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“Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.” Ephesians 1:4 MSG

How incredible is it to think that God had us in mind before He even created the world? He knew us before we were born, and chose to focus His love on us!

I don't know about you, but I need constant reminders that I'm loved. The Bible says that God is love and He doesn't change. We can settle on this as a Truth: God's nature is love and He's set His love upon us. He is not fickle; He doesn't change His mind. Nor is His love dependent upon our performance. He loved us before we did anything good or bad. Just like a human dad, He will correct us when we go wrong, but that does not change His love for us. Such knowledge is too wonderful!

His love for us caused Him to send His only Son to be the sacrifice for our sins, so we can be made whole and holy and come into His family. Understanding this should cause a response of worship and obedience. We obey because we are loved. We don't obey to be loved.

Think on this

If we truly understand the love of God, we would freely and completely offer our lives in service and worship to Him.

Do you obey God, to make Him love you more, or as a response to His love?

Prayer

Father, thank you for restoring me to You, for making me whole and holy by Your love. Help me to fully grasp Your love for me and my status before You. I am cleansed and forgiven; a child in Your household. I worship and praise You. Help me to follow You and do Your will, in Jesus' name. Amen.