

Scripture(s) for Today: Genesis 1:2 – And the Spirit of God moved; the Spirit brings life

Today's Message: ***“The Spirit is Life!” or “Dead things don't move!”***

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we learned that something bad happened to the heaven and the earth that God created in verse 1. God's judgment came as a result of Satan's sin and his angels. Today, we will see the blessed action of the Spirit of God. The 1st thing that we find Him doing in the Bible is _____! The Spirit of God is not content to witness a perishing world and do nothing. He must do something! When God's Spirit moves, bad situations turn into opportunities for God's glory. When He moves, He brings _____ where there is no life. It is important to see that God does not finish verse 2 without bringing _____. Saints, there is no such thing as a hopeless situation when the Spirit of the living God is present!

LEARNING TOGETHER

- 1. The Text Gen 1:2 A. *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.***
- B. *And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.***

- **Part A:** The Result of God's _____
 - 2 Peter 3:6, ***“the WORLD that THEN WAS, being overflowed with water, perished”***.
 - God made THAT WORLD for Lucifer and ***“the sons of God”*** to bring Him glory.
 - God's judgment came to THAT WORLD as a result of Lucifer's sin *and his angels*.
 - The timeframe related to the original creation (1:1), God's judgment because of sin (between 1:1 and 1:2), and the resulting condition of the earth (1:2) is not certain.
 - *Creation (1:1) > Judgment (1:2) > Re-Creation* belief is often called, ***“The Gap Theory.”***
 - As Bible believers, if we call it anything, we should probably call it, ***“The Gap Fact!”***
 - However, it is important to understand what other ministries **SAY WE BELIEVE ...**
 - ✓ *Answers in Genesis (AIG)* says that we believe what we believe **BECAUSE...**
 1. Difference in *Hebrew word meanings* found in 1:1 & 1:2 – Not true!
 2. The *“grammatical relationship”* between 1:1 & 1:2 – Not true!
 3. The translation of the Hebrew word for *“was”* in 1:2 – Not true!
 4. The Hebrew meaning of *“without form and void”* in 1:2 – Not true!
 - ✓ *AIG* says *“the Gap Theory”* is **not** biblical. They say it is a compromise of the truth to explain evolution and *“millions of years”* or *“prehistoric fossils.”*

NOTE Some MAY believe as they say – but not us! We are Bible believers. To us, **every** Word of God matters! Many do not understand that our belief in 1:1 & 1:2 does not change what we believe about the rest of chapter 1! We believe in a 6-day creation! And, we believe that “*the heavens and the earth, WHICH ARE NOW*” are only _____ years old!

- **Part B:** The Result of God’s _____
 - **“The Spirit of God”**
 - ✓ The phrase is found 26 times in KJV. *Gen 2:7; Job 33:4; 2Chr24:20; Gen 6:3; Jn 16:8-11*
 - ✓ Where the Spirit of God is, there is life! Life transformation is His specialty! (e.g. from death to life, sinner to saint, timid to preacher, darkness to light, nobody to God’s child)
 - **“Moved”**
 - ✓ 75 times in KJV. *Gen 7:21; Song 5:4; Isa 7:2; Mt 9:36; 14:14; Mk 1:41; 2 Pet 1:21*
 - ✓ Things that are moving have life in the Bible. _____ things do not move in the Bible!
 - ✓ When Jesus was on the earth, He was moved with compassion to heal His creation!
 - **“Upon the face of the waters”**
 - ✓ The phrase is found 2 times in KJV. *Gen 1:2; 7:18*
 - ✓ In Noah’s flood, the ark **went** “*upon the face of the waters*” – the earth did not perish.
 - ✓ In Gen 1:2, God’s Spirit **moved** “*upon the face of the waters*” – a new creation begins.

2. The Lesson

Genesis Lesson 5: *The Spirit of God brings life.*

A. The Spirit of God is not content to sit idle in a perishing world; He moves to bring _____.

How does the Spirit bring life to us?	<i>The Bible teaches...</i>
God is a Spirit... MUST WORSHIP him in SPIRIT and in truth – <i>John 4:24</i>	<i>God is a Spirit</i>
God formed man... breathed into his nostrils the BREATH of LIFE – <i>Gen 2:7</i>	<i>God’s Spirit brought life</i>
And the LORD said, My spirit shall NOT ALWAYS STRIVE with man – <i>Gen 6:3</i>	<i>God’s Spirit desires life</i>
IN HIM was LIFE ; and the LIFE was the LIGHT of men – <i>John 1:4</i>	<i>Jesus Christ was life!</i>
Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye MUST be BORN AGAIN – <i>John 3:7</i>	<i>A dead spirit needed revived</i>
You hath HE QUICKENED , who were DEAD in trespasses and sins – <i>Eph 2:1</i>	<i>God’s Spirit made you to live</i>
And if Christ be in you, the body is dead...sin; but the SPIRIT is LIFE – <i>Rom 8:10</i>	<i>The Spirit is life! He is in us!</i>
Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a NEW creature – <i>2 Cor 5:17</i>	<i>The Spirit has made us new!</i>

LEARNING:

God’s Spirit is not content to sit idle while people perish. He moves to give them LIFE. Where He is found, there is hope! If God’s Spirit cannot move you, then you are in a grave spiritual condition.

Remember: Dead things don’t move!