

THE CREATOR

I. God created

- A. The heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1 *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."*
- B. Every living creature.
Genesis 1:21 *"So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good."*
- C. Man in His own image.
Genesis 1:27 *"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."*
- D. Man and woman.
Genesis 5:1-2 *"This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. ²He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created."*

II. Jesus is the creative force of Father God.

Ephesians 3:8-12 *"To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ¹⁰to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, ¹¹according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him."*

- A. This creator God has riches available that cannot be researched or figured out.
- B. This creator God brings the wisdom of God into the world and makes it known.
- C. We come boldly into the presence of God and He creates for us according to a divine plan.
- D. We should worship this creator God for His marvelous acts.
Revelations 4:-11 *"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."*

III. God has created a new image for us to move into.

Ephesians 4:20-24 *"But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²²that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."*

- A. The image is there, all we have to do is give ourselves to it.
- B. The old man is to be replaced by this newly created man.
Colossians 3:9-10 *"Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,"*

IV. God creates a rejoicing church.

Isaiah 65:17-19 *"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy."*

- A. God will so work among a people, answering prayers, bringing hope, changing lives that they become a rejoicing people.
- B. God creates in order to demonstrate to the world that His people are a joyous people.
Psalms 102:12-22 *"But You, O LORD, shall endure forever, and the remembrance of Your name to all generations. ¹³You will arise and have mercy on Zion; for the time to favor*

her, Yes, the set time, has come. ¹⁴For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, and show favor to her dust. ¹⁵So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth Your glory. ¹⁶For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory. ¹⁷He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, and shall not despise their prayer. ¹⁸This will be written for the generation to come, that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD. ¹⁹For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; From heaven the LORD viewed the earth, ²⁰To hear the groaning of the prisoner, To release those appointed to death, ²¹To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, And His praise in Jerusalem, ²²When the peoples are gathered together, And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.”

1. God’s name is remembered because of the answered prayers.
 2. Because God’s favor is upon His people, His mercy will be seen.
 3. In order for the church to be built up God must build up the individual lives of those who are a part of the church.
 4. As we pray, God begins the creative process for us.
- C. What do you need for God to create for you?
1. Out of the chaos and disorder of your life He can bring order, balance and harmony.
 2. Out of the darkness of your soul, He can bring light.
 3. Out of sickness, He can bring health.
 4. Out of poverty, He can bring more than enough.
 5. Out of sorrow and pain, He can bring contentment, joy and peace.