

# Create: The Creation of God and of Christians

## The Concern

There may not be enough good in the world, nor in our marriages, in our parenting, in our relationships, etc. Good may be lacking in some aspect of our lives. How can good dominate in every area of my life?

## Biblical Points

God the Father made all things through \_\_\_\_\_ & God said that everything that was made was \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 1:1-31 (NIV)** – <sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so.

<sup>9-10</sup> And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so . . . . And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11-12</sup> Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so . . . . And God saw that it was good.

<sup>14-18</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so . . . . And God saw that it was good.

<sup>20-21</sup> And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>24-25</sup> And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so . . . . And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26-31</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness” . . . . So God created mankind in his own image . . . . God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

**Hebrews 11:3 (NIV)** – <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

**John 1:1-3, 14 (NIV)** – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Colossians 1:15-16 (NLT)** – <sup>15</sup> Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, <sup>16</sup> for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see – such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.

God is still \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ people through Jesus Christ.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (GW)** – <sup>17</sup> Whoever is a believer in Christ is a new creation. The old way of living has disappeared. A new way of living has come into existence.

## Biblical Application

Through faith, God created us in Christ Jesus so \_\_\_\_\_ in the world like He did.

**Ephesians 2:8-10 (HCSB)** – <sup>8</sup> For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—<sup>9</sup> not from works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them. <sup>10</sup> For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them.

**Romans 2:5-11 (GW)** – <sup>5</sup> Since you are stubborn and don't want to change the way you think and act, you are adding to the anger that God will have against you on that day when God vents his anger. At that time God will reveal that his decisions are fair. <sup>6</sup> He will pay all people back for what they have done. <sup>7</sup> He will give everlasting life to those who search for glory, honor, and immortality by persisting in doing what is good. But he will bring <sup>8</sup> anger and fury on those who, in selfish pride, refuse to believe the truth and who follow what is wrong. <sup>9</sup> There will be suffering and distress for every person who does evil, for Jews first and Greeks as well. <sup>10</sup> But there will be glory, honor, and peace for every person who does what is good, for Jews first and Greeks as well. <sup>11</sup> God does not play favorites.

**Matthew 25:31-46 (NLT)** – <sup>31</sup> "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. <sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. <sup>36</sup> I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? <sup>39</sup> When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup> "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!' <sup>41</sup> "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' <sup>44</sup> "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?' <sup>45</sup> "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.' <sup>46</sup> "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

**James 2:14-16 (NLT)** – <sup>14</sup> What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? <sup>15</sup> Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, <sup>16</sup> and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? <sup>17</sup> So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. <sup>18</sup> Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds." <sup>19</sup> You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. <sup>20</sup> How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless? <sup>26</sup> Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

I will create good in my marriage by \_\_\_\_\_.

I will create good in my parenting by \_\_\_\_\_.

I will create good in my relationships by \_\_\_\_\_.

I will create good in my community by \_\_\_\_\_.

I will create good in the world by \_\_\_\_\_.