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- Matt. 13:35 - “That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world.” (from Psalm 78:2)
- Rom. 16:25-26 - “Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began 26 but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith”

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- 1Cor. 2:7 - “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory”
- Eph. 3:9 - “and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ”
- John 17:5 - “And now Father, glorify Me with Yourself with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”

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- Before time even existed, God existed in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity existed in perfect harmony, having all They needed in one another.
- Psalm 16:11 - “joy and pleasures forever more” are in the presence of God.
- Before creation, God experienced complete joy and fulfillment as He perfectly communed with Himself. God has complete and perfect knowledge of Himself.
- The Trinity was together in fellowship with One Another from all eternity. They loved each other.

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- At some point they discussed the creation and redemption of humankind
 - Eph. 1:4-5 - “just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will”
 - 2Tim. 1:9 - “who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began”

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- Titus 1:2 - “in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began”
- John 17:24 - “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”
- But everything else lies in mystery.

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- Titus 1:2 - “In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began”
- If the world had not yet been created, then to whom was the promise of eternal life made?
- The promise was made among the different members of the Trinity.
- Therefore, the Godhead planned salvation before the creation.

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- Before creation there was communication, planning, and love among the Members of the Trinity.
- After creation, that communication and love was directed toward and for humankind.
- All we need to know about God is what He has done and what He plans to do in the future. He has revealed this to us in His word
 - Deut. 29:29 - “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law”

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- Jesus’ teaching
 - John 8:58 - “Jesus said to them, Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”
- Where did God come from?
- God is the uncaused cause. In other words, our universe clearly exists. Everything that happens has a cause. Yet at some point there was a first cause, which by definition was uncaused. That uncaused cause is God.

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- God simply is
 - Ex. 3:14 - “And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.’”
- God’s first Divine attribute is that He exists. He was not created. God exists without being caused
 - Prov. 8:22-23 - “The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. 23 I have been established from everlasting, From the beginning, before there was ever an earth.”

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- God has been thinking of us from eternity
 - Job 7:17 - “What is man, that You should exalt him, That You should set Your heart on him?”
 - Psalm 144:3 - “LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him?”

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- Psalm 8:3-6 - “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet”
- Humankind has never been apart from the thoughts and love of God.

Before There Was A Sinner, There Was A Savior

- 1Peter 1:18-20 - “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you”

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- Rev. 13:8 - “All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”
- John 1:29 - “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
- Gen. 3:15 - “And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

Before There Was Guilt, There Was Grace

- 2Tim. 1:9 - “who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began”
- Eph. 1:3-6 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.”

Before There Was Hell, There Was Heaven

- Titus 1:2 - “in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began”
- Eph. 1:4 - “just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love”
- Matt. 25:34, 41 - “Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world... 41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels”

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- No one can successfully claim that God doesn't care.
- No one can blame God if they are lost eternally.
- God loved you before you were born.
- He prepared a way to Heaven for you before you were born.