

The Beginning
Genesis 1:1-5, Pew Bible p. 1
September 7, 2025

I. How God Created (V. 1-2)

- A. God is an original Creator.
- B. God is an eternal Creator.
- C. God is a transcendent Creator.

II. What God Created (V. 3-5)

- A. God is a self-sufficient Creator.
- B. God is a personal Creator.

Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 1:1-5.
2. How is the Bible's account of the beginning different than other origin stories of the world?
 - a. What do these differences tell us about who God is?
3. Do you remember the first time you realized God had no beginning?
 - a. What effect did that realization have on your worship?
4. Does this passage imply that God made the world because He needed something He did not have?
 - a. Why is it important that God made the world out of His own will and not because He needed something?
5. Where does the definition of good come from according to verse 4?
 - a. If God did not make the world, how would we know what is good?
6. Why do you think God made light first (V. 3-4) and then distinguished it from the darkness right away?
 - a. What does the presence of light in our world tell us about the character of God?
7. Pray for our church to trust God's purpose for creation and the created order. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.

John 4:21-24 (ESV)

²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:

- Praying for people considering salvation and baptism to take their next step towards Jesus.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. with MAF; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); Sophia W. (husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Michelle LaM. (son); and Debbie B. (son-in-law).
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Del M. (wife), Bonnie V. (husband), Mel A. (wife), Gary C. (wife), Darlene R. (husband), Woody S. (wife), Elizabeth K. (mother), Wendell W. (wife), Bias/Patterson (nephew)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Marjorie R. (back pain), Betty W. (recovering from car accident), Gaylon and Judy K. (health issues), Dawn C. (surgery recovery), Isaac S. (surgery recovery), Darlene R. (surgery recovery), Jack S. (surgery recovery)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.