"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." Genesis 1:27,31 KJV

I believe in the beginning, Adam and Eve were clothed with light. They were made in the image of God who is Light, and when they sinned, God, who “is Light” left, and they were naked. Wild animals fear firelight. Light would have given man superiority over the animals. That aside, God made man in His own image, three, yet one; a unique, singular plurality. God is not three Gods any more than you are three people. The different persons of the Godhead are one God. They work together in synchronous harmony as does your body, soul, and spirit. You can be deep in thought, meditating, (soul) and you are still 100% you. You can be singing a song in your head (spirit) and you are still 100% you. You can be exercising or working (body) and you are still 100% you. Three are one. Adam became a “living soul” by virtue of God’s presence. “The LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” Adam sinned, God left, and he was separated from Life and was no longer a “living soul.” Death is the absence of life. Separated from the Light and Life that God is, Adam and Eve “died.” We say a person is dead, when their body has no life. Jesus died on the cross, and was separated from the Father by the guilt and sin of the whole world placed on Him. God literally ripped Himself apart to atone for your sin! There is nothing you can experience Jesus has not already, including death. In His earthly life, “He was in all points tempted like as we, yet without sin.” Read the account! Jesus defeated death to show His power over it for all who will come back to Him! His victory makes it possible for believers to regain the intimate fellowship with God that Adam and Eve lost to sin! Being a believer is simply doing the opposite of Adam; regarding the Word of God above all else. If we believe someone, it will affect our actions. The gift of faith from God enables us to believe, and the beauty of it is; “Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God.” God’s Word teaches us the right path to Life eternal, “by grace through faith” brokered by repentance. Your debt was paid by the only One who could and you must seek your pardon through the humble repentance of faith in Jesus Christ, alone!

We must believe by faith alone,
And yet to wander we are prone,
Forgiveness ours, if we confess,
Knowing that God will surely bless. –CGP

You don’t get if you don’t ask, and you must ask Jesus. Trying to make yourself good enough for heaven is like seeking a loan from a hobo! Mercy is ours for the asking, if we ask the right person, Jesus. God has already “fore-given” your debt at Calvary, but you must believe and humbly ask His forgiveness to receive payment on your account. “Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness!”

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 KJV

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