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# Meet Our Creator

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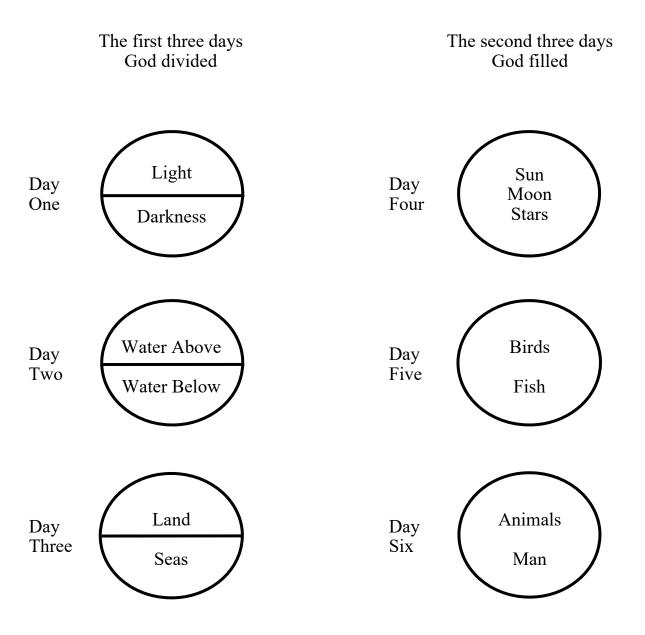




# **Meet Our Creator**

## In the Beginning God Genesis 1:1

#### Created the heavens and the earth



<sup>&</sup>quot;Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day." Genesis 1:31

## Created in the Image of God Genesis 1:26

"Then God said, 'Let <u>Us</u> make man in <u>Our</u> image, according to <u>Our</u> likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.""

1 Corinthians 6:19-20	Holy Spirit	spirit	natural light conscience wisdom sensitivity creativity
Isaiah 55:8-9 John 3:16 John 5:30	Father	soul	mind emotion will
John 1:14	Son	body	seeing hearing tasting smelling feeling

## Man's Choice Genesis 2:16-17

Obey and Live Disobey and Die

#### **Kinds of Death**

Physical Death: Separation of the Body from the Soul and Spirit Spiritual Death: Separation of Man from God

spirit	Holy Spirit	spirit
soul	Father	soul
body	Son	body

# **Building a Godly Marriage Genesis 2:18-25**

God's recognition of man's need	2:18-20
God's response to man's need	2:21-22
Man's response to God's provision	2:23
Man's responsibility in view of God's provision	2:24
Leave - to leave behind utterly	
Join - to join fast together (used primarily of metals)	
Become one - learn to meet one another's needs	
Man's rest when following God's plan	2:25

Comp	oletion	2 4	Competition		
meet needs	s of partner	types of needs	satisfy self		
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spirit	spirit	spiritual	spirit		spirit
mind emotions will	mind emotions will	mental emotional love/submission	mind emotions will		mind emotions will
body	body	physical	body		body

## And Sin Entered Genesis 3:1-7

#### Satan's Attacks

#### He questioned the Word of God He called God a liar

#### 1 John 2:15-17

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."

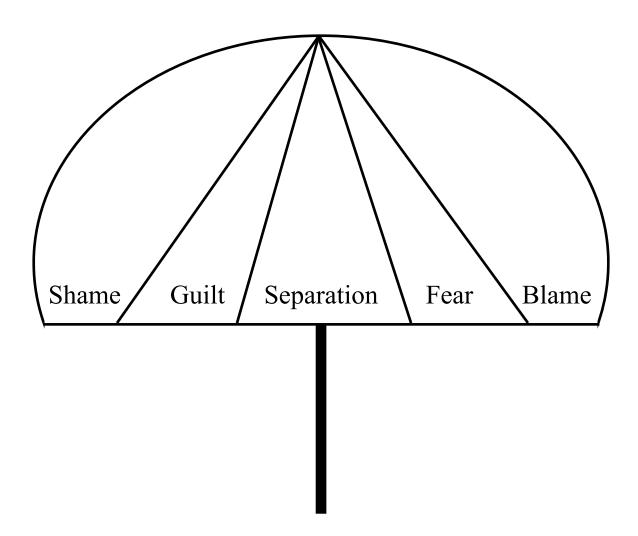
### Three ways we are tempted Genesis 3:6

- 1. the lust of the flesh the woman saw that the tree was good for food
- 2. the lust of the eyes it was pleasant to the eyes
- 3. the pride of life
  a tree desirable to make
  one wise

"So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings." Genesis 3:6-7

## Sin Caused us to Abandon God Genesis 3:7-13

We abandoned God as a result of sin

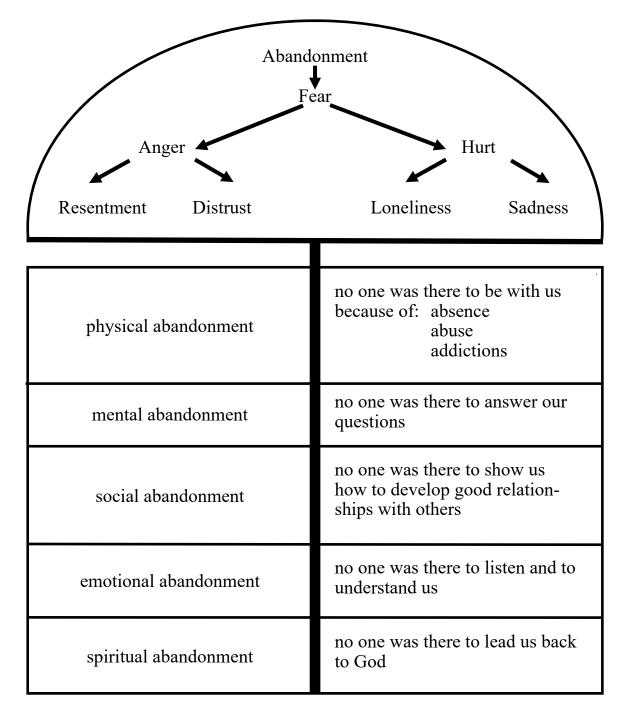


"And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, 'Where are you?' So he said, 'I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.'" Genesis 3:8-10

## Sin Causes us to Abandon Others Genesis 3:7-13

Christ experienced total abandonment in order to set us free from the effects of our abandonment

Matthew 27:46; Isaiah 53:12



# The Immediate Consequences of Sin Genesis 3:14-24

#### The Consequences for the Snake

He was forced to crawl on the ground

#### The Consequences for Satan

He was told his head would be crushed

#### The Consequences for Man and Woman

Immediate spiritual death
Genesis 3:8-10
Sorrow and pain in childbearing
Man was given headship
The ground was cursed
Man would survive through hard work
Future physical death
Genesis 3:19
Animals were killed to provide a covering
Adam and Eve were removed from the garden
to keep them from living in sin forever

# **The Continuing Results of Sin Romans 1:19-32**

Once sin entered into the world, it immediately began to affect man in every part of his being. Because the spirit was separated from the Spirit of God, it was like the light had been turned out and this caused spiritual darkness to take control.

spirit	natural light conscience wisdom sensitivity creativity	Romans 1:19-20 Romans 1:21 Romans 1:22 Romans 1:23 Romans 1:24-25
soul	mind emotion will	Romans 1:26-28
body	lifestyle	Romans 1:29-32

# **But God Gave Hope Genesis 3:15**

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

#### **Future Conflict was Promised**

This conflict was between the seed of the woman (Christ) and Satan.

Satan would bruise the heel of Christ - this spoke of the fact that Christ would die on the cross.

Christ would bruise the head of Satan - this spoke of the fact that Chirst would totally defeat Satan and evil by His resurrection from the dead.

#### **Future Victory Was Assured**

John 3:16-18

"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. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

# **Choices and Consequences Genesis 4:1-15**

The Choice of Abel

The Choice of Cain

## Abel offered a blood sacrifice as a covering for sin.

"And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission." Hebrews 9:22

## Cain offered a sacrifice of his own efforts

"And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord."
Genesis 4:3

#### **The Consequences**

"And the Lord respected Abel and his offering..." Genesis 4:4

"By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks." Hebrews 11:4

#### The Consequences

"...but He did not respect unto Cain and his offering."
Genesis 4:5

Cain killed his brother which caused him to experience the immediate consequences in this chapter. In addition, he also experienced eternal separation from God. Genesis 4:6-15

# The Development of Civilization Genesis 4:16-5:32

The Ungodly Line Genesis 4:16-24

The Godly Line Genesis 4:25-5:32

## This line experienced many firsts

Verse 17 - the first city

Verse 19 - the first man with two wives

Verse 20 - the first cattleman

Verse 21 - the first musician

Verse 22 - the first craftsman

Verse 23 - the first multiple murderer

Verse 23 - the first to murder for revenge

#### This line followed God

With Seth, men began to call on the name of God - Genesis 4:26

In spite of following God, this line also experienced physical death.

Only one man in this line did not die.

"And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him." - Genesis 5:24

The father of Noah said that Noah would bring comfort. Genesis 5:29

# The Decline of Civilization Genesis 6:1-8

#### The decline of the godly line

"...the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose." Genesis 6:2

## The warning that men had only 120 years to repent Genesis 6:3

#### The reasons why God promised to bring judgment

Genesis 6:4-5

- 1. The people became giants and were known for their great evil.
- 2. The people on the earth became more and more wicked.
- 3. The imaginations and thoughts of men became only evil continually.

#### God still chose to show grace

Genesis 6:8 "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."

# The Destruction of Civilization Genesis 6:9-8:19

#### The Lord told Noah to build an ark

The ark was to be:
made of gopher wood
covered with pitch on the inside and outside
450 feet long
75 feet wide
45 feet high

#### The Lord took Noah through the flood

"By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith." Hebrews 11:7

#### The Lord preserved Noah and his family

"So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark." Genesis 8:18-19

# The Response of Noah Genesis 8:20-9:19

#### Noah built an altar and offered sacrifices to God

Genesis 8:20-21

"Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, 'I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done."

#### The Response of God

- 1. God said He would never again destroy all mankind as long as the earth remained.
- 2. God told Noah to be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth.
- 3. God gave the animals as well as the plants to man for food.
- 4. God gave the rainbow as a sign of His promise that He would never destroy the earth by a flood again.
- 5. God said that every time He looked at the rainbow, He would remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature that is upon the earth.

#### The Reminder that we are Created in the Image of God Genesis 9:6

"Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man."

# The Family of Noah Genesis 9:20-10:32

#### Sin was still present

- 1. Noah became drunk and exposed himself.
- 2. Ham and Canaan showed disrespect to Noah.
- 3. Shem and Japheth showed respect to their father.
- 4. Noah said that the descendents of Canaan (but not Ham) would be cursed.
- 5. Noah said that Shem and Japheth would be blessed.

#### The Family of Noah is Summarized

The Lord gives us a summary of each of the families that came from Japheth, Ham and Shem.

#### One Desendent is Emphasized

Genesis 10:9-10

"He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, 'Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.' And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel..."

## And Mankind Rebelled Again Genesis 11:1-9

#### The Command of God

Genesis 9:1 "...'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.""

#### The Rebellion of Man

Genesis 11:4

"And they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

#### The things that made this Rebellion Possible

- 1. the people had an effective communication system. Genesis 11:1, 6
- 2. the people had a commitment to work on a goal. Genesis 11:3-4
- 3. the people had a spirit of unity. Genesis 11:6

#### The Consequences of this Rebellion

**Genesis** 11:7-8

"'Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.' So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city."

# **And God Gave Hope Again Genesis 11:10-12:3**

#### The Family Line of Abraham (Abram)

Genesis 11:10-32

#### **God Gave Promises to Abraham**

Genesis 12:1-3

- 1. Abraham was promised a land "…Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you." (vs. 1)
- 2. Abraham was promised a great nation "I will make you a great nation..." (vs. 2)
- 3. Abraham was promised personal blessing "...I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you..." (vs.2-3)

#### God promised blessing through Abraham

Genesis 12:3b

"...And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

#### Hebrews 9:27-28

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."

# And What is this Hope Promised in Genesis12:3?

#### **God Sent Christ to Die for our Sins**

1 Corinthians 15:3-6

"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep."

#### What is Our Choice?

#### We Can Choose to Accept What Christ has Provided

#### **Christ said**

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life"

## We Can Choose to Reject What Christ has Provided

#### **Christ said**

John 3:36

"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

# How do we Make the Choice to Accept Christ?

#### Acts 20:21 Says

"Testifying both to the Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

#### What is Repentance?

1 Thessalonians 1:9 "...you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God."

#### What is Faith?

Romans 10:9-10

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

#### What does God Promise?

Romans 10:13

"For 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."