



# GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING

GENESIS 1:1-2

## In Every Beginning, God ...

### GENESIS BASICS

**AUTHOR:** Moses

**DATE:** During Israel's wilderness wanderings between 1446-1406 B.C.

**AUDIENCE:** The nation of Israel

**INTENT:** Impart identity and purpose by showing God as the Creator and Sustainer of His people

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.  
And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. GENESIS 1:1-2*

### I. God is \_\_\_\_\_ all things.

*In the beginning, God ... v. 1a*

#### *The Eternality of God*

**GOD is self-existent**, depending on no person or thing to originate His existence.

**GOD exists endlessly**, having no beginning and no end, being bound by nothing.

**GOD exists outside of time**, seeing the past and future as clearly as the present.

GO BACK TO THE ONE WHO CAN SEE THE \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. God is \_\_\_\_\_ in all things.

*... created the heavens and the earth. v. 1b*

GO BACK TO THE ONE WHO GIVES DIRECTION THROUGH HIS \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. God is \_\_\_\_\_ over all things.

*The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.  
And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. v. 2*

GO BACK TO THE ONE WHO CALMED THE \_\_\_\_\_.

**In every beginning ...  
go back to God.**

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## DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Genesis 1:1-2. In what sense do you need to go back to the truth that you're not the main character of your story—God is? How have you been living as if the main character is you?

**"... for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me ..."**

ISAIAH 46:9

"God's eternity is His *aseity* with respect to time and therefore His lordship over time. Because He is the creator of time, He stands above it, but enters it freely to do His will. He transcends time in that (1) He has no beginning or end; (2) He does not change; (3) He is equally conscious of past, present and future; and (4) He is not limited by the passing of time in what He can accomplish."

JOHN FRAME

"One of two things causes a man to change his mind and reverse his plans: want of foresight to anticipate everything, or lack of foresight to execute them. But as God is both omniscient and omnipotent there is never any need for Him to revise His decrees."

A. W. PINK

"The Bible does not try to prove God's existence or His eternity, but simply begins with the statement 'In the beginning, God' (Gen 1:1), indicating that at the beginning of recorded time, God was already in existence. From duration stretching backward without limit to duration stretching forward without limit, from eternal ages to eternal ages, God was and is forever."

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### A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

2. Read Isaiah 40:21-31. The prophet Isaiah makes statements here about God, but the reader also senses that God is speaking about Himself in the first person. Why do you think God challenges people to compare Him to anyone or anything else (vv. 23-26)?

3. Have you experienced problems in the past year that you feared God was not big enough to handle or might not care about? How has this sermon given you a new way of approaching similar circumstances in the coming year?

4. Consider areas of your life in which you feel weary and powerless. How does meditating on the truths of these Scriptures encourage you?

5. After looking at some of His attributes, in what areas of your life do you especially need to surrender to the God who knows and understands more than you do?

6. This new year will bring many new beginnings we can't yet see. How will you endeavor to train your mind to begin with God, instead of the ways you've approached beginnings in the past?

FOR FURTHER STUDY: Job 38—42:6

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**EMBARK** We're here to help you find a place for your community, gifts and faith to deepen! Embark, formerly Connecting Point, is where we begin to walk with you as you journey here at Christ Chapel. Sign up today by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/embark](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/embark).

**BAND OF BROTHERS** is where men of all ages come to listen, discuss and grow in faith together, and this spring, the study will focus in on the book of Hebrews. Written as a call for disciples of Jesus to understand and remain faithful to the gospel, Hebrews is an incredible portion of Scripture to lean into and discover encouragement for the Christian life. Be a part this January and visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/bob](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/bob) to sign up!

**WOMEN IN THE WORD** Make studying God's Word a part of your new year! Women in the Word is a weekly study for women of all ages and stages of life to dive deep into Scripture and learn more about the truth God has given us. Starting this January, Women in the Word will host a study on Romans and focus on the boundless grace of Jesus that sets us free from shame and brings us into new life. Register today at [www.ccbcfamily.org/wiww](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/wiww).

**TONIGHT IS OUR FORT WORTH VISION NIGHT** and everyone is invited! We're excited to be a part of where God is leading our campus, and this Sunday at 5 p.m., we'll start here in the sanctuary to hear from Cody and Ben on the Be, Make and Reach vision for our zip code! Then, you'll have opportunities to join in on breakout sessions focusing on different ministries such as students, marriage, journey and more! 2024 will be a year for us to grow in being disciples, making disciples and reaching out to those in the Fort Worth backyard! Be a part and register now at [www.ccbcfamily.org/vision](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/vision).

**DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE CLASS** We're excited to announce a special discipleship class covering the Doctrine of Scripture that will be held on the remaining Sunday mornings in January during the 9:00 a.m. hour starting Sunday, Jan. 14, in the North and South Link Classrooms. These three equipping classes taught by senior leadership at Christ Chapel will cover the topics of inspiration, inerrancy, and sufficiency of God's Word. Learn more by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/scripture](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/scripture).

**SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY LUNCH** Christ Chapel has a ForLife Initiative that provides support to women in crisis pregnancies, saving children from abortion, adopting and fostering children, ministering to those struggling with infertility, caring for those with special needs, walking alongside the elderly and combatting human trafficking in our community. Come to our annual lunch on Sunday, Jan. 21, in The Oak Room, following our 11 a.m. service and learn more! There is a place for you to be involved!



**LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

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