

# IN THE BEGINNING

A STUDY OF GENESIS 1-3

## #1 God Created

The Grand Storyline of the Bible

**CREATION – FALL – REDEMPTION – CONSUMMATION**

Creation: God created all things.

Fall: Humanity chose to rebel against God, with dire effects.

Redemption: God promised Good News through His Son!

Consummation: All of creation will be one day be restored.

### Five Monumental, Foundational Truths from the Story of Creation

#### 1. BEFORE THERE WAS ANYTHING, THERE WAS GOD

God is Unique

God is Personal

God is **PLURAL**

God is Powerful

God is Living

God is **TRANSCENDENT**

God is Uncaused and Independent

God is **IMMANENT**

God is Creative, Beautiful, Holy, Sovereign, and Much More!

#### 2. THE ENTIRE WORLD WAS MADE BY GOD

**Colossians 1:16** *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.*

#### 3. GOD CREATED THE WORLD THROUGH HIS WORD

*“And God said... Let there be... and it was so.”*

**Psalm 33:6** *By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth ....<sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood forth.”*

#### 4. CREATION WAS ORIGINALLY GOOD, VERY GOOD

#### 5. THE UNIVERSE HAS A DESIGNATED PURPOSE

**Psalm 19:1** *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. <sup>2</sup>Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. <sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. <sup>4</sup>Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.*

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

**John 1:14** *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

#### Implications of the Doctrine of Creation:

1. God is at the center of reality, not man, and not nature. *But far from being disappointing or depressing for human beings, this truth brings great hope of both present fulfillment and eternal joy.*
2. To put something other than God at the center of our lives will inevitably lead to chaos and darkness, *but to give God His rightful place in our hearts will bring clarity, order, and light.*
3. Enjoying God’s creation finds its fullest expression and climax in enjoying God Himself, *Who made it all for His pleasure and ours.*
4. Since we were created to enjoy praising God, His desire to be glorified and our desire to be happy are not at odds. *These seemingly conflicting desires are actually one and the same pursuit!*

*“God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him” – Piper*

**Revelation 4:11** *“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”*