

# The First Day

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## I. BEFORE THE FIRST DAY

- A. Possibly the most well-known words in the Bible - Gen. 1:1
  - 1. In the beginning GOD created. Not in the beginning God WAS created, but in the beginning God created.
  - 2. In the beginning, God the Father already existed, He was, He is, and He always will be - Ex. 3:14-15
- B. In the beginning, Christ already existed, as He was with God and is God
  - 1. John 1:1-3, 8:56-58; Rev. 1:17-18
- C. In the beginning, the Holy Spirit already existed - Gen. 1:2
- D. Nothing existed in this realm: space, matter, energy, time, plant and animal life, humans
  - 1. In fact, this realm did not exist until God called it into existence
    - a. Heb. 11:3
  - 2. When it was called into existence, it was vast and empty, dark with the complete absence of all light, and shapelessly, fluidly chaotic
  - 3. When it was called into existence, it was not the Divine realm, nor could it ever be.
  - 4. Heaven is perfect, orderly, incorruptible, not made of matter, or sustained by energy, cannot age, decay or change
  - 5. This realm is subject to two great laws of thermodynamics that forever separate it and its inhabitants from the Divine realm: 1) matter and energy cannot be created or destroyed by man, and 2) all things trend toward disorder - 1Cor. 15:50

E. "Genesis One spells out God's systematic creation of all things in much the same order that modern scientists think it happened. Isn't that interesting? If this is all fiction and foolishness, how did primitive man 4000 years ago know the order that things came to be, in the very same order that science confirms? We didn't even know that the world was round until the last few hundred years, so if the Biblical account of creation is fiction, how could fiction writers know that plants and sea life came before mammals and man? Because man didn't make up the story, nor did he create anything in the beginning God created." (Timothy Henry)

## II. GOD PLANNED FOR THE FIRST DAY

- A. Eph. 1:3-11
  - 1. He chose Jesus as the means of blessing us before the first day
  - 2. He purposed by His love and will to make us holy, suitable residents of heaven before the first day
  - 3. He purposed to make us His children, not His angels before the first day
  - 4. He purposed to combine the best of earth with heaven before day one
  - 5. He purposed to reveal His plan to humankind before the first day
- B. 2Thes. 2:13; 2Tim. 1:9; John 1:12 - He developed the plan whereby we could be saved before the first day
- C. 1Peter 1:20 - He instructed Jesus to be our Savior before the first day

- D. Eph. 3:14-15; Col. 1:19-20 - He purposed to make us part of His heavenly family before the first day
- E. Rom. 8:29; Heb. 2:10 - He purposed to make us like God the Son before the first day; God wanted to fill heaven with His children!
- F. 1John 3:1-2, 4:19 - God did not fall in love with us; he did not grow to love us; He loved us before the first day
  - 1. Eph. 2:4-7 - If He loved us with an eternal love before we were made, He will surely love us when we fall
  - 2. Rom. 5:8; John 3:16 - He loves us in spite of ourselves.
  - 3. 1John 4:8 - God is, was, and always will be love

### **III. AND THEN HIS WORK BEGAN**

- A. Gen. 1:1-5
- B. And He continues to work on our behalf from before the first day through this day unto the last day
  - 1. John 5:17; 2Tim. 1:12; 1Thes. 5:23