



GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING, GOD

“Self-deception about our sin is a narcotic,
a tranquilizing and disorienting suppression
of our spiritual central nervous system.

What’s devastating about it is that when we lack
an ear for wrong notes in our lives, we cannot play right ones
or even recognize them in the performances of others.

Eventually we make ourselves religiously so unmusical
that we miss both the exposition and the recapitulation
of the main themes God plays in human life...



The music of creation and the still greater music of grace
whistle right through our skulls,
causing no catch of breath and leaving no residue.
Moral beauty begins to bore us.
The idea that the human race needs a Savior sounds quaint.”

- Alvin Plantinga



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You get your dog back
You get your best friend Jack back
You get your truck back
You get your hair back
You get your first and second wives back
Your front porch swing
Your pretty little thing
Your bling, bling, bling, and a diamond ring*



*You get your farm and the barn
and the boat and the Harley
First night in jail with Charlie*

*It sounds a little crazy,
a little scattered and absurd
But that's what you get
when you play a country song backwards*
- Rascal Flatts

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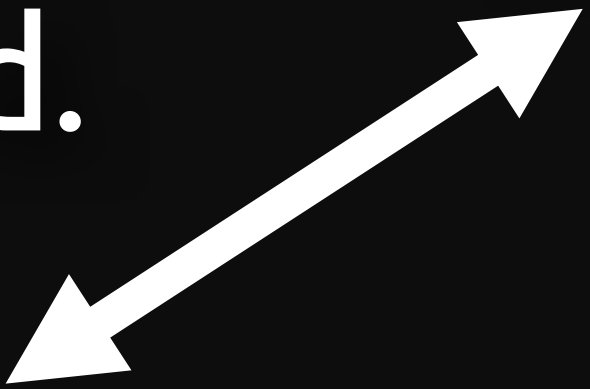
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“His (Satan) chief aim is to get between the soul and God,
to estrange man’s heart from his Maker
and inspire confidence instead, in himself...

He begins by throwing doubt on the Divine Word!

He questions its veracity.

He suggests that God did not mean what He had said.”

- A.W. Pink



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“Instead of boldly challenging Eve
to rebel against her Creator,
Satan first led her to dissatisfaction
with the honor that God has given her...
the Serpent first convinced Eve that it was
not good enough to be the crown of creation.”

- Richard Pratt



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A close-up photograph of a hand with fingers pointing towards a row of seven white dice. The dice are arranged to spell out the phrase 'YOUR MY FAULT'. The top faces of the first two dice show 'YO' and 'UR', while the bottom faces show 'M' and 'Y'. The remaining five dice show 'F', 'A', 'U', 'L', and 'T' on their top faces. The background is a blurred green and blue gradient.

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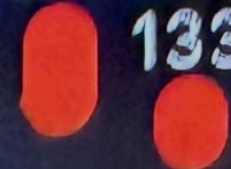
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¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son
from the Father, full of grace and truth....

- John 1:14

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⁸ ...God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us...

- Romans 5:8

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⁴ ...God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

- Ephesians 2:4-9

3. Grace for Sinners

22 ...now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 6:22-23



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