

First Baptist Church  
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“The Basics of Creation”  
Genesis 1-2:3

I. Message

a. God’s good creation

- i. This is important to know and believe
- ii. But don’t get distracted by these details
- iii. “The point of studying creation is to draw our attention to the CREATOR!”
- iv. It is good to know this list. It is better to know God!
  1. Day #1 – Light separated from darkness
  2. Day #2 – Atmosphere separated from liquid water
  3. Day #3 – Dry land separated from bodies of water,
  4. Day #4 – Galaxies, solar systems
  5. Day #5 – Creatures of the sky and sea
  6. Day #6 – Creatures of the land, including mankind
- v. How He assessed it – It was “good”
  1. V.4 – “[the light] was good”
  2. V.10 – “[the land] was good”
  3. V.12 – “[the produce] was good”
  4. V.18 – “[the planets and stars] were good”
  5. V.21 – “[the birds and sea creatures] were good”
  6. V.25 – “[the land animals] were good”
  7. V.31 – “And God saw **everything** that he had made, and, behold, it was **very good.**”

b. God’s good Word

- i. God always uses His Word and His Spirit in tandem
- ii. Psalm 33:6
  1. “3 And God **said**, Let there be light: and there was light.
  2. 6 And God **said**, Let there be a firmament...
  3. 9 And God **said**, Let the waters under be gathered...
  4. 11 And God **said**, Let the earth bring forth grass...
  5. 14 And God **said**, Let there be lights in the firmament...
  6. 20 And God **said**, Let the waters bring forth abundantly...
  7. 24 And God **said**, Let earth bring forth living creatures...

8. 26 And God **said**, Let us make man in our image..."

- iii. God's Word never returns void
- iv. All throughout human history and into eternity, when He speaks, things happen
- v. **Revelation 21:5-6**
  - 1. He made it all once
  - 2. He can make it all again
  - 3. Don't underestimate the power of His Word!

**c. God's good pattern**

- i. He could have created everything in an instant!
- ii. Why didn't He?
- iii. There is a very good reason: The pattern
  - 1. First, His pattern (making something new every day) makes mornings special
    - a. Every morning should remind us of God's creative power
    - b. **Psalm 19:1-2**
  - 2. Second, His pattern teaches us something very important about His creation: It needs rest. We need rest
    - a. He didn't need a break
    - b. He established this pattern for US
    - c. **Genesis 2:3**
    - d. This sanctification of one day each week was commanded of the Israelites at Sinai
      - i. One of the ten commandments
      - ii. **Exodus 20:8-11**
    - e. But also, one of the major discussions on obedience in all of the OT
      - i. This was the major point of disobedience for the Israelites over the years
      - ii. **Leviticus 26:33-35**
      - iii. **Ezekiel 20:13**
    - f. You might ask, are NT saints obligated to practice the Sabbath?
      - i. No, we are under grace and free from the Law
      - ii. But we still need rest!

- iii. Mark 2:27 “And he said unto them, The sabbath was **made for man**, and not man for the sabbath:”
- iv. You are not obligated under the law
- v. You are given the privilege under grace!
  - 1. Your Creator is telling you today: you need rest
  - 2. And...you might find that you REALLY enjoy this
  - 3. It was made FOR you!

#### **d. God’s good commands**

- 1. V.28 – “Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth
- 2. V.28 – “Subdue the earth”
- 3. V.28 – “Have dominion over the animals of earth”
- 4. V.29 – “Eat the plants of the earth for your food” (Gen 9:3)

## II. Conclusions

- a. Are you committed to believing all of Scripture (even the hard or unpopular parts) by faith?
- b. Have you been intentional about practicing Sabbath?
- c. Are you obeying the Creation Commands?
- d. Have you thanked God for His GOODNESS in Creation?
- e. Have you thanked God for His great NT creation?
  - i. What’s that?
  - ii. You...in Christ!
  - iii. 2 Corinthians 5:17