

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, April 12

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Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

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In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

1. What did God create?

- A. God created time.
- B. God created matter and space.
- C. God created the earth and all that it is.

2. How does creation shape our understanding of humanity?

A. We know what we are - we are the creation of the Creator.

B. We know why we are here - we are created with a purpose and within the greater plan of the Creator.

12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. Proverbs 14:12

11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalms 16:11

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:16-17

C. We know what that plan and purpose entails - the Imago Dei.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

D. We know that the Imago Dei dictates how we see and treat each other.

5. Just as a child grows more in the image of his parent as he matures, so we grow in the image of God as we get to know Him more. How are you maturing in your walk with Christ, so that you are bearing more and more of His image?

6. We are all created with a purpose that follows God's plan in our lives. According to these verses in Genesis, what were men and women created to do? What does it mean for man to have "dominion" over the earth?

7. We all are created with the capacity to be and act like God? Are you living up to your created capacity? Why or why not?

Digging Deeper

Read Romans 12:1-2. Are you fully surrendered to Christ? What parts of your old nature are you holding onto? What do you need to change, let go of, or begin doing in order to develop the characteristics of the essence of God?

