The Life the World Has Never Seen

- I. Human Vessels of Divine Image (Letters Known and Read by All)
- A. Express the Image and Likeness of *Infinite Love & Relational Unity*!

Gen 1:26 NIV Then God said, "Let us make man in our *image*, in our *likeness*, and ... *rule* ... over the earth...creatures

Only in the Human is the Trinity revealed.

B. Humans can express an Infinite of Imagination, Potential, Creative Power, and Desires

Eccl 3.11 NLT Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has **planted eternity in the human heart**, ...

Things that have no precedence... Ideas!

My grandfather listened to a big radio... **Philco SONY** – Masura Ibuka **1947** "Radio in a Pocket"

TR-63 in **1957**

Man on the Moon May 25, 1961

"Now it is time to take longer strides.... I believe this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal before this decade is out of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth" JFK

July 20th, 1969 Communion on the Moon:

Forty-five years ago two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon. But **what happened**

- **before Buzz Aldrin** and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it.
- I'm talking about the fact that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in Guideposts magazine.
- Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period. Knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt he should mark the occasion somehow, and he asked his pastor to help him. And so the pastor consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and on to the surface of the moon.
- He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement: "This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." He then ended radio communication and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion. Here is his own account of what happened:
- "In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the Scripture, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever

abides in me will bring forth much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing.'

I had intended to read my communion passage back to earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly. I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements."

And of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ. who made the Earth and the moon — and Who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the "Love that moves the Sun and other stars."

C. Humans can express the Goodness of God

Eph 5.1 ESV Therefore be **imitators** of God, as beloved children. 2 And **walk in love**,....

His commandments are not painful, but joyful!

John 15.9 ESV As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. **Abide in my love**. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

12 "This is **my commandment**, that you love one another as I have loved you.

To walk in love, or live a life of love has attributes:

 Unconditional generosity toward all humans and creatures What's in it for ME? WII-FM

What's in ME for IT? WIM - FI

- Gratitude and Hope (always hopes)
- A deep connection with God, ourselves, and others

Love is an **intense feeling** of **deep affection**. *Care for, Hold dear, Treasure*

<u>loy is the Indicator</u> of common unity (community, communion)

II. Love is ABUNDANT LIFE

Sin destroys CONNECTION, COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION.

Righteousness cherishes CONNECTION.

"Did God really say...?"

Ingratitude is the beginning of all evils and sins!

The THIEF. The DOOR and the GOOD SHEPHERD

- John 10.9 AMP I am the **Door**; anyone who enters in through Me will be saved (will live). He will **come in** and **he will go out** [freely], and **will find pasture.**
- 10 The thief comes **only** in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).

NLT-SE The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

MESSAGE ... I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

LOVE is an ACTION (Looks like something)

- 1 John 3.18 NIV Dear children, *let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.* 19 This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and *how we set our hearts at rest in his presence* 20 whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.
- 21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God 22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

LOVE is an ACTION (Looks like something) is a different operating system

Love asks, "How can I serve the world around me?"

Evil Desire asks, "How can the world serve me?"

2 Pet 1.3 NIV His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

PRAYER FOR **CREATIVITY**

The CREATIVE LOVE of God is Relational.

PRAYER FOR **CONNECTION**

Open Our Eyes to See and Love the Image of God

III.Restoring the Message < Divine Image>

What the World Has Never Seen

John 17.20 NKJV "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 *that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You*; that they also may be one in Us, *that the world may believe* that You sent Me. 22 And the **glory** which You gave Me I have given them, *that they may be one* just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and *that the world may know* that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

The **Image of the Trinity** – A super organism..

Fear keeps us from the fullness.

Matt 6.25–26 NIV 25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, ... 26 Look at the birds of the air.... Are you not much more valuable than they?

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John 17:21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Pray for ABUNDANT, OVERFLOWING CREATIVE LIFE that SERVES!

What's in me for the world around me?
What's in US for the world to see and believe?
Lift our VISION HIGHER!!

Rom 15.13 NIV May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.