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(1 Peter 1:20)

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In the divine and eternal mind of God, Christ has always been the pre-imminent and the central focus of God's eternal plans and purposes from the foundation of the world it is in this sense that the Lord Jesus Christ pre-existed with God. Jesus did not pre-exist with God as some kind of conscious angelic spirit being prior to the beginning of creation and then became a fetus in the womb of Mary to be born into this world (as many believe).

The Old Testament prophets were able to proclaim Christ's coming to Israel and his arrival into the world because God in his eternal mind before the foundations of the world had planned and purposed that Jesus would be the center of His eternal plans for mankind's salvation, for this world and for eternity and was therefore able to inspire the minds of the faithful prophets to proclaim the plans and purposes of God that He had set in motion before the beginning of time.

The New Testament says, at the right time Christ came to the world and that Christ the man was born through the Virgin Mary. This glorious birth was the manifestation of the eternal plan God had purposed in His timeless mind before the world began. Christ has always pre-existed in the eternal mind of God as the center of His eternal plan for mankind's salvation and for the new eternal world to come.

Peter wrote the following words:

- **1 Peter 1:20** ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you

Peter is not saying that Jesus was with God before the foundation of the world, but that he was foreknown before the foundation of the world meaning Jesus was the central focus of God's eternal plan that He purposed in His eternal and divine mind before the world began. It is in this sense that Peter states Jesus was foreknown and it is in this sense that Jesus pre-existed with God before the foundations of the world. The following are two practical examples of something being foreknown in the mind long before it exists in this world:

1. An architect long before a building is constructed plans the entire structure in his mind, he sees every detail of it in vivid clarity long before the builders begin to construct it and long before the workers even set foot on the site where it is to be built.
2. An excited expectant mother plans in her mind her baby's room long before the baby is born, she not only sees in her mind the design and colours of that room, but also the lighting, furniture and clothing long before the child is born.

It could be said that the architects building and that the mothers baby pre-existed with the architect and with the mother meaning in their minds. In the same manner God planned and purposed in his timeless mind that Christ would be the central focus of His sovereign plan for mankind's eternal salvation long before Jesus came into the world.

The logos (God's plans, purposes and promises) and eternal life was with God at the beginning, the logos or word is called God because God's word is the expression of God. At the right time Jesus appeared as a human man through the virgin birth and manifested the logos of God that was with God from the beginning by his words, his life, his miracles and his power over creation and manifested the eternal life that was with God before the foundations of the world by his resurrection and his eternal body when he appeared to his disciples after his death and resurrection.

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