Fundamentals of the Christian Faith

Creation

Lesson 4
Genesis 1-2; Psalm 19:1-6; John 1:1-3; Romans 1:18-20

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Fundamentals of the Christian Faith

- Fundamental truth about God’s Person and Work
- Importance of doctrine
- “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so”
- God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Lesson 4: Creation

- “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
- Creation displays the glory of God (Psalm 19:1-6)
- Creation is the visible work of His hands
- Creation in 6 days by God – the Father, the Son and the Spirit
- God is the Possessor of creation (Genesis 14:19)
- God is the Judge of all the earth (Genesis 18:25)
- God is good and His creation was good
- God is the Savior
The Glory of God Concealed

- The forbidden tree – “... you will surely die.”
- Loss of capacity to know God (1 Corinthians 2:14)
- God’s wisdom is foolishness to man (1 Corinthians 1:20, 25-29)
- Creation is a work of God’s wisdom – the “master workman” (Proverbs 8:22-31)
- Man corrupts natural revelation: wrath, eternal power, deity (Romans 1:18-20)
- Man finds the Biblical account of creation to be foolishness
  - Prefers myths
  - Prefers natural science
- The siren song of human wisdom
Lesson 4: Creation

- The wisdom of man – the Big Bang + Evolution
- Compromises between God’s wisdom and man’s wisdom
- The wisdom of God in creation – 6 days of creation
- What difference does it make?
The Theory of Evolution

- Starting point: there is no God
- A big bang – a very hot and dense ball of matter
- Evolution from a lifeless universe to all forms of life
- A process by pure chance
- A theory based upon interpretation of “evidence”
- Unfinished Science: a theory, not tested or observed
Making the Bible Fit

- The Gap Theory
  - Initial creation (Genesis 1:1-2) followed by “re-creation”

- Theistic Evolution
  - Day-age interpretation of Genesis 1 (Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8)

- Progressive Creationism
  - Bursts of creation followed by years of stability

- Framework Hypothesis
  - Non-historical description of the framework of creation
  - No information about how or when God created anything
  - “Free of Biblical constraints” – Meredith G. Kline
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**THE CREATOR KING**

Day 7 – Sabbath
Creation in Genesis 1-2

- **Day 1 (Genesis 1:1-5)**
  - Heaven and earth
  - Light
  - Day and night

- **Day 2 (Genesis 1:6-8)**
  - An expanse in the midst of the waters – atmosphere

- **Day 3 (Genesis 1:9-13)**
  - Dry land appeared and waters gathered in one place (seas)
  - Vegetation on earth
Day 4 (Genesis 1:14-19)
• Lights in the heavens
• Separate day and night
• Signs, seasons, days and years
• Light on the earth
• Sun for day and moon for night; “stars also”

Day 5 (Genesis 1:20-23)
• Sea creatures and birds – after their kind; genders

Day 6 (Genesis 1:24-2:25)
• Animals on earth – after their kind; genders
• Man in the image of God
• Male and female – Eve was created after Adam
• Rule over creatures in the sea, the air and on the earth
• Plants given for food for man and animals
The Master Workman

- From nothing to the universe and the earth (alone)
- Light without heavenly bodies
- Earth emerged from the water (2 Peter 3:5)
- Vegetation without the sun
- Creation of galaxies, stars, planets and space objects on Day 4
- Creation of man without woman
- Woman created from the man’s rib
- No death (Romans 5:12, 17; 1 Corinthians 15:21)
What difference does it make?

- The wisdom of God and the foolishness of man
- The incomprehensible power of God
- The pattern for salvation – federal headship
- The glory of God v. natural processes
- The truthfulness of Scripture
- The blessing of faith
- A new heaven and new earth