

## **Before Time Began: Christ and His Chosen**

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*I submit that before time began, Jesus, the tangible sacrificial, loving savior, is the self-image of God and the whole history of the universe and especially mankind, was providentially made to manifest His glory.*

Before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth. I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep (Prov. 8:25-27).

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation (Col. 1:15).

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being (Heb. 1:3).

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, that they may rule (Gn. 1:26).

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters (Rm. 8:29).

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace (Jn. 1:1-3, 4).

Very truly I tell you, Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" (Jn. 8:58)

And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began (Jn. 17:5).

No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began (1 Cor. 2:7).

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight (Eph. 1:4).

He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time (2 Tim. 1:9).

In the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time (Tit. 1:2).

You who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood (1 Pt. 1:2).

Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature (2 Pt. 1:4).

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life ... the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us (1 Jn. 1: 1-2).