

God's Glorious Gospel



Introduction to Creation (In the Beginning GOD!)

Genesis 1:1

Psalm 8; Acts 17:22-31

Pressing Forward into 2022

- Our goals.
- What are we doing to pursue our goals
 - Catechism Questions and Meditation
 - Scripture Memorization

Where We are Going in 2022

What We Learnt Last Week

- The Decreed Promise - The glorious Everlasting Covenant among the Godhead - The Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- The seven "I WILL'S" in the Everlasting Covenant - Jeremiah 31:31-40; 32:36-41; Hebrews 8:8-12

What is the connection between Creation and the Gospel?

- Consider and Meditate on the following Catechism questions:
 - ✓ Catechism Q. 8 - How does God execute His decrees? God executes His decrees in the works of creation and providence - Psalm 148:8; Isaiah 40:26; Daniel 4:35; Acts 4:24-28; Revelation 4:11
 - ✓ Catechism Q. 9. What is the work of creation? The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good. - Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6, 9; Hebrews 11:3
- Creation is the stage for the unfolding of God's eternal purpose. For God to carry out His eternal purpose He needed to create the earth to be inhabited by people - Isaiah 45:18; Revelation 4:9-11; Isaiah 45:12; Genesis 1:28; Genesis 9:1; Psalm 115:16
- It is in creation that we meet God as the initiator of all things, including our salvation - Isaiah 45:12; 40:28; Isaiah 44:24; Jer 32:17; Nehemiah 9:6

- God created the universe so that His people will know Him. No one has an excuse! -Romans 1:20; Acts 17:24-27

12 Attributes of God (Elohim) in one verse - Genesis 1:1

- *(An attribute is a quality or feature regarded as a characteristic or inherent part of someone or something)*

1. **God is One** - In the beginning, there was God and only God. This is one of the Bible's great claims: there is one God, and besides Him there is no other - Isaiah 45:5, Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 46:9; Isaiah 44:6
2. **God is Spirit** - Before the creation of the heavens and the earth, there was nothing but God. Space, time, matter, and energy were all created by Him, which means that He Himself does not consist in space, time, matter, or energy - John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 3:17; 1 Timothy 1:17
3. **God is Eternal** - For God to be present in the beginning, He had to exist before the beginning of time, which means that God is outside of time. His existence is eternal. He was there in the beginning because He had no beginning, and He will be there in the end because He also has no end - Psalm 90:2; Isaiah 57:15; Psalm 93:2; Micah 5:2; Hebrews 1:10-12
4. **God is Infinite** (limitless, immeasurable) - The heavens and the earth include the invisible as well as the visible, realms unseen and seen. Given their created nature, these realms are finite, but for God to create finite realms, He Himself must be infinite - Isaiah 6:3, Jeremiah 23:23-24, Psalm 145:3; Job 11:7
5. **God is Unchangeable/Immutable** - Before God created everything, He simply was. This means that there was nothing external to God that could change Him - His being was the same throughout eternity past. And after He created everything, since the universe was (and is) dependent upon Him, it could not (and cannot) change Him. God has remained the same in eternity past, and He will remain the same in eternity future - James 1:17; Numbers 23:19; Malachi 3:6; Romans 11:29; Hebrews 1:11-12; 13:8
6. **God is Self-Existent** - God existed before the world, and therefore He was not dependent upon what He created. In His essence, God is independent; He relies on no one and nothing for His existence. Theologians call this God's aseity, from the Latin *se*, meaning that God is "from Himself." - Exodus 3:13-14; John 8:58; Revelation 1:4,8,17; Romans 11:34-36
7. **God is Life** - For God to create life in heaven and on earth - angels, vegetation, fish, birds, reptiles, animals, and mankind - He had to have life in Himself. God had to be the Living God to create living beings. - 1 John 5:20, John 5:26, Psalm 36:9, Acts 17:28, Deuteronomy 32:40
8. **God is Immortal** - Since God lived by Himself in an undisturbed life before creation, there was (and is) nothing that could (and can) take His life. God cannot die. 1 Timothy 6:16; 1 Timothy 1:17; Revelation 1:17-18

9. **God is Creator** - The verb create is a rather unique verb in the Old Testament. It occurs about forty times and always has God as its subject. In the Bible, only God creates, which is just another way of saying that only God is the Creator. He took the initiative to create - Psalm 96:5; Psalm 115:15; Isaiah 42:5; Revelation 4:11
10. **God is Omnipotent** - If, in the beginning, God the Creator made everything from nothing, then He must be all-powerful. He must be omnipotent - able to execute His will as He pleases - Ephesians 3:20-21; Psalm 115:1-3; Jeremiah 32:17,27; Daniel 4:35; Jeremiah 10:12
11. **God is Omniscient** - If, in the beginning, God the Creator made everything from nothing, then He must be all-wise. He must be omniscient - able to execute His will without instruction or input from anyone - Jeremiah 10:12; Isaiah 46:9-10; Romans 11:34-35; Isaiah 40:13; 1 Corinthians 2:16
12. **God is Sovereign** - If God is the all-powerful, all-wise Creator of everything, then after He made the heavens and the earth, He must have remained in control of them. - Job 42:2; Job 23:13; Proverbs 19:21; Ecclesiastes 3:14; Isaiah 14:27; Daniel 4:35; Colossians 1:15-17

The Glory of God Exhibited in Creation

- ✗ No place for chance (we are without excuse) - Romans 1:18-23, Psalms 14:1
- ✗ Chance is just a word - words don't have any creative ability or force!
- God's WISDOM, MAJESTY, BEAUTY, POWER, GREATNESS, and INTELLIGENCE is seen in creation - Jeremiah 10:12, Proverbs 8:22-31
- **God created all things through Jesus Christ** - Ephesians 3:9, Colossians 1:15-17, Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-5
- There is MUCH MORE to Jesus Christ than Saviour. He is Creator! Consider Catechism question 25 - He is Mediator, Priest, Prophet, King, Heir of all things, Saviour and Head of the Church, Judge of the world, Redeemer and Lord.
- ★ All things were created by, through and for Jesus Christ (The Son of God) - Colossians 1:15-17

What is man that You are mindful of him - Psalm 8 (See Job 42:5-6, Isaiah 1:18)

- The God with these UNIQUE attributes chose to be mindful of man: What is man? - Job 7:17-18
- Man is made from dust and returns to dust - Genesis 2:7; 3:19; 1 Corinthians 15:47; Genesis 18:27
- Man's life is short as a breath/vapour- James 4:13-14; Psalm 39:5; Psalm 102:3; Psalm 144:4
- All the nations are worthless and less than nothing - Isaiah 40:17; Psalm 62:9; Daniel 4:35

- The nations are a drop in a bucket - Isaiah 40:15; Isaiah 2:22; Isaiah 17:13; Jeremiah 10:10
- Man's righteousness is as filthy rags before a holy, holy, holy God - Isaiah 64:6; Isaiah 6:5; Isaiah 46:12; Isaiah 53:6; Isaiah 40:6-8
- All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing - Daniel 4:35; Psalm 39:5; Psalm 33:8-9
- Man is likened to a worm and a grasshopper - Psalm 22:6; Job 25:6; Isaiah 41:14; Isaiah 40:22
- Man has no capacity to choose God - Ephesians 2:1-2; 4-5; John 15:16; Romans 8:29-30
- ★ BUT God chose to be mindful of man - This God deserves our ALL.

Do you KNOW GOD? Are you in an intimate relationship with Him? - John 17:3; 1 Chronicles 28:9; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Daniel 11:32

The only Proper Response to GOD:

- Repent today and continuously repent - Acts 17:30-31; Acts 20:21; Luke 13:1-5; Luke 24:47
- Believe God with all your heart (mind, will, and emotions) and grow your relationship with Him - Acts 8:37; John 3:18, 36; 1 Chronicles 28:9; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Daniel 11:32
- Submit to Christ as Lord (Owner, Master, Ruler, Creator) - Romans 10:9-10; Psalm 2:10-12; Matthew 7:21-23
- Do Works befitting repentance - Ephesians 2:8-10; Acts 26:19-20; Titus 2:14; James 2:14-26
- Glorify God for all He has done, is doing, and has promised to do - Psalm 115:1-3; Revelations 4:9-11