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Creation Part 1: Chaos to Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Series: Genesis – The Story of Us All

The Story of Us All

- ❖ The Bible in general, and Genesis in particular, presents a unique and universal worldview.
- ❖ The worldview presented in the scriptures is dependent on revelation rather than discovery.
- ❖ The Bible in its entirety, including Genesis, is about God's redemption of mankind and the renewal of all things in Christ.

Let There Be Light!

- ❖ As the sovereign creator, God speaks light, and life and order into the darkness and chaos of the universe.

Genesis 1:1–3 (ESV) — 1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

- ❖ As the creative agent of the universe and the risen son of God, Jesus speaks life, and light and order into the chaos of our lives.

John 1:1–5 (ESV) — 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

We Are the Light!

- ❖ As the apex of the creative process and God's image bearers, we are charged with the stewardship and continued “ordering” of this planet.

Genesis 1:26–27 (ESV) — 26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

- ❖ As followers of Christ, filled with his Spirit, we are called to bear his light into the dark chaos of this world for the glory of God and the good of our neighbors.

Matthew 5:14–16 (ESV) — 14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 22:36–40 (ESV) — 36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Re-Creation

- ❖ The Sea of Chaos will be put away for good at the return of Christ.

Revelation 21:1–4 (ESV) — 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

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