

The Things That Are Revealed
1– In the Beginning God
Genesis 1:1-2



Warm-up Questions:

- What are some things in our world today that subtly train people to live and believe as though they are at the center of reality.
- Why does Genesis 1 begin with God instead of beginning with humanity?
- Does the phrase, “in the beginning, God” confront or challenge anything in you, personally?

1. ...I bow to the creator (v.1)

- What are some respectable or socially acceptable ways that people try to “be their own god” today?
- Where are you most tempted to resist God’s authority: your plans, your sexuality, your money, your time, your reputation, your comfort, or something else?
- Read Philippians 2:9-11. How does the certainty of every knee bowing before the Lord change the way we should live right now?
- What would genuine surrender to Christ look like for you in concrete terms, this week?

2. ...I see the temporal and eternal (v.2a)

- Have you ever found yourself in a season where life felt, “without form and void”? What contributed to that?
- What are some temporary things that you find are constantly competing for your attention and affection?
- How can you tell when good things (food, family, sports, hobbies, career, success, comfort) have become ultimate things?
- David Atkinson said, “our God is the sort of God who comes into confusion and makes things new. He hovers over your darkness and says, “let there be light.”” How have you seen God bring order, healing and purpose out of chaos?
- What “chaos” are you currently asking God to reshape or redeem?
- What habits or rhythms help you keep eternity in view, even as we navigate through temporal things in our day to day lives?

3. ...I await his greater work (v.2b)

- Read Revelation 21:1-5. What stands out to you the most in the promise of a new heaven and new earth?
- How should the hope of new creation affect the way we think about things like suffering, disappointment, getting older, grief in general?
- During our time in God’s Word, Pastor Todd unpacked the contrast between chaos vs. new creation. In what areas of your life are you tempted to return to old patterns of sinful chaos, instead of trusting Christ’s new transforming work?
- Who in your life needs to hear the hope that God can, and is, making all things new?

Closing/Reflection questions:

- What part of the sermon challenged you the most deeply, and why?
- What would it look like for you, and our church, to genuinely live as though this is God's Word, and not ours?
- How can we help one another from simply hearing this truth to actually surrendering to it?

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

- The Apostles' Creed

Deuteronomy 29:29

In God's world...

...I bow to the Creator (v. 1)

Romans 1:19-20

Colossians 1:16-17

There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done." All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. Those who knock it is opened.

- C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce

2 Timothy 4:3-4

Philippians 2:9-10

...I see the temporal and eternal (v. 2a)

To explain all nature is too difficult a task for any one man or even for any one age. 'Tis much better to do a little with certainty and leave the rest for others that come after you, than to explain all things by conjecture without making sure of anything.

- Sir Isaac Newton

God is the sort of God who comes into confusion and makes things new. He hovers over your darkness and says, "Let there be light!"

- David Atkinson

...I await his greater work (v. 2b)

It cost God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things, but to convert rebellious wills cost him crucifixion.

- C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Revelation 21:1

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.