

Christ in Creation – Genesis 1

I. Jesus was present and involved with creation

A. “Let us make man in our image” – plural pronoun (Gen. 1: 26)

B. **Elohim** (name of God) – is in it’s plural form; created and said is in singular form.
eg. “they says” Trinity later

C. New testament light

John 1:1-3 (parallels Gen 1:1)

Col 1:16,17

Heb 2:10 – Heb 1:2

John 17:5:24

II. The creation work reflects the redemption work

A. The condition of man

1. “In the beginning . . .” everything that comes from the hand of God is perfect, beautiful and glorious. Like man the earth was created.
2. Next verse: “Without form” (bohu) and “void” (Tohu) - Formless and chaotic mess, a waste, worthless, for no purpose, emptiness, desolation.
3. “Darkness was upon the face of the deep”, like man also.

B. In the work of the seven days of creation we have a remarkable foreshadow of the work of Redemption.

1. DAY ONE: The incarnation

- “Let there be light” (vs. 3)
- John 1:4-8 “the Light” – parallel’s creation account
- Luke 2:32 Simeon sees the Christ child
- Luke 2:9 “the glory of the Lord shone”, at Christ’s birth, the star
- Luke 1:35 Holy spirit “brooded”, “hovered”
- Light (Son of Man) separated from darkness (sons of men); although He shared our humanity, did not share our depravity.
- Heb 7:26

2. DAY TWO: The cross

- It seems that the water that covered the earth was surrounded by a vapor. God used the firmament or “expanse” to separate the vapor from the water (a space between the surface of the earth and the clouds) creating a massive vapor canopy above the earth (provided a protective greenhouse effect over the whole world).
- “Division, separation, isolation” occurred on the cross
- 2 Cor 5 Christ’s separation brought our reconciliation
- Separation from the Father “why have You forsaken me”
- Separation from man “cut off from land of living” (Isa 53:8)
- The firmament typifies the cross
- “Waters” symbolize peoples, nations (Rev 17:15)
- The cross is in the midst of mankind, seen in two who were crucified with Jesus.
- Cross divides the “peoples” (1 Cor 1:18)
- Christ brings a sword to divide (Matt 10:34)

3. DAY THREE: The Resurrection

- “Let the dry land appear” (vs. 9)
- Previously the earth had been submerged, buried beneath the waters
- Land is raised above the level of the seas
- A resurrection, the earth appears
- Earth is commanded to bring forth life
- Note: the third day!

4. DAY FOUR: The Ascension and Christ’s place in heaven

- Heb 9:24
- In the 4th day of creation our eyes are taken off the earth and directed to the heavens.
- Col 3:1,2
- Two great lights; sun & moon
- Sun - Jesus “Sun of Righteousness” (Mal 4:2)
- Moon – Israel and the Church (Rev 12:1)
- Eph 1:20-23

5. DAY FIVE: Baptism of water and spirit

- Life in the waters of the earth and life in the air
- Two promises of God and blessings of the new covenant
- John 1:29,33 – lamb (blood) and water
- Eze 36:25,27 sprinkle clean water, put spirit inside of us
- Jer 31:31-34
- 2 Cor 3:3, 6-8
- Acts 2:38

6. DAY SIX: The revealing or appearing of the sons & Son of God

- Second coming and all that means
- Perfection of the church
- Redemption of our bodies
- Gen 1:26 - “A Man who bears the image of God”
- Rom 8:18-23, 29
- 2 Cor 3:18
- 1 John 3:1-3
- 1 Cor 1:4-8
- Eph 4:13
- Heb 2:5-9 - Last Adam rule the earth righteously
- Matt 28:18 – “all authority given to Jesus”
- Eph 1:20-23

7. DAY SEVEN: The redemptive Sabbath

- Millennial reign of Christ
- Gen 2:1,2
- Messianic age
- Here now - not yet
- We will study this in detail when we look at the “Sabbath”