

Chapter 1

Introduction to the Belief

My belief centers on God the Father as the sole Creator of all that exists, he sent His Son, Jesus Christ, as a mediator to guide humanity back to Him, a role essential yet distinct, much like a son sent to fetch help in my wilderness analogy. Jesus' mission, far from diminishing God's omnipotence, reveals His relational love and authority, inviting us into a personal connection with the Father. As I believe, we were created spiritually in God's image before birth, reflecting His creative nature, and Jesus, sharing the Father's divine essence, serves as our exclusive path to salvation without needing to be God incarnate. This chapter lays the foundation for exploring these truths through Scripture, complementing my hope that this understanding strengthens your faith in God's plan through His sent Son.

Genesis 1:26–27 (KJV) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion... So God created man in his own image...

- *Belief:* God made man in His image, showing spiritual creation precedes physical birth, reflecting my conviction that we were formed spiritually before being born, mirroring His creative nature.
- *Counter-argument:* Some argue this refers only to physical likeness, suggesting a mere bodily resemblance.

Response: The “image” language in Scripture points primarily to spiritual nature, vocation, and relational capacity, not just physical form, as seen in our ability to create like God.

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