

Creation

Basic Theology Training

How did all this happen?//

Why am I here?//

What does science have to say?//



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Pause and Breathe

Before diving in, take a breath. Still your heart. As Ryan reminded us — the miracle of creation is not abstract or theoretical. It's deeply personal. It's not just "out there," it's in us. God made all this — and He made you. Ask the Spirit to awaken wonder in you again.

Why This Sermon Matters

This is a foundational message in the Bedrock series — taking us back to the beginning, literally. Genesis 1:1 isn't just a verse; it's a launchpad for theology, worship, identity, and mission.

Ryan pushes us past science vs. religion debates and calls us to remember this: creation isn't first a discussion about how— it's a declaration of who. Everything hinges on this. If God created it all, it means everything has purpose — including you. So... lean in.

Five Bedrock Principles from This Sermon

1 Creation Declares God is the Creator

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." — Genesis 1:1 (NLT)
This isn't poetry alone — it's proclamation. The skies, sunsets, oceans, and stars shout one thing: God made this. Creation is the first worship service, and we are invited to join in.

Reflect:

When have you felt awe at creation? Did you recognize it as a spiritual moment?

How might your day-to-day change if you saw the world as holy ground?

2 God Created Us to Be Caretakers of His Creation

"They will reign... over all the earth..." — Genesis 1:26 (NLT)
God didn't create humanity to exploit the earth — He made us to steward it. We are caretakers, not owners. Ryan confronts a common Christian error: acting like earth is disposable. If creation reflects God's glory, why would we trash it?

Reflect:

How do your habits reflect gratitude or disregard for creation?

What's one way you could shift toward being a more faithful steward?

3 God Made Us Male and Female to Create and Steward Life

“So God created human beings in His own image... male and female He created them.” — Genesis 1:27 (NLT)

This truth is both profound and countercultural. God’s image is reflected in male and female — together. This isn’t about personal preference; it’s about divine purpose. Life is not about being happy; it’s about being obedient.

Reflect:

Where have cultural messages blurred your understanding of identity and purpose?

How does viewing gender as sacred stewardship change the conversation?

4 Belief in Creation Demands Belief in Miracles

“Once I was blind, but now I see.”

Ryan reminds us: the doctrine of creation isn’t a science class. It’s a miracle. And every believer, young-earth or old-earth, agrees: this world didn’t just happen — God made it. Whether it took six days or billions of years, it took divine power beyond comprehension.

Reflect:

Do you believe in miracles? Why or why not?

How does belief in a Creator change how you see your own story?

5 Our Creator Became One of Us, to Bring Us Back to Him

“Christ is the visible image of the invisible God... through him God reconciled everything to himself.” — Colossians 1:15-20 (NLT)

Creation wasn’t the end — it was the beginning. We fell. But God didn’t abandon us. The Creator entered creation — in Jesus. Why? Because He’s calling you back. The voice that said “Let there be light” is the same voice that now says, “Come, follow me.”

Reflect:

Where do you feel that “pull toward something greater” Ryan described?

How might your view of Jesus deepen when you see Him as both Creator and Redeemer?

Dig Deeper Questions

- When was the last time creation took your breath away — and what did it stir in your soul?
- How does your life reflect (or neglect) your role as a caretaker of creation?

- In what ways do cultural messages distort the truth that we are created male and female in God's image?
- Have you struggled to reconcile science and faith? What might it look like to embrace mystery instead?
- How does seeing Jesus as both Creator and Savior change your worship?

Recommended Next Steps

- ✓ Read Genesis 1-2 slowly this week — not for answers, but for wonder.
- ✓ Watch a sunrise or sunset in silence and let it lead you to worship.
- ✓ Read Romans 1 and Colossians 1.
- ✓ Journal your own "creation story" — what has God created in you?
- ✓ Explore the Church of God (Anderson) resource *We Believe* — especially on creation and Christology.

Final Thought

The world didn't just happen. And neither did you.

The same God who spun galaxies into place breathed life into your lungs. And that same God is still speaking.

Creation begins with a voice — and that voice is still calling your name.

Small Group Questions

- What does it mean that we are created in God's image, and how should that shape how we treat others?
 Read Genesis 1:26-27 — What responsibilities and dignity come with being image-bearers?
- Why is the goodness of creation an important part of Christian belief?
 Read Genesis 1:31 — How does God's declaration of "very good" challenge the idea that the material world is bad or unspiritual?
- How does understanding God as Creator influence how we see miracles, science, and the natural world?
 Read Colossians 1:16-17 — How does Christ's role in creation shape our view of Him?
- What are some practical ways we can live as faithful caretakers of God's creation?
- How does knowing our Creator also became our Savior deepen your sense of wonder and worship?