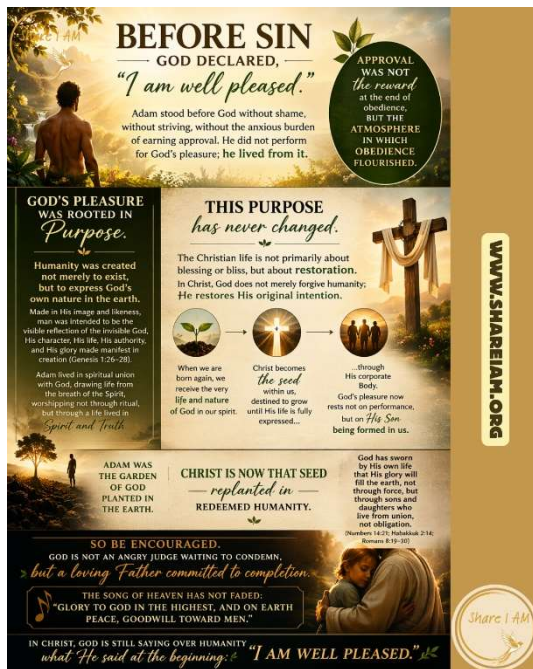




WELL PLEASED FROM THE BEGINNING

📖 Genesis 1:31 (AMP), “*And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good, suitable, pleasant, and He approved it completely.*”

Before sin ever whispered its first lie, before fear learned to speak its name, God looked upon humanity and declared, “*I am well pleased.*” Adam stood before God without shame, without striving, without the anxious burden of earning approval. He did not perform for God’s pleasure; **he lived from it.** Approval was not the reward at the end of obedience, **but the atmosphere in which obedience flourished.**

God’s pleasure was rooted in **purpose**. Humanity was created not merely to exist, but to **express God’s own nature in the earth**. Made in His image and likeness, man was intended to be the **visible reflection** of the **invisible God**, His character, His life, His authority, and His glory made manifest in creation (Genesis 1:26-28). Adam lived in spiritual union with God, drawing life from the breath of the Spirit, worshipping not through ritual, but through a life lived in Spirit and Truth.

This purpose has never changed. The Christian life is not primarily about blessing or bliss, but about **restoration**. In Christ, God does not merely forgive humanity; He restores His original intention. When we are born again, we receive the very life and nature of God in our spirit. **Christ becomes the Seed** within us, destined to grow until His life is fully expressed through His corporate Body. God’s pleasure now rests not on performance, but on **His Son being formed in us**.

Adam was the garden of God planted in the earth. Christ is now that Seed replanted in redeemed humanity. God has sworn by His own life that His glory will fill the earth, not through force, but through sons and daughters who live from union, not obligation (Numbers 14:21; Habakkuk 2:14; Romans 8:19-30).

So be encouraged. God is not an angry judge waiting to condemn, but a loving Father committed to completion. The song of heaven has not faded: “*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*” In Christ, God is still saying over humanity what He said at the beginning, “*I am well pleased.*”

🌱 Reflection:

...Am I living to earn God’s approval, or from the approval already given in Christ?

...How might my life change if I truly believed I was created to express God’s glory, not strive for His pleasure?