

We're going to take a trip to a place that we've never been to because, in fact, it never existed...because it's not a place. It is, in fact, God Himself before creation, because He is a God without dimension. Therefore, we cannot locate this place. We have neglected introducing one another to Christ as He was in glory before He ever created. He did exist. He was glorious. We also seem not to be aware of all the things He did before He created, and He did many things. Please join me in a place where there are no angels, and there is no dirt, nor earth, nor skies, nor heavens. Join me where there is only the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. Join me in that place where all things are real. Join me in that place before creation.

Join me before there were shadows, types, images, replicas, and replications. Before there were symbols. There existed in the Father, and the Son, and the Spirit: gold. There existed: pearl. And there existed: water. And there existed: food. Only it was not shadow, nor symbol, nor image, nor reflection. For the gold was Christ, and the pearl was Christ, and the water was Christ Himself. The light was Christ Himself, and the sun, S-U-N, was Christ. And the moon was Christ. He was everything, and there was the Father, and there was the Son, and the Spirit.

Nothing but reality, and there were no unreality or shadows. They were having a wonderful time. The Father, the Son, and the Spirit. What they were doing was that they were having church life. There was no law and no legalism. These concepts did not exist. There was absolute freedom. There was no grace. There was no grace. There was peace. The peace was Christ, and they fellowshiped, and the Father was the glory of the Son. And the Son was the glory of the Father. And the Spirit was the One who did the exchanging between them. The Father adored the Son, and the Son adored the Father. In their rich, unobstructed fellowship, in the counsel of the will of the Godhead, the Father decided that He wanted eyes that were not His to see His Son; eyes that were not the Spirit's to see how glorious His Son was.

So, they colluded together, and they made a decision, and they did some things that you and I can't understand. First of all, I would say they made a terrible and frightening gamble. And having made an awesome, even terrible gamble, they worked out a plan in which that gamble was no gamble at all. I could spend the next three days trying to explain to you what they did, but I cannot do that because what they did was utterly incomprehensible. But I am going to tell you what they did. They decided that there would be portions of the Son, S-O-N, that would be separated...I use the word very cautiously...separated from the Godhead. Except that's not possible. Where in the nature of God, everything that is God, and all the riches that are God...be the Father, the Son, and the Spirit...all that is in all of the Father, all that is in all of the Son, and all that is in all of the Spirit is in any part and is in any portion...no matter how small...of God.

Nonetheless, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit chose that in this glorious, bright, brilliant Son, there would be marked off in Him portions of His being that would be given great destiny, great honor, and an incredible inheritance. They were marked off in Him, but

nobody knew it except the Father and the Son and the Spirit. Then what did they do? They brought forth the Book of Life. They did this before they created, and they took every name...they took every portion that was marked off of Christ that was Christ...and they gave every portion a name. They gave every portion of Christ that was marked off in Christ, and that was Christ; they gave a name to each part, and then they wrote those names down because each of those portions was life, the very life of God.

They gave each one of them a name. These were wonderful, glorious, and highly honored portions of Jesus Christ, the Glorious One. The Father made a promise that if there is any separation...and in a way there can be, in a way there cannot be...but if there is any separation, these portions of Him that now have names will become His glorious inheritance. They understood that all of those parts were separate and would be separate. Still, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit also understood that all those separate pieces would one day come together and be one, and yet still separate from the Son, yet never separate from the Son. When they had all come together, the Father would give those glorious pieces wonderful, chosen, honored portions back to the Son to be utterly one with Him.

They closed the Book, and it was sealed with the understanding that nothing could change the selection of those portions of Christ to have a wonderful, glorious, and highly honored destiny. They closed the Book with the understanding that nothing could prevent what they had decided to do, and that these glorious, wonderful, destined, and highly honored portions of His being would come back to Him. That was guaranteed in the Book: nothing could prevent it. But the portions that were marked off remained in Christ, and the Father was so impressed that He poured out all of this love upon the Son. He loved the Son before creation, and then they decided to create, so that these honored portions might fulfill their destiny.

Then the moment to create came, but it was halted because several things had to happen first. I cannot tell you what Jesus Christ was like then, but I can tell you this: that when creation came, God put something in this universe that would let us know what Christ was like before creation. Hallelujah. He made sure that when He finally got around to creating, there would be one creature that we would be able to look at and know this was what His Son was like...and that was a little lamb. But that lamb is not a lamb. That lamb is a symbol and a picture of the Lamb, the real one. And the Father slew once and only once, never before and never again. The Father slew His Son, and the Lamb, the real Lamb, was slain before they created. When He was slain, He died, and when He died, all those parts of Him died too, for they were all Him, and for Him, to Him, through Him, but most of all they were in Him. And so, all those honored portions died once, never before and never again, and they were slain with Him.

Then He rose out of death. And when He rose out of death, all the honored portions of His being and all their glory and splendor and perfection rose with Him. They rose once; never before and never again. They were resurrected from death, and death could not touch them. And death could never again touch Him. That happened before He created.

Now, I have to explain the inexplicable. I have to explain that which cannot be explained. I don't know how to do this. There was a creation that had not yet been created. There was a purpose in that creation that had not been fulfilled, and you and I were in that creation. But we were not in that creation. We are going to get very involved in that creation, though we're not in that creation. And there's going to be an end to that creation, an utter, total end to that creation. You're going to be in the end of the creation, but you're not going to be in the end of that creation. You're not involved, and you are involved...and that's not all. That slaying, those choosings, that creation, that fall, your redemption, a cross in Jerusalem, a resurrected tomb, and a garden, the end of that fallen creation. In mysteries beyond mysteries, He did all of that, and did away with that creation: finished it, sealed it up, and had it disappear and be forgotten. He did that...before He created it. Praise the Lord.

For He finished all things before He created all things. So that when He was slain by His Father before creation, and His wonderful, glorious portions died with Him, He took a creation that had not been created, and a fall that had not taken place, and a cross that had not come, and a Satan that didn't exist, and a death that had never been known, and the creation of the heavens and the earth that were not yet; He took them all into His being, and He destroyed them in His death, as the Lamb. He took that creation that had not been, and He took it into death with Him before He created Him, and you have to know that this creation that you live in has on the back of its neck imprinted these words: Destroyed Before Created.

Before He created, He was slain by His Father, and those glorious portions were in Him, and they died with Him. And creation and everything in creation that did not exist died too, but that Lamb rose from the dead before creation, and those glorious, honored portions rose with Him. But the old fallen creation did not rise, and it was slain before it was created. You must understand that this creation has already been slain and done away with even before it was created. Please say Praise the Lord. That happened inside the Son of God before creation...but that's not my point.

Then, having finished all things before He created all things, He did the most incredible thing. These marvelous, wonderful portions of Him were so honored and so glorious and so pure and so perfected were part of Him and in Him, but I want you to try to see it. Can you see it? Can you see these portions of His being that are part of Him and of Him and in Himself? His life in Him: it's Christ. See those wonderful, glorious, wonderful. Do you see that they have all with Him died, and do you see they have all with Him risen? And do you realize there's no creation?

Now, how great is this glorious Lord, Christ, before creation? I don't know, but I can tell you this. When He created, He could not create creation out there, because there was no "out there." Because He was absolutely All. There was no way to create creation without that creation being created in Him, because there wasn't a room in a place now. And creation was created in Christ.

Now, where's creation? And so, He stood at the beginning and kind of wondered what was going to take place, wondering how the end would turn out. I'll do it again: Here is Christ, and here is creation. Glory. Here is Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning." And here is, "In all things passed away." Here's the cross. Here's the tomb. There's Abraham. There's Moses. There's Peter. There's Paul. And there's somebody who looks a whole lot like you. And there is the end where all things passed away.

So, the Lord didn't know what was going to happen. You know what He did? He just moved over here to where He is, His creation, and you were wondering what's going to happen. He did too. So, He just came over here where He is, and while He was getting there, He passed all the places where He is. And while He was passing all the places where He is, He saw you ask Him to save you. He said, Oh. And so, He went back to the beginning, where He is, opened the book, lo and behold, closed it, and went back to the end, where He is, and as He passed you at that moment, getting saved, putting your heart in His hands, receiving Him, He passed that place where He is again. And He said, Oh, that's one of my chosen ones, and then He came to the end where He always is, and He saw you in the great throng of the redeemed singing, "Thou art worthy. Thou art worthy...worthy of glory and honor. And He saw you there where He is, where He only lives, and He said, Oh, you made it. And so, He said, Oh, that's wonderful. I am going to choose you before the foundation of the world, where He is, where He always is.

Because He had already finished this creation before this creation existed, He went back to before the beginning, where He is, and He wrote your name in the Book of Life and closed that book with the assurance that nothing could take that name out of His Book. Then He went back to the end where He always is, and He saw you in that great throng. He saw all of those wonderful, glorious portions of His being. One of them had your name, with His life and His divinity and His own self, Christ Himself, and He saw all those portions come together, and you were so beautiful, so pure, to be honored above all things. So pure and so holy. You really are beautiful, and you and all those marked-off beings, portions of His being, which were marked off in Christ before the foundation of the world, for He always is, before the beginning,

He watched all of those portions of His being come together after the end, in that place where He always is, and He saw all the chips of Himself come together, and become one again, but separate from Him, yet not separate. And there emerged a beautiful girl. And so, He said, "I will be one with her." He said that at the end, beyond the end where He always is. Therefore He said, "I will go back to before the beginning where I always am, and with my Father and with the Holy Spirit we will counsel in the Godhead to mark off portions of my being and put names on them and put those names in the Book of Life that I might have a bride, and that will be my purpose, my eternal purpose."

And so, before the beginning where He always is, He chose to have you as His beautiful, beautiful bride. You, sisters, who are really beautiful, have to forgive me, but I really like to look at a beautiful woman. There are not a whole lot of them in the world. All of them in this

room, of course, are. I cannot help but wonder how beautiful, then, can that girl be. And so He stood beyond the end where He always is, and He received her to Himself, and they joined as a husband and wife join. They joined, and they became one, and the old creation was already gone. When they became one, things were very similar to the way they were in the beginning, and she became one with Him as they joined, and she became one with Him, and she went into Him, became one with Him, and went into Him because that's where she always was. She had always been just one place: in Christ.

Before creation, dear honored one, you were in Him, and when the fall took place, you were in Him. When time began, you were in Him, and one day He came to you, looking for you because He was in love with you, and you received Him, and you were placed in Christ. He was there at the moment that you were saved. That's where He always is, and you were placed in Him, where you always have been.

At the very end, when He let this creation dissolve for the second time, but not the second time at all, because this creation had been crucified and destroyed before creation began, but in time and in eternity, when He was slain and rose, when that intersected with the cross of Christ on Calvary, in Jerusalem, and in the garden tomb, then creatures saw what had taken place before creation, and creatures saw this old creation pass away. And you were not there, because you were in Christ: dead, and risen. You were never part of this creation, for you have always been in Christ.

That's where you always are. You are always where He is. And in fact, the new creation is older than the old creation, and the new creation preceded the old creation, and the new creation came after the old creation because Jesus Christ is before creation and after creation, and you were in Him, and you are the new creation. But you're not a creation at all, for you are that which cannot be created, for you have in you a Life that was previous to creation. It is uncreated Life, and you belong and always have belonged, belong now, and always will belong where He is. He is at the end and beyond the end, and He is here. This is where He always is, and at the point where you were saved; that's where He always is, and you are at the foundation of the world where He always is, and you are with Him before the creation. That's where He always is because the creation is in Him, and He completely envelops it, and you are in Him. And you always are in Him. Your name is written and was written where He always is, in the Book of Life, before the foundation of the world.

But that's not my point. I have a point greater than that. I have a point beyond the point. Is that some Lord or is that some Lord? By the way, this is the radical wing of the house church conference, and this is what I meant by *the church is built on a revelation of Jesus*.

Now, is that a glorious Lord? Or is that a glorious Lord? Could you love a Lord like that? I want you to know He loves you. Look at Him. Slain before the creation of the world. All things were created in Him, for Him, by Him, through Him, to Him, and in Him. He is the

firstborn of creation. He is before all things. He is the beginning. He is the end. He is the head of the body of the church.

It was the Father's good pleasure that He be the incarnation and the coronation of all glory. It was the Father's desire that He reconcile all things to Himself. And some of those things He did away with, and some of them cannot be done away with because they are portions of Him. He who lives beyond death cannot die. He chose you before the foundations of the world, and He loved you and died for you before the foundation of the world. He's a lover, and I mean He is in love, and He will make love to you. He's going to marry you. What a Lord!

Is this a glorious Lord? He's head of the church, and He's in the church, and He died for the church, and He loves the church...but that's not my point. It was the Father's good pleasure that this glorious One have preeminence in all things. He is the first, and He is the first for you. He is the first for me, and He is the first for all of us. Don't mess around with that position. He is the first.

None of this that I have shared with you is the point, because all that I have told you, to me, pales in glory to the main point. It was the point that Paul had. It's the point that is incomprehensible, that this glorious Lord, who created all things, and all things were created in Him, who finished all things before He created all things, who chose you in Him before the foundation of the world and put your name in the Book of Life, and who was slain before creation for you, and this One who is preeminent in all things and the glory of the Father and the joy of the Father, this One who is the All and all things are in Him, the main point and the incomparable point and the point that is unbelievable and the point you've got to spend the rest of your life understanding and touching, this unbelievable thought, this unbelievable, unbelievable thought, that this glorious, wonderful, glorious Lord, so incomparable, so beautiful and so glorious, so All...this Christ...this One... LIVES IN YOU!

It was God's will to make known what is the riches of the glory of the mystery. Everything I told you is THAT mystery; to make known to you heathen...that this Christ, this Christ, this Christ... *dwells in you!*