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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

John 1:1-5 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. In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (NIV)

Let's be very clear here. The LORD God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit are one. God the Father showed Himself to us through the Son so that we could have grace and receive His forgiveness for our sin. And now He lives within His children through the Holy Spirit. John allows us to see this picture in his introduction to the book of John. The first five verses put this all into perspective so that no one could get this mixed up or not understand it. John is very clear. The Word (a reference to Jesus - logos) was and is always existent. Time has no boundaries upon the LORD because He is the One Who put it into place. I like to think of it this way: The LORD created time and He holds it like a bubble in His hands. He is not bound by time and can see all time from beginning to end within this bubble that He holds. From our perspective inside the bubble of time, this is all we have known and seen. This makes some people reason that the LORD had to have a beginning sometime and somewhere, but this is based on our perspective inside the bubble. He has always been and will always be. He is timeless.

This leads to the second part of this passage that most people can't wrap their head around. Again, it's because we live in a finite world, and we see things in a finite manner. But from the LORD's perspective (outside the bubble) He created all things with His word. And then He created man in His own image. This is the picture of the three-fold manifestation of the LORD and also of mankind. I tell people, it's like if you look at me, I am a three-fold person: body, soul, and spirit. I'm also three-fold to my family: a husband to my wife; a father to my children; and a son unto my parents. The same person with three manifestations to people. My children will always know me as Dad. My wife will always know me as her husband. And my parents always knew me as their son. Perspective is everything. And so Jesus was in the beginning. He made everything because He is the Word of God. And God spoke all things into being. Until he made us. And He personally formed us together. Adam and Eve by the dust of the earth, and everyone since He has knit together in our mother's womb.

Dear LORD, thanks You for being the Word. You have spoken to us through Jesus our LORD. He has given Himself as a sacrifice and a picture of Your great love for us. Praise You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen