

Scripture: Genesis 1

I. The Goodness of God's Plan

A. God's Plan for Creating

1. God Articulated

- a. "God said"
- b. This alone was sufficient to cause:
 - i. Light [Day 1](3)
 - ii. Gathering of land and seas [Day 3](9)
 - iii. Vegetation [Day 3] (11)
2. God Acted
- c. "God separated" light from darkness
- d. "God made and separated" the expanse
- e. "God made and placed" the sun and moon
- f. "God created" sea creatures and birds
- g. "God made" wildlife
- h. "God created" man

3. God Assigned

- a. Names
 - i. Light = day, darkness = night
 - ii. Expanse separating the waters = sky
 - iii. Dry land = earth, bodies of water = seas
- b. Purposes
 - iv. Vegetation for food
 - v. Sun to light the day and moon to light the night
 - vi. Animals to reproduce
 - vii. Mankind to rule

1) Male and female

4. God Assessed

- i. Days 1, 3-5 - It was good
- j. Day 6 - "It was very good"

B. God's Plan for Creation

1. To enjoy fellowship with Him through worship

- a. Gen. 3:8

i. Walked with God
1) Adam, Eve, Enoch, Noah

ii. Friend of God
1) Abraham & Moses

b. Ex. 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9-10

2. God has articulated his desires for us through his word

3. God has acted throughout human history

4. God has assigned us a name and a purpose

a. Name = Children of God

b. Purpose = Make disciples

5. God has assured us a positive assessment

a. Rom. 8:1

C. Godly Application

1. God is not a God of chaos

a. When things are out of your control, trust that God is in control

i. Colossians 1:17

2. He has a purpose for each and every one of you

a. Know that God cares for you and your life has divine purpose and meaning

i. Romans 8:28

3. His plan is for your good and his glory

a. Know that God's plan for you is the best possible plan even if you can't see it or understand it at the time

i. Jeremiah 29:11

1) Call to Him and Seek Him (Jer. 29:12-13)

4. He wants to grow you through your good times and your bad

a. The growth process may be unpleasant but it should produce joy because trials result in maturity and growth

i. James 1:2-4