

# **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE CREATION?**

## **Creation – The Incredible Start**

Hebrews 11:3 “By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.”

### **God is Independent of Man: Self-Sufficient & Self-Existent**

- Colossians 1:16 “all things were created through him and for him.”
- John 1:3 “without him was not anything made that was made.”
- Colossians 1:17 “in him all things hold together.”

### **God is the Measure of Goodness**

- 1 Timothy 4:4 “For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,”

## **MANKIND’S PURPOSE**

### **Prepare to Answer: You Are Owned by God & Accountable to God**

- Ephesians 2:10 “we are his workmanship”
- Hebrews 4:13 “no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account”

### **Live Under His Authority: Ordered in Creation & Marriage**

- 1 Corinthians 11:3 the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.
- 1 Corinthians 11:9 “Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.”

### **See God’s Revealed Glory in Creation and Christ**

- Romans 1:20 “For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”
- Colossians 1:15 “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”

### **Display His New Creation: The Image Restored**

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation”
- Ephesians 4:24 “and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”
- Colossians 3:10 “being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.”

### **Love God & Love Others: Created for Good Works**

- Ephesians 2:10 “created in Christ Jesus for good works”
- 1 Peter 4:19 “Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.”