

“God So Loved The World” Bible Study

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

Study #14: Creation

One of the great issues facing the Christian Church today has to do with the arguments between creation and evolution. Ever since Charles Darwin published his ideas in his book, *On The Origin Of Species*, in 1859, the story of creation as recorded in the book of Genesis is being challenged, even within the Church.

This controversy is more than a scientific problem and definitively affects our understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Why is this so? Because, according to the good news of salvation, when Christ comes the second time to take the believers to heaven, the dead in Christ will be raised instantly with perfect glorified bodies (see 1Corinthians 15:51, 52).

This truth flies in the face of what evolution teaches. If it took millions of years for man to develop to his present stage, then, obviously, it is impossible for man to be raised from the dust with a perfect body in an instant. Yet this is the clear teaching of the Bible.

While creation cannot be proven, neither has the scientific method demonstrated evolution. It is still a theory or idea awaiting confirmation. Therefore, both creation and evolution are today accepted by faith—the former by faith in God’s Word and the latter by faith in the opinions of scientific man.

In this study we will examine what the Bible says about the creation of the world, especially of mankind. We must keep in mind that every heresy that has crept into the Christian church is ultimately an attack on the gospel of Jesus Christ. This includes the theory of evolution which denies the creative power of God. Therefore, we will study the truth about creation in the light of the gospel hope.

1. According to the Bible, who created our universe?

Genesis 1:1 _____

2. How long did it take God to create the heaven and the earth?

Exodus 20:11 _____

Note: Scripture clearly teaches that God created this world in six days. He spoke and it happened. It is hard for our finite minds to understand how God could speak and things come into existence, but the Bible declares it so and we accept it by faith (read Genesis chapter one).

3. How did Paul distinguish the true and living God from the false ones?

Acts 14:15 _____

Note: All through the Bible, the true and living God is distinguished from all false gods by the fact that He alone created all living things. He only is the source of life. In contrast, evolution teaches that life came into existence by chance.

4. According to David, what do the heavens declare?

Psalms 19:1 _____

5. What evidence does Paul give that the invisible God does exist?

Romans 1:20 _____

Note: While God may not be seen, one of the greatest proofs of His existence is creation. To believe that this highly complex world of ours came about by chance, as do the evolutionists, requires more faith than belief in an all-powerful God who created our universe.

6. How does Paul describe those who change the glory of the incorruptible God into man-made images?

Romans 1:21-23 _____

Note: While those who turn their backs on God today no longer worship graven images, they have created their own gods according to their own foolish reasoning. Evolution is based on man's ideas contrary to what the Bible teaches. Therefore, the theory of evolution is a false, man-made god.

7. According to the New Testament, who actually created our world?

John 1:1-3 _____

Note: The Word is none other than Jesus Christ, who was made flesh in order to redeem fallen mankind (see verse 14). While all three members of the Godhead were involved in creation, it was Christ who spoke and brought our world into existence.

8. For how much of creation is Christ responsible?

Colossians 1:16 _____

Note: Not only is Christ the one by whom God created our universe, but He is also our redeemer, intercessor, and, finally, will be our restorer. If we deny His act of creation, how can we accept Him as our Saviour?

9. On what grounds do we Christians believe Christ created this world without the use of pre-existing matter?

Hebrews 11:3 _____

Note: Faith is taking God at His word, even though what He says in Scripture disagrees with our experience, our rationale, or the scientific method. Without this faith we cannot please God. In the

Bible, Abraham is the father of all true believers. His faith is set as an example of what our faith must be (read Romans 4:16-22).

10. In order to have faith in God, what must we believe?

Hebrews 11:6 _____

11. According to the following text, do you think Jesus believed in the Genesis account of the creation of Adam and Eve?

Mark 10:6 _____

Note: Reading through the four gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John — it becomes clear that Jesus understood the Genesis account of creation as being a historical fact. Never once did He even hint or imply that the human race was the result of millions of years of the evolutionary process.

12. Through whom did sin and death enter the world?

Romans 5:12 _____

Note: The one man who brought sin and death into this world was Adam. Sin is not the leftovers of our animal nature, as the evolutionists teach, but the result of the Fall. According to Scripture, mankind is not getting better and better but is going from bad to worse. The history of this world and today's news media clearly reveals this Biblical fact.

13. Who are the two men, one responsible for death and the other for the resurrection to life?

1 Corinthians 15:21, 22 _____

Note: Unlike the theory of evolution, the Bible teaches that Adam was created perfect, in the image of God (see Genesis 1:26, 27). But by the Fall, Adam ruined the whole human race. If we deny this Biblical fact then we have to deny the reverse, which is that God redeemed all men in one man, Jesus Christ.

14. Who is used by Paul as a pattern or type of Adam?

Romans 5:14 _____

Note: The one to come is none other than Jesus Christ. In an earlier study ([Lesson #1](#)) we discovered that God created all men in one man (see Acts 17:26). That man was named Adam because the name means mankind. Likewise, Christ is called the second or last Adam because he represented all humanity in His work of redemption.

15. In what sense was Adam a type or pattern of Christ?

Romans 5:15 _____

Note: The reason why Adam's and Christ's actions affected "the many" (i.e., the human race) is because all of humanity was in each of these two men — in Adam by creation and in Christ by the incarnation.

16. How many stand condemned because of Adam's sin, and how many were justified to life by Christ's obedience?

Romans 5:18 _____

Note: It would be impossible for these two facts to have taken place if the theory of evolution is correct. That is why anyone who denies the truth about creation, as revealed in Scripture, must deny the truth about the two Adams. Once that is done, the whole foundation of the gospel message is destroyed.

17. What blessed hope did Job express in the face of death and being eaten by worms?

Job 19:25-27 _____

Note: This blessed hope of seeing our redeemer with our resurrected physical bodies can only become a reality because of the creative power of Christ. Deny this power and we have to deny the blessed hope.

18. What will Christ do to our sinful bodies when He comes again?

Philippians 3:20, 21 _____

19. How long will it take Christ to change our bodies from corruption to incorruption?

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 _____

Note: This wonderful change becomes impossible if the only power God has is to create us through the process of evolution. Not only is it necessary to believe in the six-day creation story to uphold the gospel truth, but the blessed hope becomes impossible if we deny the creative power of God.

20. What admonition does Paul give to believers who have lost a loved one?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 _____

Note: As Christians, we look at death as a sleep because we have the hope of the resurrection. Therefore, when a believer dies, even though it brings us grief, we do not have to mourn as the unbelievers do. The Christ who created us is also the Christ who has redeemed us and conquered the grave for us. Remember, dear friend, science has no solution for the death problem, but Christ does!