

i Crucified: From Here to Eternity

(A Personal Testimony of faith, trust, and praise to God)

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Before the womb you had a plan, that I might bring you glory;
Freewill and choice were added in, at risk to wreck the story.
A life of self...indulgent fare...my own ambition rules;
The road I traveled, littered with me...
A shipwreck of the fools.

Temperate longsuffering beyond all compare; expressions of patience, forgiveness and love...
He waited, He guided, He called out my name as angels looked on in awe from above.
One day without warning something occurred that caused me to tremble and fear;
The great God of Creation, with ears He had dug, made my hard, calloused heart to hear!

I listened intently and sighed with remorse, sobbing repentance left my voice weak and hoarse.
Determined to serve Him and submit to His plan, dying to self...my new journey began.
The road is not easy with the garments I wear, but his instructions are clear;
“The cross you must bear.”

I'm traveling light now, a seed in the soil; bearing Him fruit the desire of my toil.
Before “I” in the womb, He started the story...my part and my role were to bring Him all glory.

He sought me and saved me for the sake of His name; living patience and trust,
He teaches the same.
The life I now live is not mine, you see... He had this great plan; for you and for me.
Resurrected from death, on the cross he had died...we share in His life through:

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Jeremiah 1:5 ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Jeremiah 29:11 ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Genesis 3:1-11 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

Numbers 14:18 ¹⁸ The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression

2 Peter 3:9 ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

1 Peter 1:12 And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.

Job 33:16 ¹⁶ then he opens the ears of men and terrifies them with warnings,

Psalms 40:6 ⁶ Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Ezekiel 36:26 ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Luke 9:23 ²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

John 12:24 ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit

Galatians 2:20 ²⁰ It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.