

Creation Seminar

Why Creation Matters – Christ in Creation (Session 1)

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Three Reasons our view of Creation (Genesis 1-11) Matters

1. It is the foundation of our **worldview authority for Truth**.
 - Two basic worldviews: secular (man’s word) or biblical (God’s Word)
 - Trust **God’s Word** (John 3:12, 5:47, 14:6, Mark 10:6) over **man’s** theories (evolution), reason, tradition, feelings, experiences, “experts.” Consider “other truth” if aligned w/ the Biblical truth.
 - We can’t pick only parts of the Bible to believe (i.e., resurrection but not creation)
 - Our worldview determines our approach to the **Issues of Life**
 - It is **not** an issue of **science vs. religion**, but a matter of our worldview (belief system/faith)
 2. Evolution can significantly undermine our **Youth’s Faith**
 - 70 to 80% of Christian youth are walking away from the faith
 - Bible chronology teaches young-earth creation – 6 literal days, 6,000 years ago (Genesis 5, 11)
 - Scoffers deny Noah’s Flood and the evidence for creation (2 Pet3:3-6, Rom 1:18-20)
 - God warns of ungodly men suppressing the truth (Rom 1:20) and their philosophies (Col 2:8).
 3. It is foundational to Christian doctrine and central to **nine basic Doctrines of Christ** (see below).
1. **Triune Creator** – God created all things ex nihilo (from nothing) by His Word (Gen 1,2) in 6 days.

Day-Age Theory old earth compromise – days of creation were long ages

Six reasons why the 6 days were not ages, but 24-hr days:

 - 1 – Grammatical construction – narrative/literal events, not poetic/figurative
 - 2 – Definition – “evening-morning”
 - 3 – Used with a number – always 24 hours
 - 4 – Time words compared (Gen 1:14) – seasons – days - years
 - 5 – Hebrew scholarship – almost unanimous agreement on 24 hours
 - 6 – God’s workweek/rest pattern – no celestial reason for 7-day week (Ex 20:11, 31:18)

Evolution contradicts biblical order of creation events

Worldview Issues: God is creator and is in control of this universe.

Jesus Christ (2nd person of the Trinity) is our **Sustaining Creator** (John 1:1-3, Col 1:16,17).
 2. **Human Life** – we are made in God’s Image (Gen 1:26, 27).

Our life has intrinsic value to be protected (Gen 9:6, Ex 20:13). We are not evolved animals.

Issues: only two sexes/genders: male-female; sanctity of human life vs. abortion; “evolved races” (racism) vs. one human race; Naziism (treatment of “other races” and handicapped people); Communism (Atheism); Eugenics, Euthanasia and health issues; capital punishment; animal rights.

Jesus Christ is the **Life-Giving “Last Adam”** (John 14:6, 10:10, 1 Cor 15:45).
 3. **God’s Sovereignty** – Adam and Eve were accountable to obey one rule God gave them (Gen 2:16-17).

Issues: man’s accountability to God; God’s universal transcendent 10 Commandments; government authority is from God; respect for law; no moral relativism; blind justice.

Jesus Christ is our **Sovereign Judge** and all humans are accountable to Him (John 5:22, Acts 17:31).
 4. **Marriage** – not good man was alone. God created Eve; brought her to Adam as his wife (Gen 2:21-24).

Marriage is under attack today – divorce, adultery, cohabitation, fornication, same-sex “marriage.”

At the beginning, one man and one woman, a new family unit, to be permanent (Matt 19:4-6).

A picture of Christ and the Church.

Issues: marriage (not same sex) and family are the bedrock for a stable society.

Jesus Christ is the **Groom-Husband** to the Church, His bride (Eph 5:25, 2 Cor 11:2).

5. Sin – introduced to earth by Satan in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve disobey (Gen 3).

Affects all humans (Rom 5:12) and all creation (Rom 8:20-22) – Death, pain/suffering, and natural disaster are a result.

Progressive Creation compromise – holds to old earth and Big Bang/cosmic evolution. Some intervention by God to create life over millions of years. Impossible, because it puts death before Adam's sin.

Gap Theory compromise – holds to a time gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. Impossible, because it puts death before Adam's sin.

Issues: depravity of man's human nature; individual responsibility; restrain (limit) government.

Jesus Christ is our **Sinless Sin-bearer** (Isa 53:6, 2 Cor 5:21).

6. Husband-Wife Roles – God's response to Adam and Eve's sin (Gen 3:16-19, Eph 5:22,25).

Eve was to bear children in pain and be under Adam's leadership (authority).

Adam was to be the leader under Christ's authority, and provider but with difficulty, since the ground was cursed (1 Cor 11:3). Spouses struggle due to pride (male chauvinism, feminism).

Issues: family structure/roles; husband/father as leader and servant (hard work); family economics

Jesus Christ is our example **Servant-Leader** (John 13:15).

7. Gospel – **Spiritual Redemption**. God covered (atoned for) Adam and Eve's sin (Gen 3:21).

Adam and Eve tried to cover their sin (nakedness) with fig leaves. This was a picture of their inadequate self-righteous efforts (Gen 3:7; Isa 64:6; Rom 10:3,4). God had to shed the blood of an innocent animal to get coats of skin to cover (atone for) their sin (Heb 9:22).

Issues: God's gracious gift of **salvation** has always been under attack by works-dependent teaching. Christ's one-time sacrifice was exclusive and all-sufficient. (John 14:6, Acts, 4:12, Heb 10:10).

Jesus Christ is the unblemished **Lamb of God** (John 1:29) who shed His blood for us. He clothes us with His righteousness (Isa 61:10, 2 Cor 5:21) to make us fit for heaven.

8. Grace – **Bodily Redemption**. God promised to send the Messiah (Gen 3:15).

The "Seed," who is Christ, would deal a fatal head bruise to Satan, but would be dealt a "temporary heel bruise" Himself (the crucifixion).

Issues: Christ's "first-fruits" **bodily** resurrection (1 Cor 15:23) has been attacked by many false theories.

Jesus Christ is the **Seed of the Woman** (inferring a virgin birth). A seed must "die" first in order to come back in a different form. At the rapture/resurrection, Christ will give us glorified bodies to replace our natural bodies (1 Cor 15:35-38, 42, 51-54).

9. Dominion – **Earth's Redemption**. Man is to be fruitful and subdue the earth as God's steward (Gen 1:28).

Originally, Adam was in harmony with creation until the "Fall," when he corrupted the earth. Satan now influences our world as the "prince of the power of the air" and "god of this age" (Eph 2:2, 2 Cor 4:4).

Issues: God intends for man's dominion, environmental stewardship, scientific discovery and technology. God is in control and has provided natural resources. We are to have a proper end-of-earth perspective, with no environmental extremism and overpopulation or climate change alarmism (Gen 8:22).

Jesus Christ is our **Kinsman-Redeemer**. He will recover what Adam corrupted (Php 2:9, Rev 5:9).

Later in Genesis: Noah's Ark/Flood and Tower of Babel dispersion (Genesis 6-11)

Issues: proper view of zoology, geology/fossils, language, anthropology, the single Ice Age and earth history; all humans (one human race) descended from Noah; fossil fuel energy as a gift from God.

Jesus Christ is our "**Ark**" of **salvation** who delivers us through judgment (such as the global flood).