

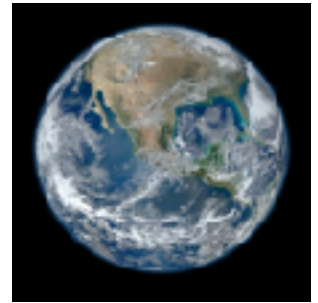
“... pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart”
2 Timothy 2:22

January 17, 2021 - Live in Line with Your Origin

The following is the first in a set of 52 articles based on 52 Bible stories Dwayne, Adam, and I are working on for a year long email series sent weekly to help reach the lost. We probably won't launch until April, but here's a taste of what those emails will be like from Bible Story #1 - Creation.

Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? These classic questions have been asked for centuries. **Why?** Because we need to know! We don't know why we need to know, we just feel it nagging at us, pulling at us. **Do you sense it?** It feels like a truth we used to know but have long since forgotten: ***I'm here for something bigger.***

It comes from your origin story. Origin stories give us the power of perspective and purpose. **Confession:** I love Marvel and DC origin stories. “Wolverine: Origins” explains why Logan's body is filled with adamantium and why his heart is filled with rage. “Batman Begins” explains why Bruce Wayne uses his own fear as a weapon against his enemies. The book of Genesis is *our* origin story.



Setting: The word "Genesis" comes from the Greek word which means “origins or beginnings.” It's inspired by the first line of the first verse: “In the beginning...”

Story: In Genesis 1-2, God creates the world in 6 days. On Days 1-3, God creates suitable habitats for life; sky, sea, and land. On Days 4-6, He creates life forms to live in those habitats; birds, fish, mammals, and the crown of God's creation — mankind.

As humans, we're unique from the rest of creation in nature and role! “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’” (Genesis 1:26). In ancient times, kings would place statues, or “images,” of themselves throughout the kingdom to remind the citizens of their character and reign. As men and women, we're like walking, talking, mobile statues of God on the earth, reminding the world of His character and reign!

We're princes and princesses, designed to be rulers! We're children of the King meant to reflect our Father's character far and wide! We're also meant to live forever! Genesis zooms in closer on man's creation in Genesis 2 and shows us we were meant to live in God's presence eternally with access to the tree of life (2:7-9)!

Self-Reflection: Do you realize how special you are? You're royalty! A child of the King! Satan tries daily to make you forget your identity. Don't give him the satisfaction! You're not worthless and you're not unlovable! God doesn't create junk! Do you see now why you feel there's something beyond this short life on earth? It's because you're meant to live forever with your Father! Do you see your purpose? It's to reflect God's character by ruling on the earth; ruling self and ruling over your enemies.

Put simply? We were meant to be *like* God and *with* God forever. If you don't know who you are, you'll never know where you're going. Now you know.

The question for all of us is: ***“Will I live in line with my origin?”***

Sunday Worship Services

9 a.m. Lord's Supper Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Class
10:45 a.m. Praise & Preaching

Wednesday Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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God is the only _____ for reason and logic

What is Logic?

- A system of laws used to analyze a series of premises to determine the _____ of a conclusion.
 - **Premise 1:** All cars need tires to drive properly. **Premise 2:** I have a car that drives properly.
Conclusion: My car has tires **2 Corinthians 3:7-12**

Basic Laws of Logic

1. The Law of Non-_____: "A" can't be both "A" and "not A" at same time/sense
2. Sound logical conclusions must be built on _____ premises
3. Sound logical conclusions must _____ from the premises

Many People Violate the Laws of Logic

- **2 Corinthians 3:1-3** - **P1:** A true apostle needs letters of commendation. **P2:** Paul doesn't have a letter of commendation. **C:** Paul is not a true apostle. **Premise 1 (P1) = false, therefore conclusion (C) = false.**
- **John 1:1, 14** - In the beginning was the "logos," and the "logos" became flesh...
- **Matthew 12:24-26** - **P1:** Satan is the ruler of demons. **P2:** Jesus is ruling over demons. **C:** Jesus is a servant of Satan. **Conclusion does not follow from the premises.**
- **Matthew 22:23-28** - **P1:** If a woman's husband dies, his brother should marry her. **P2:** If this happens 7 times, she will have had 7 husbands in her lifetime. **P3:** If they all resurrect and go to Heaven, there's going to be a brawl among the 7 over who gets to be her husband. **C:** The resurrection is absurd. **P3 = false, therefore the conclusion is false.**
- **Matthew 22:29-33** - **P1:** Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were dead by the time God spoke to Moses. **P2:** God spoke of A, I, and J in the present tense as if they were still alive. **P3:** A, I, and J were dead on the earth but were alive with God. **C:** God is the God of the living (the resurrection is real) **P1, P2, P3 = true and the conclusion follows.**

3 Characteristics of Logic

1. Universal
 2. _____
 3. Unchanging
- Where did the laws of logic come from? (**Is. 1:18; Job 38:36; Titus 1:2**)

Atheistic Attempts to Justify the Origins of Logic

1. "Logic just exists." **Problem:** Doesn't work for us to say, "God just exists."
2. "Logic comes from our own minds." **Problems:** Logic pre-existed humans, arguments would have no proof, communication would be impossible, atheists have no ultimate justification for trusting their minds
 - **Ephesians 4:17**

Takeaways: 1. When our atheist friends use logical arguments to deny God exists, they _____ He exists in the process. 2. Ultimate truth exists (**John 17:17**) 3. Let _____ guide you, not feelings (**Proverbs 28:26**).

Announcements

January 17th, 2021

Please email all new announcements to announcements@psd.church.

SICK/HEALTH ISSUES:

- **Jack and Joy Thomas** visited the ER on Thursday. Joy had fallen earlier in the week, but thankfully did not break any bones, though she sustained several cuts. Multiple x-rays indicate one of Jack's toes is broken and infected. They are both healing and are recovering well.
- **Rodney Rubright** is no longer symptomatic since contracting COVID-19, which is good news. Unfortunately, he now has MRSA which is causing painful sores to spread on his body.

TRAVELING:

- **Mary Burns** is in St. Petersburg.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **The funeral for Dave Hunt** will be on Saturday, January 30th: visitation at 1:00, service at 1:30 at the Trenton church of Christ. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the Alzheimer's Association (link provided in email announcement that was sent to the congregation).
- **H2H Refresher:** Today at 2:30pm. All deacons and H2H group leaders and hosts are requested to attend.
- **Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meeting:** Today after the H2H refresher is over.
- **H2H** starts next week and ends in the first week in March.

SHUT-IN:

- **Anne Dickson**
- **Geny Harrison**
- **Peggy Hunt**
- **Bea Deboe**
- **Thurman and Lynna Davis**
- **Patsy Holt**
- **Pat Steele**

SPECIAL CONCERNS ABOUT GETTING COVID:

- **Carol Van Cleef**
- **Diane Thyben**
- **Mary Ann Rubright**
- **Anna Marcotte**



Bible Challenge

1. What was the first city destroyed by the Israelites in Canaan?

- a. Ai
- b. Jerusalem
- c. Jericho
- d. Gilgal

2. Moses received the Law on which mountain?

- a. Zion
- b. Ebal
- c. Gerazim
- d. Sinai

3. Whose forehead did God promise to harden so he could withstand rejection?

- a. Jeremiah
- b. Ezekiel
- c. Daniel
- d. Paul

4. What does Golgotha mean?

- a. Place of a crucifixion
- b. Place of a skull
- c. Place of Christ crucified
- d. Place of perdition

5. Which of the 7 churches of Asia did Jesus call “lukewarm” in their faith?

- a. Laodicea
- b. Sardis
- c. Thyatira
- d. Philadelphia