



# GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING

GENESIS 1:3-2:3

## By His Word, It Is Good

*By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. HEBREWS 11:3*

### I. What God creates is \_\_\_\_\_.

*And God said, "Let there be ..."*

"FORMLESS"		"VOID"	
FIRST DAY	light	FOURTH DAY	lights
SECOND DAY	air water	FIFTH DAY	fowl fish
THIRD DAY	land plants	SIXTH DAY	animals humans

*BY FAITH, ALLOW GOD TO ORDER YOUR \_\_\_\_\_.*

### II. What God creates is \_\_\_\_\_.

*And God saw that it was good.*

*BY FAITH, OBEY GOD'S WORD TO SEE HIS \_\_\_\_\_.*

### III. What God creates is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. 2:1-3*

*BY FAITH, REST IN CHRIST'S COMPLETED WORK FOR \_\_\_\_\_.*

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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 1:3—2:3 and Job 38:1-7, 42:1-6. God does not explain anything to Job, whose questions are silenced simply by hearing God speak. What do these passages teach us about God's character, and about living with mystery in regard to His actions?

**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

JOHN 1:5

"True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that—it is spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth."

CHARLES SPURGEON

"In the course of a human life, tastes and outlook and temper may change radically: a kind, equitable man may turn bitter and crotchety; a man of goodwill may grow cynical and callous. But nothing of this sort happens to the Creator. He never becomes less truthful, or merciful, or just, or good, than He used to be. The character of God is today, and always will be, exactly what it was in Bible times."

J. I. PACKER

"One cannot be exposed to the law and order of the universe without concluding that there must be design and purpose behind it all ...

While the admission of a design for the universe ultimately raises the question of a Designer (a subject outside of science), the scientific method does not allow us to exclude data which lead to the conclusion that the universe, life and man are based on design."

WERNHER VON BRAUN, NASA rocket scientist

2. 1 Corinthians 14:33 says that *God is not a God of disorder but of peace* (NLT). What disorder in your life needs the peace of God?

3. How can you seek a new beginning with God and allow Him to order your life after hearing the pastor talk about it (sermon point I)?

4. Read Isaiah 61:1-4 and Romans 8:28. Just as He did in Genesis 1:2, God steps into the chaos and destruction of our life and brings good. Where do you need to trust that He will bring beauty from ashes?

5. In what area do you need to go back to obeying God's Word so that you can see His goodness (sermon point II)?

6. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath (Matt 12:8, Mk 2:28, Lk 6:5). What does this mean? How will the sermon help you to release and rest in Christ's completed work by faith (point III)?

### FOR FURTHER READING

*Evolution: Fact or Fable? The Case Against Darwin's Big Idea* by J. Robert Kirk

*Reclaiming Science from Darwinism* by Dr. Kenneth Poppe

*Evolution: Still a Theory in Crisis* by Dr. Michael Denton

*Fearfully and Wonderfully: The Marvel of Bearing God's Image* by Paul Brand, M.D.

*Darwin Devolves: The New Science About DNA That Challenges Evolution* by Dr. Michael J. Behe

*More Than a Theory: Revealing a Testable Model for Creation* by Dr. Hugh Ross

*The Believing Scientist: Essays on Science and Religion* by Dr. Stephen M. Barr

### ONLINE RESOURCES

**Reasons to Believe** reasons.org - scholarly approach reveals God through science

**Salvo magazine** salvomag.com - debunks cultural myths that undercut biblical values

**Stand to Reason** str.org - equips Christ's ambassadors with knowledge, wisdom and character

**GotQuestions.org** - biblical answers to spiritually-related questions

### 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."

## 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).

**CHRIST CHAPEL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW.** On Monday, Jan. 15 in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**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/wiw](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/wiw).

**THE 5 P.M. IS BACK** We're excited to announce the start of our third service on Sunday, Jan. 21, at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary! Because of you and your faithfulness to reach out, we have not only seen a need for more space but have been able to meet that need by starting a third service time. Thank you for being a part of Being One, Making One and Reaching out to those who do not know or walk with Jesus yet through pioneering this new service with your prayers and time.

**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/doctrine](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/doctrine).

**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! Learn more at [www.ccbcfamily.org/sohl](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/sohl).



**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.

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE.** The process is quick and easy—text GIVE to 24253 to get started.