

Jesus Saves

Created in the Image of God

Genesis 1-2

Lesson 1

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▶ What must I do to be saved?

- Acts 16:31 – Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved
- John 20:30-31– Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that we have life through His name.

▶ How can I be saved?

- The incomprehensible wisdom of God
- “Amazing Grace” – God’s love and power
- “O the mighty gulf that God did span” (v. 4) – Man’s dilemma
- Romans 11:33-36

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The Human Dilemma

1. Created in the Image of God
2. Driven from the Presence of God
3. All have Sinned
4. The Bondage of Sin

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The Divine solution

5. The Gracious Elector
6. Jesus, the God-Man
7. One Sacrifice for Sins Forever
8. Christ is Risen from the Dead!
9. You Must be Born Again!

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The Great Salvation

10. Justification by Faith Alone
11. The Perseverance of the Saints
12. Walk Worthy of your Calling
13. Preach the Gospel!

Lesson 1: Created in the image of God

- ▶ God's version of creation – Genesis 1
- ▶ Man in God's creation – Genesis 1:26-2:25

Genesis 1:1

- ▶ A summary statement for the chapter
- ▶ The gap theory
- ▶ The first act of God – created heavens and earth
 - God called basic elements into existence (Romans 4:17; Hebrews 11:3)
 - Darkness (Isaiah 45:7)

God Created . . .

- ▶ God (the Father) created
- ▶ Jesus Christ created (John 1:2-3; Hebrews 1:2)
- ▶ Spirit of God hovered
- ▶ Created for Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:16)

Six Days of Creation

- ▶ Day 1: Earth, universe, darkness, light – day and night (1:1-5)
- ▶ Day 2: The atmosphere (1:6-8)
- ▶ Day 3: Oceans separated and land appears; vegetation (1:9-13)
- ▶ Day 4: Sun, moon and stars; orbits (1:14-19)
- ▶ Day 5: Sea creatures and birds (1:20-23)
- ▶ Day 6: Animals and man (1:24-31)

Bible and science collide in Genesis 1

- ▶ Proverbs 8 – creation displays the wisdom of God
 - Wisdom of God is foolishness to natural man
 - Wisdom of God gives glory to God forever (Romans 11:36)
- ▶ Science is human knowledge of God's creation
 - Relies on human wisdom interacting with God's creation
 - Theories + observations/experiments + interpretation

Evolution is Junk Science

- ▶ Assumes natural processes are absolute truth
- ▶ Assumes that God is not, and the Bible is not absolute truth
- ▶ Denies the truth of Genesis 1
- ▶ God (if He exists) does not act in ways not comprehensible to man
- ▶ Theistic evolution is a fatally flawed attempt to reconcile Divine wisdom with human wisdom

God created the heavens and the earth

- ▶ 2 Peter 3:4-7 – Divine action: creation, the flood, the fire at the end of the age
- ▶ The heavens declare the glory of God (Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20)
- ▶ Creation accepted by faith (Hebrews 11:3)
- ▶ Christians need not be ashamed of Genesis 1

Creation of man and woman (Genesis 1:26-31)

- ▶ Divine counsel – “Let us make man”
- ▶ Image and likeness of God (1:27; 5:1,3; 9:6)
- ▶ Image of God– a representation of God; not a quality within, but what human beings are
- ▶ A preview: salvation and the image of God
 - Jesus takes on the image of man (Heb 10:5; Phil 2:7)
 - Jesus is the image of God (2 Cor. 4:4; Col. 1:15; Heb 1:3)
 - We become the image of God in Christ (2 Cor 3:18; Eph. 4:24; Rom 8:29; 1 John 3:2; 1 Cor 15:49)

Defining characteristics

- ▶ Dominion – rule over creation
- ▶ Union – male and female
- ▶ Blessed
 - Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth
 - Subdue and have dominion
 - Genesis 2:15 - work and keep the Garden
 - Plants for food – physical sustenance
- ▶ All was very good – but not complete

God's Purpose for Man (2:1-25)

▶ The “REST” of God

- A future rest – Hebrews 2:10; 3:8-11, 18; 4:4-11

▶ The generations of the heaven and earth

- 2:4 – the creation and fall
- 5:1 – the corruption of the seed
- 6:9 – grace for Noah
- 10:1 – corruption resumed – to Babel
- 11:10 – the holy seed hidden
- 11:27 – grace for Abram
- 25:12 – the son of the flesh – Ishmael
- 25:19 – the son of Promise – Isaac
- 36:1 – Esau
- 36:9 – Esau's race in Edom
- 37:2 – the son of Promise – Jacob

A new name – LORD God

- ▶ Genesis 1 – God (Elohim)
- ▶ Genesis 2 – LORD God = YHWH (I AM)
- ▶ The foundation for His Covenant with the Elect

The man of dust

- ▶ A creature – like animals (2:19)
- ▶ Natural, not spiritual (1 Cor 15:45-49)
- ▶ Work and keep the Garden
- ▶ All trees pleasant to the sight and good for food
- ▶ Tree of life – Tree of knowledge of good & evil
- ▶ Do not eat . . .
- ▶ A helper

Everything was very good (1:31)

- ▶ Man in the image of God to rule
- ▶ Man to be submissive to God's rule
- ▶ Good – everything necessary for the success of God's purposes
- ▶ Good, but incomplete
- ▶ Success depends upon man's work and his obedience