“In The Beginning”

Introduction. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. He planned it, sustains it, but God will end it one day (Jeremiah 10:10-12; Hebrews 1:3; 2 Peter 3:10). In Genesis 1:26-27, man was the crowning act of God’s creation.

Regrettably, when man chooses to reject God’s will for his own, he corrupts himself, and practices sins worthy of death (Romans 1:18-32). God sent Jesus Christ to die so that mankind could be saved from His wrath (Romans 5:6-11). There are five phrases in Genesis 1 that God wants us to know.

I. “And God Said”
   A. Every day in the story of creation begins this manner. God spoke through words which His Son communicated to mankind to save the world (John 1:14-18; Hebrews 1:1-2).
   B. Since Jesus spoke exactly as He was told by His Father (John 12:49-50; 14:10), every person who speaks about God’s will should say what the scriptures say and not change it (Deuteronomy 4:2; 5:32; 12:32; Joshua 1:7; 23:6; 1 Peter 4:11; Revelation 22:18-19).

II. “God Saw That It Was Good”
   A. Everything God created is good and everything that proceeds from Him is good (1 Timothy 4:3-4; James 1:17).
   B. A person is not born evil or depraved, but chooses to become evil (Genesis 8:21; James 1:13-16; Romans 3:12; Ephesians 2:2-3).
   C. The devil is responsible for evil in this world and the only way we can overcome evil is through Christ (Hebrews 2:14-15).
   D. All things work together for the spiritual good of those who love God and do His will (Romans 8:28).

III. “And The Evening And The Morning”
   A. Does God want us to know the difference between millions or billions of years and a 24 hour day? The day is defined by the evening and the morning in Genesis 1 after each day of creation. (1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31).
   B. In the Law of Moses, God reaffirms that He created the heavens and the earth in six days and rested on the seventh day (Exodus 20:8-11).
   C. Christ was in the beginning with God (John 1:1-4). However, He did not teach that millions or billions of years have passed since creation (Mark 10:6; cf. Genesis 5:5). Men pervert 2 Peter 3:8 when they claim that it could allow this interpretation.
IV. "After Their Kind"
A. God wants us to understand that everything reproduces after its own kind, and that it will not produce another kind!
B. An apple tree will only produce apples, not oranges (Genesis 1:11-12); birds will only produce birds, not fish (1:20-21); humans will only produce humans, apes will never produce humans or become humans (1:26-27).
C. Jesus believed and taught these principles in Matthew 7:16-20. He furthermore taught that the seed sown in a good and honest heart will bear fruit (Luke 8:11-15).
D. The word of God will produce only Christians (Acts 11:26), not a certain “kind” of Christian or a hyphenated Christian.

V. "And It Was So"
A. Whatever God has said, whatever He has promised, He will fulfill. Consider some of important promises of God.
1. God’s word has promised that we will all die (Hebrews 9:27).
2. God’s word has promised that Christ will come back again (Hebrews 9:28).
3. God’s word has promised that we will all be judged by the words of Jesus (John 12:48; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Corinthians 5:10).
4. God’s word has promised that all who obey Jesus will have eternal life (Hebrews 5:8-9).
5. God’s word has promised that those who believe will be saved (John 8:24).
6. God’s word has promised that those who repent and are baptized will have the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).
7. God’s word has promised that if you are faithful until death you will receive a crown of life (Revelation 2:10)
8. God’s word has promised that after you die, you will either suffer eternal punishment or enjoy eternal life (Matthew 25:46).
B. Since God cannot lie, these promises give hope to the people who decide to do what is right (Hebrews 6:13-20; Titus 1:2). Will you be one of them?

Conclusion. There were five phrases repeated in Genesis 1 during creation. You can become a new creation in Christ through the power of His word (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 1:16). We have been created in Christ Jesus for good works (Ephesians 2:10). Do not be deceived by the false theories of men but submit to God’s plan and you can go to heaven!