The God Who Made Us

Genesis 1:1, 26-28; Romans 1:18-20

What is the link between learning about Creation and sharing the Gospel of Christ?

Paul's ministry to the Gentiles

"For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you...

"... The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything." (Acts 17:23-25)

The Gospel of John

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:1-3)

Creation vs. Evolution

- All Christians agree that God is the Creator.
- However, Christians disagree on how God created.

Evolution Worldview

The atheistic worldview that says life developed without God and without purpose.

1. God created everything in the beginning.

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

- The universe has a beginning.
- God is eternal, uncreated and there is only one of Him (God is triune).

"All things were made through him (Jesus Christ), and without him was not any thing made that was made."

(John 1:3)

"The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters."

(Genesis 1:2)

2. Everything that God created was good – very good.

"And God saw that it was good." (Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25)

"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31)

No sin in God's creation.

 God did not make the world to have disease, violence, famine, natural disasters and death – all of these are the results of sin.

3. God created human beings in His image.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

4. The creation proclaims the glory of God.

"The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known." (Psalm 19:1-2)

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse." (Romans 1:18-20)

5. God created human beings for His glory.

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

(Habakkuk 2:14)

"Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.""

(Genesis 11:4)

Everything we have comes from him.

"He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need." (Acts 17:25)

""Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."

(Romans 11:35–36)

God is glorified through us.

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." (Ephesians 2:10, NLT)