

The Book
God's Good News for Mankind
Lesson #1 – The Creation

Introduction:

The Book is the _____!

Where did the Bible come from?

- 2 Timothy 3:16 – All Scripture is given by inspiration of _____.
- 2 Peter 1:21 – Holy men of God spoke as they were _____ by the Holy Spirit.

Two ways God has chosen to reveal Himself

1. The Creation reveals God to us - Genesis 1:1

- a. There are presuppositions to _____.
 - i. Richard Lewontin, Harvard Genetics. Professor. “We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs, in spite of its failure to fulfill many of its extravagant promises of health and life, in spite of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just so stories, because we have a prior commitment, a commitment to materialism. It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us to accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but on the contrary, that we are forced by our prior adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counterintuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is an absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the Door” - quoted in the The New York Review, January 9, 1997
- b. The Bible _____ the existence of God.
- c. The work of creation _____ who God is:
 - i. Genesis 1 is a summary of the creation week:
 1. Day #1 – Day and Night (1:3-5)
 2. Day #2 – Sky (1:6-8)
 3. Day #3 – Seas and Dry land and plants and trees (1:9-13)
 4. Day #4 – Sun, moon, and stars (1:14-19)
 5. Day #5 – Birds and Sea Creatures (1:20-23)
 6. Day #6 – Land animals, mankind (1:24-31)
 7. Day #7 – Rest (2:1-3)
- d. The great theater for our lives - the creation - allows us to see glory and power of God. Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20

2. The Book reveals God to us – Genesis 1

- a. The name “_____” appears more times in Genesis 1 than in any other comparable section of Scripture.
- b. “God _____” - Vs. 3,6,9,11,14, 20, 24, 26, 29
- c. “It was _____” - Vs. 7, 9, 11, 15, 24, 30
- d. “It was _____” – Vs. 10, 12, 18, 21, 25

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is the authority of the Scriptures so important for the Christian Worldview?
2. What is the authority of evolutionists?
3. What are some of the ways you have seen God's attributes through Creation?
4. In what ways does Genesis One lay a foundation for the rest of the Bible?
5. What authority does our culture use in determining what is good?
6. How should the authority of God and His Word affect our lives?