

FOUNDATION OF THE GOSPEL

Manvel Bible Chapel Family Bible Hour – 21 March 2021

Attention Step:

SHOW SLIDE OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE TRUE GOSPEL

(click for each of 5 items)

- Resurrection and Ascension of Christ?
- Death and Burial of Christ the price of redemption?
- Sin necessitated this payment
- Because of the Deity of Christ/God?
- Our fall into Sin was an offence against authority of the CREATOR

(show slide of the following PRIMORDIAL FOUNDATION)

**THUS UNDERSTANDING THAT GOD IS SUPREME CREATOR IS
FOUNDATIONAL TO THE ENTIRE GOSPEL!!!**

Introduction:

-Creation by the **ETERNALLY EXISTENT** God - key to all understanding

(show slide of the symbol ∞ & step through its implications)

- Without this none of the above would have occurred
 - There would have been no standard from which man could fall.
 - The perfection of Christ would not exist.
 - The death & burial of Christ would not have happened.
 - The resurrection and ascension of Christ would not have happened.
 - We would not be looking for the second coming of Christ.

(show slide of 1 Corinthians 11:26 and 1 Corinthians 15:17-19)

- Our proper remembrance of His death founded upon eternal ∞
of Christ whereby we expect His second coming.
 - 1 Corinthians 11:26 – “For as often as ye eat this bread, and
drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death **till He come.**”
 - 1 Corinthians 15:17-19 -- 17 And if Christ be not raised,
your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also
which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 19 **If in this
life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most
miserable.**

Overview of Lesson

SHOW SLIDE OF OVERVIEW

1. Scripture Consistently Begins the Gospel with Creation
2. Man Fell and now rejects this God's Foundational Truth
3. True "Science" Evidences God's Creation

Body of Lesson:

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1. Scripture Consistently Begins the Gospel with Creation

-The Bible begins with an authoritative declaration of Creation

--Genesis 1:1 -- 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

(NOTE: NO GAP BETWEEN VERSES 1 & 2 – ALL IN DAY 1)

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

--It then proceeds to specify the six days of creation

---Day 1: Creation & separating **light** from **darkness** and establishing day and night

---Day 2: Creation of the **firmament** to divide the waters above the firmament from those below.

---Day 3: Caused the **seas** to be gathered together and separated from **dry land** causing **plant life** to come forth from the dry land (earth)

---Day 4: Set the **sun, moon, and stars** in the heavens

---Day 5: Created **sea creatures** and **winged fowls**

---Day 6: Created **Land beasts** and **Man**.

---Day 7: **God rested** – notice it was the culmination of creation.

Notice: It is **the only day not declared to be bounded by evening and morning.**

(click to highlight Gospel of Johns begins there)

-The Gospel of John begins with Creation

--John 1:1-3 – “1 ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. . . .

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the **only begotten** of the Father,) **full of grace and truth.**

(click to highlight Paul begins there at Mars Hill)

-The Apostle Paul introduced the Gospel on Mars Hill by declaring creation.

-- Acts 17:23-29 -- 23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, **him declare I unto you.** 24 **God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth,** dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; 26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. 29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

(click to highlight Paul reminds Colossians of creation)

-Paul tells the Colossians that the Christ who saved them, through His Gospel, is the creator of all things.

--Colossians 1:12-17 -- 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 **For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:** 17 **And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.**

(click to highlight POINT 2)

2. Man Fell and now rejects this Foundational Truth about God.

-Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed” – 2018 movie by Ben Stein.

(click for slide on public schools and parents)

-More and more our public schools do not allow the Biblical account of creation to be presented.

-God has given parents the responsibility for instructing their children in the things of the Lord.

--Deuteronomy 6:5-7 -- 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

(click for slide instructing children to pay attention to this teaching)

--Proverbs 1:8 -- My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

-Many fathers and mothers have entrusted this responsibility to public schools **which not only don't teach these truths – they teach against them!!!**

(click to highlight POINT 3)

3. True “Science” Evidences God’s Creation (Man is without excuse)

-The Bible itself tells us this

--Romans 1:18-23 -- 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 ¶ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

-Even unsaved man has come to understand physical and mathematical laws which preclude unintelligent creation of order and intelligence.

--Share **comments by PhD biomedical engineer** (Royce) re “insane complexity of the human organism.

-The statistical arguments (“Given enough time a monkey could type one of shakespeare’s plays”) REALLY!!!!???

(click for slide on COUNTING THEORY)

--Give VERY short course on counting theory.

---(alphabet of 29 characters (26 letters + space, comma, & period.)

(click for slide on Creation vs. Evolution book)

--See Creation vs. Evolution Handbook (3rd ed.1973) by Thomas F.

Heinze published by Baker Book House.

DISPLAY CLOSING COMMENTS SLIDE

Closing Comments

- Unless the Gospel, one preaches, has God, the sovereign Creator and Savior, as its foundation, that Gospel is a false Gospel.
 - Hebrews 11:6 – “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
 - In whom must they have faith? -- **In God the CREATOR!!!**
- The philosophers of Mars Hill worshipped many gods.
 - But none of them was the Supreme Creator
 - Paul began his Gospel presentation by introducing them to the only true God.
 - That God is the Creator of All!!!
- Excellent sermon by Stephen Davey on “ORIGINS” (Romans 4:17)

<https://www.wisdomonline.org/broadcasts/origins>