

In the Beginning

Scripture Reading — John 1:1-18

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
—John 1:1 —*

As we begin a new month, and as we seek to renew and strengthen our relationship with God, it is good for us to go back to the beginning, where it all began. Knowing our foundation gives us an anchor to navigate through life.

The apostle John begins this account by looking back before the creation of the world. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” These words give us a peek into the triune God’s relationship of light and life. This is a love relationship in which the Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father, and they share all things in fellowship with the Holy Spirit. Their fellowship is a union of acceptance, delight, and love.

Out of this relationship of love, creation was birthed when God said, “Let there be ...” (Genesis 1:3). Creation was not an accident but an intentional act of God. Humans are created from the dust of the ground; God breathes into us the breath of life (Genesis 2:7) to be united with himself in the circle of his passionate love.

The desire of every human being is to be part of a life-giving and loving community. As we express love to one another by including and selflessly giving to one another, we are connecting with our Creator and his purposes for us. That is how he designed us.

Prayer

How great is your love for us, dear God, that we should be called your children. For that is what we are. Thank you, Father, Son, and Spirit. Amen.

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