

Genesis 1:2-5 - Lesson 04

The First Day

"...And the evening and the morning were the first day."

– Genesis 1:5

1. Christ in the Beginning

- a. Heb 11:3 says he made it from nothing, *ex nihilo*, but why, and how?
- b. Christ made the world in the beginning – John 1:1-3, Eph 3:9-12
- c. Jesus is God the Creator - Isa 48:12-13 compare to Rev 1:11
- d. The mystery of his will for creating is revealed - Rev 4:11, Eph 1:9-10
- e. Gen 1:1 - He made "heaven and earth", "*visible and invisible*" – Col1:16
- f. Gen 1:2 - "*and the earth*" - The focus of Genesis and all of prophecy is the earth

2. The Days of Creation

- a. In 5 verses Scofield popularized gap theory, Bible correcting, & day-age theory
- b. Isa 45:18 says God did not create in vain, he had a purpose – Psa 115:15-16
- c. There are things not listed in Gen 1 (Pro 8:22, angels -Job 38:4-7), but Exo 20:11
- d. "*heaven, earth, and all that in them is*" – Psa 146:6, Zec 12:1, Acts 4:24, 14:15, 17:24
- e. Jesus: "*the beginning of creation God made them male and female*" - Mark 10:6
- f. Gen 1:5 - This is the beginning of days, every day here is in the beginning

3. Gen 1:2

- a. "*without form and void*" – earth as yet was not formed or filled as in later verses
- b. "*darkness was upon the face of the deep*" – Because there was no light (Ps 139:12)
- c. "*the deep*" – a reference to pits, waters, darkness – Psa 69:14-15, 88:6, 148:4, Jon 2:3
- d. "*Spirit of God moved*" – Here we have the three-in-one all present on the first day
 - i. Time (past, present future), matter (liquid, solid, gas), space (LxWxH)
 - ii. The face, the deep, the waters, darkness, and movement.

4. Gen 1:3-4

- a. "*God said*" – The first words spoken by God. Before we can see we must hear.
- b. When God speaks things happen – Psa 33:6-9, Deu 4:11-12, Luke 18:6, Acts 9:4
- c. "*Let there be light*" – God's words give life and light - John 1:4-10, 6:63, 8:12
- d. Light before the sun, seeing without eyes, hearing w/o ears – Ps 94:7-11, Rev 22:5
- e. God is clothed in light that no man can see – Psa 104:2-3, 1 Tim 6:16
- f. "*divided the light from the darkness*" – which is what makes day in Gen 1:5

5. Gen 1:5

- a. A pattern created, a day defined. 'The first day' is contrary to all day-age theories
- b. God is showing his authority by calling them Day and Night – Jer 33:20-22
- c. God brings light, he is the Father of lights – Jam 1:7, 1 John 1:5, Psa 37:6
- d. We are made children of light because of Christ – Eph 5:8,13-14
- e. The same God who made light, gives us light in the gospel - 2 Cor 4:2-6

Light in the Bible without the Sun

- 1. Light from God's glory**
 - a. The glory of the Lord shines as light - Luke 2:9
 - b. The glory of God will shine on them without the sun - Isa 60:2-3, 60:19
 - c. God dwells in the light that no man can see - 1 Tim 6:16
 - d. Moses face was bright with glory - Exo 34:29
- 2. Light from Jesus**
 - a. Light from the glory of God through Jesus Christ - Rev 21:23-24, Rev 22:5
 - b. Jesus hair and clothes like fire - Rev 1:14-16
 - c. Light without the sun - Rev 7:16
 - d. Jesus transfigured into kingdom glory with light - Mark 9:3
 - e. Paul sees a light from heaven brighter than the sun - Acts 9:3, 22:6
 - f. The new Jerusalem gives light - Rev 21:11
- 3. Lightning or fire**
 - a. Lightning from the throne of God - Rev 4:5, 8:5, 11:19
 - b. Pillar of fire to Israel - Exo 13:21
- 4. Created beings give light**
 - a. An angel with light like the sun - Rev 10:1
 - b. Angels give light - Rev 18:1
 - c. Angels as flaming fire - Psa 104:4
 - d. Angel appearing to Daniel - Dan 10:6
 - e. Angels at the tomb had faces that glowed - Matt 28:2-3, Luke 24:2
 - f. A light shining in the prison when the angel came - Acts 12:7
 - g. Satan transforms himself into an angel of light - 2 Cor 11:14
- 5. Light from Truth (invisible)**
 - a. Jesus is the light of the world - John 1:9, 8:12
 - b. Children of light - Eph 5:8, 1 Thess 5:5
 - c. Lights in the world - Col 1:12
 - d. Whatever makes manifest is light - Eph 5:13-14
 - e. Prophecy as light - 2 Pet 1:19
 - f. Light of the gospel - 2 Cor 4:4-7
 - g. Light as righteousness - 1 John 2:9-10
 - h. God is light - 1 John 1:5