

Teaching Outline
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Teaching: God Created
Series: Christian Non-Negotiables in a Vacillating World
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God Created

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” *-Genesis 1:1*

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven. . .And the one sitting on the throne said, ‘Look, I am making everything new!’”

-Revelation 21:1-2,5

All You See Is Crafted By God
Psalm 33:6-9 Isaiah 64:8

Purpose

-there's a reason for it
-Imagination

Design

-crafted based on Purpose
-Intelligence

Process

-formed based on Design
-Skill

God Alone Imagined,
Designed, and
Made
Everything

Most Controversial - Most Foundational
Controversy = Science has disproved Creator

“The evidence for evolution grows by the day, and has never been stronger. At the same time, paradoxically, ill-informed opposition is also stronger than I can remember. This book is my personal summary of the evidence that the ‘theory’ of evolution is actually a fact – as incontrovertible a fact as any in science.”

-Richard Dawkins, The Greatest Show On Earth: The Evidence for Evolution

“The reasonable view was to believe in spontaneous generation; the only alternative, to believe in a single, primary act of supernatural creation. There is no third position. For this reason many scientists a century ago chose to regard the belief in spontaneous generation as a ‘philosophical necessity. Most modern biologists, having reviewed with satisfaction the downfall of the spontaneous generation hypothesis, yet unwilling to accept the alternative belief in special creation, are left with nothing. I think a scientist has no choice but to approach the origin of life through a hypothesis of spontaneous generation.”

-George Wald, “The Origin of Life”, *Scientific American*, August 1954, 44-53

Previous Related Teachings (2013):

An ‘expert’ opinion

Links: <https://www.ccreek.org/sermons/christian-non-negotiables-god-created/>

God Created-Foundational

Foundation – Because God Created, He Has:

Power – Ability to control

“O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and the earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!”

-*Jeremiah 32:17*

-*God is outside of the laws of physics*

-*Jonah*

-*Lazarus*

-*miracles*

-You live with right expectations

“You will see greater things than this.”

-*John 1:50*

Authority – Right to direct

“But the Lord’s plans stand firm forever.”

-*Psalm 33:11*

-God is in charge

-commands

-timing

-circumstances

-You live with right expectations

“All my days are in your hands”

-*Psalm 31:15*

Intimacy – Reason to love

“But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. . I have called you by name; you are mine.” -Isaiah 43:1

-God desires closeness

-comfort *-communication* *-care*

-You live with right expectations

Affection and commitment apart from performance

Teaching and correction based on performance