



### Articles of Faith Statement

We believe in one God, creator of the universe, creator of all persons and creatures, creator of heaven and earth.

### Key Scriptures

- *“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.”* — Colossians 1:16 (NIV)
  - Genesis 1–2
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## Insights

The Bible begins with the declaration, *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”* (Gen. 1:1). This statement grounds all of Scripture in the reality that God is before all things and the source of everything that exists. Creation is not the product of chance but the intentional work of a sovereign God.

Genesis 1 describes an orderly creation by God’s powerful word. Over six days, God brings light, sky, seas, land, plants, animals, and humanity into being. Each step concludes with the affirmation, *“And it was good.”* The picture is one of wisdom and purpose. Genesis 2 then highlights humanity’s unique role: created in God’s image, given relationship with Him, and entrusted with the care of the garden. This shows that humans are not accidents but reflections of God’s character, with dignity and responsibility.

Colossians 1:16 draws our eyes to Christ’s role in creation: *“For in him all things were created... all things have been created through him and for him.”* This affirms that Jesus is not only Redeemer but also Creator. The One who died for us is the same One through whom the universe was made. All things exist for His glory, and our lives find their meaning in Him.

Taken together, these passages teach us that God’s creation is real, intentional, and good. The world belongs to Him, and we are called to live as His image-bearers and stewards.



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Recognizing God as Creator reshapes how we see life. If we are created in His image, then every person has value—regardless of age, ability, or status. This truth should guide how we treat others, with dignity and respect.

Creation also calls us to responsibility. Adam was placed in the garden *“to work it and take care of it”* (Gen. 2:15). We, too, are entrusted with caring for the world God made. Stewardship means gratitude, not exploitation, using creation wisely for God’s glory.

Finally, knowing that Christ is Creator gives us hope. The One who spoke the universe into existence knows and sustains us. Our lives are not meaningless or random—they are made for Him. This truth leads us to worship and to trust God with every part of life.

1. What does Genesis 1:1 teach us about God’s nature?

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2. How does being made in God’s image affect the way you see yourself and others?

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3. What does Colossians 1:16 reveal about Jesus’ role in creation?

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4. How can you practice stewardship in your daily life?

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5. In what ways does believing God is Creator give you confidence in uncertain times?

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