



Announcements



Our Next 'Pillar' Event:



Missions Week

Sunday March 10th – Sunday March 17th

Join us in praying for this life-changing week of focus on the world-wide spread of the Gospel! (All-church family photo on the 17th!)



Weekly Events:



- The Gathering (Teens): Every Friday @ 6-8pm



- Adult Bible Study: Every Sunday @ 9:30am
Current series: "More Than A Name"



- Growing Together Wednesday Service @ 7-8pm
Through the Bible Study, Marriage & Family group,
'The Den' (age 6-12), 'Catalyst' (teens)



Coming Up Soon:

2/16 - Missions Letter Writing Meeting (Friday, 6:00pm)
at the Farooq's home: 5207 N. Davis Rd, 99216

2/22 - Encouragement Ministry Meeting (Thursday, 6:30pm)
at Shinskie's home: 13609 E. Broadway, 99216

3/08 – March for Meals on Wheels (Friday, 8-10am)
at the Spokane Valley Mall – sign up if you want to join us!

3/24 – Communion Sunday



15 Essential Doctrines of the Christian Faith,
and how they change our daily life.

Part 2: "Creator of All Things"

The Text: Genesis 1:1-31

1:1-2 – The First _____

Time (Beginning), Space (Heaven), and the _____!

[Note: 1st Heaven = atmosphere. 2nd = Outer Space. 3rd = Spiritual]

1:3-19 – The _____ of the Earth

Light (Day 1), Atmosphere (Day 2), Land, Seas, & Plants (Day 3),
Sun, moon, & Stars (Day 4)

1:20-25 – The Creation of _____

Birds and Fish (Day 5), Land animals (Day 6)

"That hath life" = נֶפֶשׁ חַיִּים = neh'-fesh khay = living, breathing, soul, life

1:26-31 – The Creation of _____

❖ The Triune God creates a _____ being: "Our Likeness"
1 Thessalonians 5:23 – "...your whole spirit and soul and body..."

❖ A _____ Likeness
John 4:24 – "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

❖ Dominion = _____

❖ Male and _____ both in the image of God
"We do not reflect God's image because of any specific attribute,
we have certain attributes because we were made in God's image!"

The Core Bible Truth: God is the _____ of All

John 1:3-4 – "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men."

Colossians 1:16 – "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."

The **Attacks** on the **Truth**

The Universe is _____?

- **Entropy:** the 1st and 2nd Laws of Thermodynamics...

The universe cannot be eternal: it's _____!

The Universe _____ itself?

- **Causality:** It is logically _____ to say a thing caused itself to exist. Something cannot come from *nothing*.

Life _____ from non-life?

- **DNA:** is an absurdly complex _____ system

You cannot explain *information* without _____

- **Living Cells:** are _____ complex systems

You are _____ to assemble a Boeing 747 with a tornado in a junkyard. *And that airplane still wouldn't be able to reproduce itself!*

Humans are the product of _____ and _____?

- **Language:** more than communication: it's _____
- **Creativity:** the time we put into making things _____
- **Morality:** what's 'natural' is a _____ guide for morality

The **Core** Christian Stand for **Truth:**

"We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible... by whom all things were made... the Lord and Giver of life..." – Nicene Creed

Genesis 1:1 – "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Application:

- ➔ **Creator God = _____ and the Universe are _____ meaningless!**

Ecclesiastes 2:16-17 – "For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? as the fool. Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit."

"Both Genesis and science say that the universe is geared to supporting human life. But Genesis says more. It says that you, as a human being, bear the image of God. The starry heavens show the glory of God, yes; but they are not made in God's image. You are. That makes you unique. It gives you incalculable value. The galaxies are unimaginably large compared with you. However, you know that they exist, but they don't know that you exist. You are more significant, therefore, than a galaxy."

– John C. Lennox (*emeritus professor of mathematics, Oxford*)

The **Change** in Our Daily Life:

We embrace the _____ that God has given our lives

Ephesians 2:10 – "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

We treat others as _____ of God

Ephesians 4:31-32 – "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Matthew 5:44 – "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you"

CORE Christian Truths for Living:

- ➔ The Bible clearly teaches that God is the creator of _____
- ➔ God made _____ in His own image: *spiritually and morally*
- ➔ _____ and science clearly demonstrate the universe is not eternal and cannot have made itself
- ➔ Wherever you find information, you find _____
Consider DNA and the simplest living cell!
- ➔ Christians have always _____ for this belief in God's Creation
- ➔ This belief in the Creator God changes how we live:
 - ❖ We know our lives aren't meaningless: we have _____!
 - ❖ We treat _____ as the image-bearers of God!