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The more we know about God, understand Him, & fellowship with Him, the more we become appreciative of who He is and what He's done.

Eternity is the date-less past because you can't put a date on it.
Revelation 13:8 KJV

The Bible says that Jesus was slain from the world, in other words, God already had a plan that when man sinned, he had a plan to get man out of that situation. So the plan of salvation was not an after thought.

When we think about the goodness of Jesus….but if we're not Thinkful, we won't be Thankful.
Revelation 13:8 KJV

If God knew that Lucifer was going to sin, why would He create him? We could ask the same question of man. The angels in all of the universe had a lot to learn about God, they learn more as He reveals himself. God is using man to teach angels a lesson.

1 Peter 1:10-12 KJV

Angels longing to understand the mystery of salvation. God desired to show the universe His love and mercy. We would've never known real mercy if there wasn't anyone to be merciful towards. To understand what real mercy is, there has to be someone to be merciful toward. In the same sense, we wouldn't know anything about redemption unless there was someone that needed to be redeemed. Justification would have been another academic term if there was no one to be cleansed from sin.

Justification - Just as if I've never sinned.

2 Timothy 1:9 KJV

We are God's crowning creation. At the moment we are just a little lower than the angels but one day we are going to be judging the angels.

We have to thank God for seeing beyond our faults and seeing our needs
Titus 1:2 KJV

God promised us eternal life before anything was created. Why, because He wanted that intimate relationship with Him. That Fellowship is eternal, but in order to have an intimate relationship with God for eternity, we have to have eternal life. Man didn't have an intimate relationship with God. It was to the point where they were afraid to even say his name, because he was so Holy. If ever they wrote it, they took out the vowels and wrote "YWHW." Jesus came to reintroduce us to God as Abba (Father.)

When the bible says we are made in the image of God its not talking about the external, but its referring to the intrinsic glory.
Intrinsic glory comes from within. Romans 8:29, Corinthians.

Ephesians 1:4 KJV
You're a chosen vessel, you're not a mistake.
Romans 8:1,33 KJV

Can God testify for you today? Can God tell the devil even if you lose everything, you'd still praise Him?
Ezekiel 18:20 KJV Hebrews 9:12 KJV.

Jesus paid a price to a debt He didn't owe, because we owed a debt we couldn't pay. The animals weren't pleasing to God because once they were slain, the sacrifice was given, and followed forgiveness, it did nothing for the conscience. So God said I gotta get inside of man, take out the heart of stone and replace it with a heart of flesh.

Leviticus 17:20 KJV. Romans 6:23 KJV.

God's not going to compromise Himself for no one, not even His own son.
Philippians 2:6,8 KJV (This is what we call Kenosis of Christ).
Kenosis- greek for 'an emptying' its the self emptying of when Jesus became man.
Galatians 4:4 KJV. When Jesus came into the world He came as God and man, but everything He did he did as man full of the Holy Ghost. John 3:34 KJV. Colossians 1:19 KJV

Colossians 2:9 KJV the whole God-head dwelled in Jesus.
2 Peter 1:4 KJV. If you are born again, then you have access to the God-head dwelling in you.
Matthew 3:17 KJV- shows the God-head all at once.

John 14:8 KJV.
How do you see an invisible God?
You have to go beyond belief. The devils believe and they tremble. How? By taking God at His word.
Psalm 120:3 KJV
Luke 10:19 KJV. Power- authority (excusia-greek) Power- Dulomus (where we get the word dynomite from.)