

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How did God create the heaven and earth?
2. How complete was the creation and in what ways was it complete?
3. Who is “us” in the first part of verse 26?
4. How did God create man?
5. Why is there so much debate today between creation and evolution?

### SUMMARY:

This scriptural account of the marvelous creations by God—of heaven and earth and everything in it—is a glorious revelation to man of the mighty power and the fervent love of God for man. Out of the love of God, created He man after His own image, and made the earth to supply man’s needs in a far richer abundance than man can comprehend, granting to man the abilities of understanding his Creator and the free opportunity to choose during his earthly life whom he will serve.

### NOTES:

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[SoF:2] We believe that there is one God who is without beginning or end.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #1

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First Quarter

## GOD IN CREATION

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Genesis 1:1-31; Colossians 1:15-17*

**LESSON SETTING:** God prepares to create heaven and earth.

**TIME:** Known only to God [SoF:2].

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**I. THE CREATION - UNIVERSE.** Genesis 1:1-25

- A. Heavens (vs. 6-8) Proverbs 8:27-28; Isaiah 42:5
- B. Earth (vs. 9-13) Isaiah 45:12; Jeremiah 32:17
- C. Light (vs. 3-5, 14-19) Exodus 10:23; Job 36:30
- D. Life (vs. 20-25) Psalm 50:10-11; 104: 24-26

**II. THE CREATURE - MAN.** Genesis 1:26-31

- A. Divine Image (vs. 26-27) Genesis 5:1; 1 Corinthians 11:7
- B. Dominion (vs. 26, 28) Genesis 9:2; Psalm 8:6; James 3:7
- C. Man - Great Worth to God (vs. 29-31) John 3:16  
1 Corinthians 6:20

**III. THE CREATOR - GOD.** Colossians 1:15-17

- A. By Jesus Christ (vs. 15-17) 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 3:9  
Hebrews 1:2
- B. By God’s Word. Hebrews 11:3

**GOLDEN TEXT: SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE...**

Genesis 1:27

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 5:12-14

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** John 8:34-44

**QUARTERLY THEME:** The Beginnings

**TOPIC:** THE BEGINNING OF SIN

**INTRODUCTION:**

How quickly after the creation sin entered! Satan must have been present when the creation was accomplished. He had been cast out of heaven (Isaiah 14:12) and immediately set about to take possession of this wonderful creation made by God. How subtle and successful he was. He is still so today, and always on the alert to take possession of anyone's heart. He is still the same subtle, crafty deceiver that he was when he tempted Eve. Also we note the first recorded lie (vs. 4). No wonder Satan is called the father of lies. Only through God's power can we withstand him.

What awful misery and suffering were placed upon Adam and Eve and the entire world because of their disobedience to God. They were put under a curse which included all mankind and all creation. Only through faith in Christ's shed blood can mankind escape the result of the curse. The curse remains upon us as far as the flesh is concerned. We must labor in sorrow and suffering, but our spirit can become free by our faith in Christ.

Not only did sorrow and suffering result from this beginning of sin, but also the ever constant temptations the devil puts before us. We must not only endure the results of Adam's sin, but we must ever be battling the devil. We cannot yield to him in our innermost thoughts else these thoughts find fruition in deeds and we become disobedient to God, and disobedience to God means death.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** No power is able to prevent the triumph of Christ.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.*  
Romans 6:23

We were reminded in last Sunday's lesson that God saw everything that He had made was good. While all creation obeyed God's Law there was no death, no sin, only life and peace. But Satan, the serpent, apparently had been cast out of the heavens to the earth because of disobedience. He could not bear the thought of God's perfect Eden upon this earth. He knew that man had power of choice, having been created in the image of God. He knew that if he could tempt man to disobey God, then the sentence of death would be passed to all mankind and that strife and turmoil would reign upon earth instead of peace and joy. Using pride and desire, he was able to tempt Eve and Adam to disobey God and we know and can see the sad results of sin in natural man.

Thanks be to God that His Son was willing to come to earth to win the victory over Satan and his temptations, to go to the cross as a sacrifice for sin, and to emerge from the grave victorious over death. How wonderful is the plan of salvation, prepared in the counsel of God from the beginning, that while, "*The wages of sin is death, the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" (Romans 6:23)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 4 – 10**

M. \*The Beginning of Sin. Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 5:12-14

T. The Curse of Sin. Genesis 3:16-24

W. The Way of the Sinner. Psalm 1

T. The Universality of Sin. Romans 5:12-21

F. Protection Against Sin. Ephesians 6:11-18

S. The Remedy for Sin. 1 John 1:1-10

S. The Foolishness of Sin. 1 John 3:4-10

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