

Creation

Part 2

LIFE-CHANGE OBJECTIVE

- To build a strong foundation for worshipping and obeying God as your Creator.

SEVEN TRUTHS ABOUT CREATION THAT ARE FOUNDATIONS FOR OUR LIVES

GOD CREATED EVERYTHING OUT OF _____

HEBREWS 11:3

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

GENESIS 1:3

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

God simply spoke, and creation happened.

This week, let the truth about creation fill you with the wonder you need to face realities of life.

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CREATION WAS DONE IN _____

GENESIS 1:3-26

And God said, “Let there be light,” God called the expanse “sky” ...
“Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear ... Let the land produce vegetation.” The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds...
“Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons, and days and years... Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth...Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds...Let us make mankind in our image.”

- Both naturalists and creationists believe in a well-ordered creation.
- Naturalistic evolution is the idea that order evolved out of chaos.
- The Bible teaches instead that order was created by design.

This week: Let God’s creation be a constant reminder that God has a plan!

GOD SAW THAT IT WAS _____

GENESIS 1:4

God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

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GENESIS 1:10

God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

GENESIS 1:12

The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

GENESIS 1:18

... to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.

GENESIS 1:21

So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

GENESIS 1:25

God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

GENESIS 1:31

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

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- God's creation is not evil. The world did not make people evil; people brought evil into the world.
- Don't make the mistake of thinking that because something is of the physical world it must therefore be evil.

1 TIMOTHY 6:17 (NCV)

God richly gives us everything to enjoy.

This week: Enjoy God's creation!

MANKIND IS THE _____

How exactly did God create mankind?

GENESIS 2:7 (NCV)

Then the Lord God took dust from the ground and formed a man from it. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nose, and the man became a living person.

GENESIS 2:21-22 (NCV)

So the Lord God caused the man to sleep very deeply, and while he was asleep, God removed one of the man's ribs. Then God closed up the man's skin at the place where he took the rib. The Lord God used the rib from the man to make a woman, and then he brought the woman to the man.

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How are we created in God's image?

1. Our _____: mind, will, emotions
2. Our _____: created as male and female

GENESIS 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

A CLOSER LOOK

Because *all* mankind was made in his image, in the image of God:

Both _____ and _____ have equal value and worth.

Each _____ has equal value and worth.

ACTS 17:26-28

“From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’”

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3. Our _____: created as moral beings, with a moral consciousness

GENESIS 3:7

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

ACTS 24:16

“So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man”

Our moral nature includes both freedom of choice and responsibility for our choices.

4. Our _____: created with the ability to relate to God

ROMANS 5:11 (NLT)

So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

This week: Intentionally focus throughout each day on the fact that you are made in God’s image.

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GOD _____ **THE JOB**

GENESIS 2:1

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

HEBREWS 4:3 (NCV)

God's work was finished from the time he made the world.

- The universe is not some vast unfinished symphony.
- This world and universe are not works in progress.
- The universe is a finished work of creation that has been marred by the presence of sin.

This week: Look forward to God's restoration of His creation.

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GOD _____ ON THE SEVENTH DAY

GENESIS 2:2-3

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Why did God rest?

- To give us an _____ to follow

EXODUS 20:9-11 (NCV)

“Work and get everything done during six days each week, but the seventh day is a day of rest to honor the Lord your God... The reason is that in six days the Lord made everything—the sky, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. On the seventh day he rested.”

- To teach us His plan for the ages

HEBREWS 4:9-11

There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. 11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest.

This week: Take a day of worshipful rest.

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GOD NOW SUSTAINS ALL THAT HE MADE

COLOSSIANS 1:17 (NLT)

He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

The word used for God's continuing and active work in holding creation together is the *providence* of God. Never make the mistake of thinking that God made it all and then somehow left it to run on its own. There are literally hundreds of verses throughout the Bible concerning God's intimate and intricate sustaining of His creation.

From the smallest dewdrop to the greatest nations, God sustains it all!

JOB 38:28

Who fathers the drops of dew?

PSALM 47:8

God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

This week: Look to the God who sustains the universe to give you sustaining strength throughout each day.

ACTING ON THE TRUTH

How to Praise God as Your Creator

“Seeing creation as an expression of your love...”

PSALM 136:7-9, 25 (NCV)

He made the sun and the moon. His love continues forever. He made the sun to rule the day. His love continues forever. He made the moon and stars to rule the night. His love continues forever... He gives food to every living creature. His love continues forever.

“I kneel before you in humility”

PSALM 95:6-7 (TLB)

Come, kneel before the Lord our Maker, for he is our God. We are his sheep, and he is our Shepherd. Oh, that you would hear him calling you today and come to him!

“praising you for this day...”

PSALM 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

“and thanking you for creating me.”

PSALM 139:14 (NCV)

I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way. What you have done is wonderful. I know this very well.