

## **Foundations #5 – Creation**

**Genesis 1:1, 1:31-2:4**

Intro:

***“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” Psalm 11:3.***

C.S. Lewis, in his **Screwtape Letters**, pictured an older demon tutoring a younger one in **how to undermine faith**. In Letter 27, he lays what he labels “*the Historical Point of View*” — teaching people to ask **every question of Scripture except the one that matters: *Is it true?*** Paired with **spiritual pride**, it whispers, “*You know more than the ancients; you’re too enlightened to believe this.*”

**That same whisper comes to us when we open the first verse of the Bible:**

***“In the beginning, God created...”***

**MANY years ago**, I unknowingly struggled with it in High School as perhaps many of you.

I, as most High Schoolers, was busy and engaged in school. Preparing for college and career.

At the same time, I knew the Lord, was active in church, and professed to love and serve the Lord.

***Sound familiar?***

Here’s where the problem entered.

- **My church world**

On the other hand –

- **My out of church world.**

**We were breaking through barrier after barrier – science and technology.**

**I personally watched on July 20, 1967** as Neal A Armstrong became the first man to step foot on the moon. “*One small step for man; one giant leap for mankind.*”

**In every class, textbook, and media reference-** I was taught “science”.

Mixed in every bit of it was the **constantly repeated assertion**, that ***we are the result of millions even billions of years of development and evolution...***

**I for a while walked both sides of the fence, willingly naïve of the problem.**

With all of the achievements, the experts, the science - **who could doubt it?**

**It affected our world, this generation.** Evolution, Dinosaurs, Ice Age, Psychology, Education, Ethics and morals - **EVERYTHING** has been touched by the mindset. The “**superior, modern intellectualism**”, the **prideful lie**, was deadly!

And just as insidious: It’s not just the doubt and turning to alternatives, it is schooling a generation that they have the ability and right to “pick and choose” what Scriptures they find acceptable, as well as the ability to “pick and choose” what they don’t. Evaluating, with our supposed wisdom, whether what God has said is true and trustworthy. **Eden all over.**

The ripple effects can be seen through our culture, and even right here in our church.

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...”

- Do you hear the whispers of Eden?  
*“Really? Did God really say that? Or was maybe that just people long ago who wrote something that they really didn’t understand, and now, well, **we know better. Right?**” Every intelligent, educated person knows better!*  
**You (as god) figure out what you want to accept, what is ok or not to believe, and live your life accordingly.**

Today – **Our Savior, the Creator, and His Creation.**

## **I. The Scripture (Witness Statements)**

Consider Scripture that speaks to our subject: Witnesses in the trial of our faith:

### **A. Moses – Genesis 1-3**

**\*\* We will look at Genesis and not only hear what is said, but see what happened in just a moment.**

### **B. John of Jesus - John 1**

1. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
2. *The same was in the beginning with God.*
3. **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**
4. *In him was life;*

### **C. Jesus – the red letters, His own Words**

## Mark 10

3. *And he answered and said unto them, What did **Moses command you?***
4. *And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.*
5. *And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.*
6. *But from the **beginning of the creation** God made them male and female.*

## D. Paul. Arguably one of the most brilliant people of his day.

To those at Rome – Romans

1:20 - *For **the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

8:22 - *For we know that **the whole creation** groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

Hebrews

1:10 - *And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:*

11:3 - ***Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.***

## E. Peter

1 Peter 1:20 -

*Who verily was foreordained before **the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you,*

2 Peter 3

3. *Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,*

4. *And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were **from the beginning of the creation**. (Uniformism)*

5. *For this **they willingly are ignorant of**, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:*

6. *Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:*

*7. But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*

#### **F. John in Revelation, the last Book of the Bible-**

Revelation 4:1 – *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for **thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.***

Our witnesses in this trial of truth:

#1 – God's Word

#2 – The Who's Who of Scripture.

#### **Pause. Tremble. Consider:**

If they are all wrong, the foundation which is being tested cannot stand. And what do we have left? What will we do? To whom will we turn?

#### **Rejoice. Rest. Respond.**

Paul to young Timothy: 1 Timothy 6:20 (NIV)

20. Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. **Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, (KJV – “science falsely so called”)**

21. *which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.*

**God's Word is true. Long after the heavens and the earth have passed away, His word and the lives built upon it will stand!**

#### **II. The Story.**

Dictated by God. (It could only be described by someone who was there!)

Recorded by Moses. The Pentateuch. Genesis 1-3.

Note: **You don't have to believe my explanation; at least you'll have one!**

#### **A. “Foundation of the world”**

1. Day 1. 1:1-5. Time, space, matter. Light. Darkness. Day.

2. Day 2. 1:6-8. Waters divided. Firmament between.

3. Day 3. 1:9-10. Dry land. Plant Life.

Day 4. 1:14-19. Milky ways! Sun. Moon. Stars.

Day 5. 1:20-23. Fish and fowl.

Day 6. 1:24-31. Land animals. Man and woman.

Day 7 – 2:1-3 Creation was over! (cf. Peter. “The world that then was”

**\*\*“day 1”** – Word almost exclusively when used with a number and coupled with evening and morning – a day as we know it; not an “age”

**\*\*\*How old was it if we accept it literally?**

**\*\*\* Gregory Mendel- “Law Of Heredity- “After it’s kind...”**

**\*\*\*How long were Adam and Eve in Eden before they sinned and they/creation began to age? (Romans 8:19-25)**

## **B. The Fall.**

Satan. Ezek. 28. In Eden before his fall.

Humanity and creation. Genesis 3.

2000 years of history. **THE WORLD THEN!**

- Significantly different than ours
- Scientific advancement.
- Social decay.
- Spiritual decline.

## **C. Flood**

The cause.

Noah and the Ark.

The fact.

The changes.

The proofs

## **III. The Significance**

### **A. Veracity. Truth.**

*Can I, will I believe God, when so much screams not to?*

*Can I trust my Savior?*

### **B. His Word leads us to Him, His truth, His... everything!**

- It restores critical order:

**God is God; we’re not!**

- It reveals...

- **Perspective:** Where we can from, why things are as they are, and what’s coming!

- **Purpose – We’re here for a reason!**

- The Plan of God!
- It is.... Life! He is Life!

“By faith...” – Hebrews 11!

Jesus on his return– Will I *“find faith on the earth?”*  
I trust our answer is – “Yes!”

“hope of glory” – Here. Now.

**If we reject His Word, unwittingly, we reject, or at least resist Him!**

#### **IV. So... - Does it matter?**

- Do you have to believe it to be saved? NO!
- Can you believe in Christ, as His child, choose not to believe His Word, and be “O.K.?” – NO.
  - If we choose to not believe Him and His Word, we destroy the foundation upon which we stand.
  - Satan wins.

1. Do you know Jesus as your personal Savior?

2. If you know Jesus, you know and have the Creator living inside of you:

Helping you to understand yourself, the world

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- If it doesn't, grin. *We don't have to understand it, We just have to trust Him!*
  - For our lives
  - For our families
  - For today
  - For tomorrow!