that the world may know that You have sent Me, **and have loved them, as You have loved Me**. Father, **I will** (Jesus expressed love and desire) that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am; so that they may behold My glory, which You have given to Me; for **You Loved Me before the foundation of the world**. O righteous Father, the world has not known You; but I have known You, and these have known that You have sent Me. And I have declared unto them **Your Name**, and will declare it; **so that the Love with which You have Loved Me may be in them, and I in them**." (from the prayer of Jesus to the Father - John 17:16-24-26)

Love: from the Greek word **agape** a noun which means: love; or preference, in the sense of benevolent kindness and behavior (charity) towards other persons; an attribute which embraces intense thoughtfulness, pleasure, patience, and other such behavior in doing good to and for other people.

Loved: from the Greek word **egapesas** a verb which means: you-loved; in a preferred continual action sense towards someone. From **agapao** a verb which means: to prefer, or to love. In context: the Fathers' supreme continual benevolent preference, desire, and will, for and in and through His beloved Son Jesus.

Before: from the Greek word **pro** which means: before, beforehand, in advance; in reference to the time of an occurrence or event: in context "before the foundation (conception and creation) of the world the Father already loved the Word who was to become a flesh and blood human being - as God incarnate - even Jesus the Christ-Messiah.

Foundation: from the Greek word **kataboles** a noun which means: a-laying-down, thus a foundation; or a founding. The foundation-plan, upon which an entire super-structure is built. Figuratively: a conception. In context: God is the founding Father of all creation, including this world we live on. He conceived it in His mind; and then He created it in and through His Word: the pre-incarnate Son of God - Jesus! Ultimately: a foundation of Love! Love for Jesus; and Love for all mankind, especially for those who believe in the Father, Son, and holy Spirit!

World: from the Greek word **kosmou** which means: something ordered; an ordered system; the created and ordered world; all the created and ordered universe; the world of human affairs. In context: the created world (planet Earth) and all that it contains as described in Genesis chapter one.

However, Jesus prayer to the Father speaks ultimately the world of mankind, in whom the Love that the Father has for the Son would be further manifested through the Son as Love for all people; as He said, "I have declared unto them Your Name, and will declare it; **so that the Love with which You have Loved Me may be in them, and I in them**. Vs 26" Please consider the following from John 15:9-14:

Jesus said, "As **the Father has Loved Me**, so have I loved you; continue you in My love. If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His Love. These things I have spoken unto you, so that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment: that you love one another, as I have Loved you. Greater love has no man than this, **that a man lay down his life for his friends**. You are My friends, if you do whatever I command you."

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John the Baptist said this about Jesus:

"He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease. He (Jesus) who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly, and speaks of the earth; He who comes from Heaven is above all. And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no man receives His testimony. He who has received His (Jesus) testimony has set to his seal that God is true. For He (Jesus) whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for God does not give the Spirit by measure unto Him. **The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. He who believes on the Son has Everlasting Life;** but he who does not believe the Son shall not see Life; but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:30-35- 36)

The Love of the Father for His Son Jesus was also a love of tender affection. Please also consider the following words of Jesus:

"But Jesus answered them (His adversaries), 'My Father is working until now, and I am working.' Therefore the Jews (their leaders) sought even more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the sabbath (in their false opinion), but said also that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. Then Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Truly, truly, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, except what He sees the Father doing; for whatever things He (the Father) does, these also the Son does likewise. For **the Father Loves (philei) the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does;** and He (the Father) will show Him greater works than these, so that you may marvel. For as the Father raises up the dead, and makes them alive; even so the Son makes alive whom He will.'" (John 5:17-20-21)

Loves: from the Greek word *philei* a verb which means: loves; from *phileo*: to love, in the sense of warm affection in intimate friendship, characterized by tender, heartfelt consideration and kinship: this is the context being referred to by Jesus; (*phileo* also is used in the sense of strong likes or desires of material things, often in a negative sense).

Agape-Love is the principle kind of Love being manifested between the Father and the Son Jesus; and then unto mankind. Please consider the following:

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one who loves is born of God, and knows God. He who does not love does not know not God; **for God is Love.** In this was manifested the Love of God toward us: **that God sent His Only Begotten Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He Loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so Loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man has seen God at any time. If we love one another, **God dwells in us, and His love is perfected in us.** By this we know that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has in us. God is Love; and He who **dwells in Love dwells in God,** and God in him." (1 John 4:7-8-16)

God is Love! Thus, it is with This Love, the essence of His very Devine Nature and Being, that the Father gives, and shares, and abides with and in the Son as One in Love. The Son is Loved by the Father, and the Father is Loved by the Son. They are One in Love! This is the essence of their eternal existence: Love shared eternally even before the foundation of the world! In this Love the heavens and the earth were conceived and created. In this Love mankind was created in the image of God; even though God knew that Adam and Eve would be deceived, and rebel against His command of Love.

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In this Great Love, even before the foundation of the world, the Devine plan for mankind's deliverance and salvation was determined. In this Great Love, even before the foundation of the world, God decided that He Himself would come to earth in the person of the Son of God - Jesus the promised Christ-Messiah! Please consider the following:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places **in Christ**; according as He has chosen us **in Him (in Jesus)** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him **in Love**; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children **through Jesus Christ to Himself**, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the Glory of His grace, in which He (the Father) has made us accepted **in the Beloved (in Jesus)**." (Ephesians 1:3-6)

"Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, from your aimless behavior received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot; who indeed **was foreknown before the foundation of the world** (by the Father who loved Jesus and the world of humanity); but was manifest in these last times for you, who through Him (through Jesus) do believe in God, who raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God." (1 Peter 1:18-21)

Speaking of Himself, Jesus said, "No man has ascended up to heaven, but He who came down from heaven, even the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must **the Son of Man be lifted up**; so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have Eternal Life. **For God so Loved the world**, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world; **but that the world through Him might be saved.**" (John 3:13-17)

Some day within the the New Heavens and Earth we who believe in Jesus will be perfected in pure Love. Please consider the following from I John 3:1-3:

"Behold, what manner of Love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God! Therefore, the world does not know us , because it (the unbelieving people of the world) did not know Him (Jesus). Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: **but** we know that, when He (Jesus) shall appear, **we shall be like Him (perfected in love)**; for we shall see Him **as He is (as God who is Love)**. And every man (person) who has this hope **in Him** purifies himself, **even as He is pure** (in Love)."

Jesus is, and was, Loved by the Father since before the Foundation of the World

And because the Father and Son are One; and because God is Love;
it could not be that God would not love those who were created in His image,
even though all people fall short of the Love and Glory of God because of our sin!
Indeed, God so Loved the world, that He sent His Only Begotten Son, who was lifted up
upon the Cross, so that whoever looks unto Jesus for salvation ,
and believes in Him should not perish,
but have Everlasting Life.

Lord God thank You for creating us! Thank You for Loving Your Son Jesus!
Thank You for Loving us so very much that You sent Jesus to be our Savior!

All Praise, Glory, Honor, Power, Dominion, and Love are Yours – Forever !!
Amen and Amen, Truly Truly, Always and Always !!!