

In The Beginning Week 1 – Genesis 1-2
Sunday September 10th, 2023

Genesis 1:1 (NLT, pg. 3) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

To claim that God created the world and all that exists is a matter of _____.

Hebrews 11:3 (NLT, pg. 1016) By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

Genesis 1:2-2:4 (NLT, pg. 3-4)

Day 1 – vs. 3-5 light and darkness

Day 2 – vs. 6-8 sky

Day 3 – vs. 9-13 land and sea and plants and trees

Day 4 – vs. 14-19 sun and moon and stars

Day 5 – vs. 20-23 fish and birds

Day 6 – vs. 24-31 animals and humans

Day 7 – vs. 2:1-3 day of rest

The seven days of creation show divine acts of separation to bring ultimate _____.

Genesis 1:31a (NLT) Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

Genesis 2:5-2:25 (NLT, pg. 4)

There is separation between two _____.

Genesis 2:9-10 (NLT) The Lord God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flowed from the land of Eden, watering the garden and then dividing into four branches.

Revelation 22:1-2 (NLT, pg. 1055) Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve

crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations.

Unity is brought through the life, death, and resurrection of _____.

There is separation between two _____.

Genesis 2:23-24 (NLT, pg. 4) “At last!” the man exclaimed. “This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called ‘woman,’ because she was taken from ‘man.’” This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

Matthew 19:4-5 (NLT, pg. 816) “Haven’t you read the Scriptures?” Jesus replied. “They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female.’” And he said, “‘This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.’”

Unity is illustrated through Biblical _____.

Traditional Christian definition of Biblical marriage: “Marriage is a lifelong one-flesh covenant union between two sexually different persons (a male and a female) from different families, united with the purpose of telling God’s story of faithfulness and creativity; and sexual relationships outside this covenant union are sin.”

–Preston Sprinkle, “Does the Bible Support Same-Sex Marriage”, pg. 36

There is a separation between God and _____.

Genesis 2:25 (NLT, pg. 4) Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

Reconciliation with God is what your _____ longs for.

Philippians 4:7 (NLT, pg. 985) Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Final Thought: The heart of God is to bring unity where there is division. God’s creative power will bring redemption wherever it is needed? What do you need to _____ to God today?