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I Want to Dwell With You! Do I Have a Home in You?

“I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: ‘Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making his home with men and women! They’re his people, he’s their God. He’ll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone.’ The Enthroned continued, ‘Look! I’m making everything new. Write it all down—each word dependable and accurate.’”

Revelation 21:3-5 MSG

Before creation the Son was in the embrace of the Father and the Father was delighting in the Son. God determined He wanted a counterpart to be a recipient and a reciprocator of God’s love for God. The Father’s plan is for God and His people to mutually inherit one another. God determined that He would have sons—a position of privilege related to obtaining an inheritance. (Stuart Greaves)

“having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,... made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood (the 2nd Person becomes a man and sheds His blood), the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence (carefully thought through plan)”

Ephesians 1:5-8

God predestined us for Him! Yes He gave us a choice to choose Him!

Not coerced but responding!

Not manipulated but drawn,

not pressured but pressing in!

He desires voluntary love not mandatory obedience.

Love is dignified by the power of choice. (Stuart Greaves)