

SERIES: The Basics of God's Word – A Study in Genesis 1-11

TITLE: The Basics of God

TEXT: Genesis 1:1-5

I. God's Initiation of Creation (1:1)

Genesis 1:1-2: *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.*

- The first 5 words in English Bible are 3 Words in Hebrew
 - These three Hebrew words tell us everything that we NEED to know about what happened...
 - **In the Beginning** – Ps 90:2
 - **God** – John 1:1-3; Col 1:15-17; John 17:5; John 1:14
 - **Created** – **At the beginning of all of material matter, the Triune God (who has existed in perfect harmony for all of eternity) was the one who initiated all of creation by His absolute, supreme power.**

II. God's Instruments of Creation (1:2b-3a)

Genesis 1:2b-3a: *And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said,*

- **God is going to continuously use these two instruments throughout history when he creates something...the Word and His Spirit**
 - Beza-leel (Exodus 31) – the craftsman of God's tabernacle - given detailed instructions by the Word and empowered by Spirit to do it (Exo 31:3)
 - **Incarnation of Jesus** – Gen 3:15 - the will of God that he would come, the Word predicted and prophesied of Him, but he was conceived of the Holy Spirit.
 - **The Church** – Acts 2:4 - **And they [the disciples] were all filled [empowered, controlled] with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues[languages], as the Spirit gave them utterance.**
 - **Salvation** – Eph 1:13 - **In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,**
 - **The Scriptures** - 2 Pet 1:21 - **For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**
- The Spirit of God and the Word of God are so intertwined that when you have one without the other something is going wrong.

III. God's Infusion into Creation (1:3-5)

- **From the beginning we see that GOD'S VERY PERSON and PRESENCE is INFUSED into EVERY PART OF HIS CREATION THAT HIS CREATION MIGHT KNOW HIM.**
 - 1 John 1:5 - **This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

- If you are wondering if there is any end to this glory and splendor and eternal life-giving light of God...there isn't...
- Rev 21:23 - And the [heavenly] city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: **for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.**
- Rev 22:5 - And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; **for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.**

- **Do you, as a part of God's creation, allow the Creator to be intimately involved in your life?**
 - God wants to infuse His own presence into your heart and life...
 - This was the entire purpose of Jesus' coming.
 - John 8:12 - Then spake Jesus ~~again unto them~~, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
 - John 1:4-5 –[Speaking of Jesus] In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
 - 2 Cor 5:17 - Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
 - 2 Cor 4:3-6 – [Paul] But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, **lest the light** of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
 - **God has not shone his light into our hearts that we might remain in darkness, or that we might hide his light...**
 - Dan 12:3 - And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness [will shine] as the stars for ever and ever.