

Chapter 4. Of Creation

1. God Is the Creator

In the beginning, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit was pleased **1** — to demonstrate the glory of his eternal power, **2** wisdom, and goodness — to create or make the world and everything in it, both visible and invisible, in six days. **3**

1. John 1:2-3; Hebrews 1:2; Job 26:13
2. Romans 1:20
3. Colossians 1:16; Genesis 1:31

2. God Created Humans In His Own Image

After God made all other creatures, he created humanity. Humans were created male and female, **4** with rational and immortal souls, **5** which makes them able to live a life for God, which they were created to do. They were created in the image of God, with knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness. **6** They were created with the law of God written in their hearts **7** and the power to fulfill it. However, it was possible for them to disobey the law, since they were left to the liberty of their own will, which could change. **8**

4. Genesis 1:27
5. Genesis 2:7
6. Ecclesiastes 7:29; Genesis 1:26
7. Romans 2:14-15
8. Genesis 3:6

3. God's Command Not to Eat From the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

In addition to the law written in their hearts, they received a command not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **9** As long as they obeyed this command, they would be happy in their communion with God and had dominion over the creatures. **10**

9. Genesis 2:17
10. Genesis 1:26, 28

1. Creation is literal:

The scriptures assume a literal interpretation.

God created the world in a literal 6 days.

Genesis is Historical Narrative

Adam- Abraham- Christ

Specific location of Eden

10 Commandments 7th day rest (**Exodus 20:8-11**)

2. Man is created in God's image:

Image (replica)

Likeness- Look like something else

Body- visible, personal, intelligent, loving

God's image was marred, damaged, distorted, made inaccurate in the fall (**James 3:9**)

That image is restored in regeneration and glorification.

We are to reflect His image. (**Colossians 3:9-13**)

3. Man is a dichotomy; body and soul

Male and female

Matthew 10:28, James 2:26

Implications for the doctrine of the intermediate state.

There is goodness in bodily functions and desires.

There is action and coaction between body and spirit.

(Proverbs 17:22, Proverbs 18:14)

4. Moral and Positive law is established at creation:

Moral law- Natural law. Romans 2:14-15

Christ fulfilled and suffered for our breaking of it.

Besides the moral law we receive commands. Positive

laws added to the laws written in the heart: Covenant of works, Sabbath laws, Civil and cultic laws.