

# In The Beginning...



God *created* the heavens  
and the earth... Gen. 1:1

# The Heavens

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*declare the glory of*

God Ps 19:1-3

# The Firmament



*Shows His Handiwork* Ps 19:1-3

# His Invisible Attributes



*clearly seen* in the things that are made. Rom. 1:20

# This is My Father's World

- *... and to my listening ears*
- *all nature sings, and round me rings*
- *the music of the spheres*
- *... I rest me in the thought*
- *of rocks and trees of skies and seas*
- *His hand the wonders wrought*
- *... The birds their carols raise*
- *the morning light the lily white*
- *declare their Maker's praise.*
- *... He shines in all that's fair*
- *in the rustling grass I hear Him pass*
- *He speaks to me everywhere*



# A Separation

- Instead of giving God the glory, it evaporates.
- Science attributes it all to Nature.
- Dictionary: “Nature” is — *“the personification of all natural facts and forces.”*
- According to Science:
- Everything in the material creation is not God’s creation but simply: *Mother Nature.*

# Removing God from His Creation



- *exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. Rom 1:25*
- Creation: spiritual glasses to make God known.
- *For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity."*

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- In attributing this to Mother Nature they seek to make God invisible.
- *Because that, knowing God, they glorified him not as God, neither gave thanks; but became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless heart was darkened.*
- Those who no longer think of God as Creator no longer feel a need to thank him.



# Jesus Is Our Savior

- *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matt 11:28-30*
- *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:16-17*
- Jesus the Loving Savior who does everything and expects little or nothing from us.
- Many seek to remove Jesus as Lord.

# Jesus is our Lord

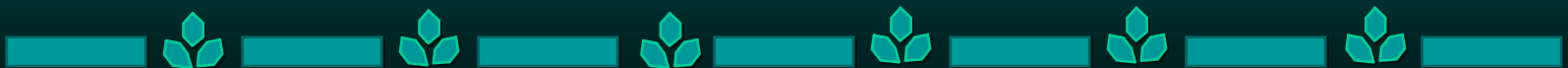
- *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; Matt 28:18-20*
- *"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? 47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, Lk 6:46*
- *He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. John 12:48-49*

# The Gospel Is Jesus

- The Gospel – Death, Burial, and Resurrection  
1Cor. 15:1-3
- In baptism we die with him, are buried with him and are raised with him. Rom 6:3-8
- The Lord's Supper – In Memory 1Cor 11:23-26
- Everything we do centered on gratitude, respect and submission
- Today people seek to separate Jesus from being Lord...
- The gospel is now only good news.
- Just believe and you will be saved.

# Removing Jesus as Lord and Savior

- They do not want the responsibility of a savior
- *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-- by whose stripes you were healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. 1Pet 2:24-25*
- Even less do they want a shepherd and overseer of their souls.



# Can't separate Salvation from Savior

- If we divorce Jesus' sacrifices and efforts from our salvation we suffer severe spiritual consequences.
- *Wherefore whosoever shall eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.*
- Every week we must look unto Jesus.
- As Lord, King, Savior and Redeemer
- Every word spoken in the NT Scriptures is a command that must be obeyed.

# All Scripture

*Is given by inspiration ... 2Tim 3:16*  
the sword of the Spirit. Eph 6:17  
living and active Heb 4:12  
incorruptible seed I Pet 1:22-25  
effectually works in believers I Th 2:12  
power of God to salvation Rm 1:16

# The Holy Spirit

Is the author of all Scripture:

*knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2Pet 1:20-21*

# All Scripture

*Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, Heb 3:7-8*

*But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, 16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," Heb 10:15-17*

*the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven 1Pet 1:12*



# New Testament

*9 God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.  
... 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the  
world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we  
might know the things that have been freely given  
to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in  
words which man's wisdom teaches but which the  
Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things  
with spiritual. 1Cor 2:10-13*

# New Testament

*by revelation was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding Eph 3:3-5*

It is not Paul or Peter, but the Holy Spirit through Paul or Peter.

It is not Moses but the Holy Spirit speaking through Moses

If we separate the Holy Spirit from the Scriptures then man sees them as something written only by men... easily set aside.

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When we remove the Holy Spirit as the author:

Any command / doctrine we don't like is set aside

Paul made a mistake, was prejudiced, a victim of the ignorance of his age.

We can't say that about the Holy Spirit or it would be blasphemy.

Yet that is exactly what we do when we separate the Holy Spirit from the Word of God

# Danger of separating created from Creator

- Separate God from the creation
  - “God stops speaking to us everywhere.”
  - Rom 1:20-22 *became vain and foolish heart darkened*
- Separate Jesus from our salvation?
  - *Weak sickly not a few sleep.* I Cor 11:27-3
- Separate Holy Spirit from Word?
  - lose awe and reverence for Scripture

