

God is the creator of all things.

1. The Bible teaches that God was before all things.

- a. Psalm 90:1,2 “Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.”

2. The beginning of the Bible starts with identifying God as the creator.

- a. Gen. 1:1 says “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
- b. There are references throughout the Bible speaking to God as being the originator of all things. Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

3. Recognizing that God is the creator of all things reinforces other vital doctrines.

- a. God’s Omnipotence – The term ex Nihilo (Out of Nothing) is used to describe God’s work of creation. God did not use previously created things when He said “Let there be light.” He created out of Nothing. In all of creation and existence, there is no other being that has the power to achieve this.
- b. God’s Omnipresence – Psalm 139:7-8 "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there."
 - i. The sheer magnitude of our universe and galaxies which we have discovered and those we have yet to discover and those that we will never discover point to the immense presence of God.
- c. God’s Omniscience – Job came face to face with this reality. Upon questioning God and insinuating that He was being unjust for treating Job the way He was, God steps in and questions Job. Job

38:33 "Do you know the laws of the heavens? Can you set up God's dominion over the earth?" Job's response was one of repentance for taking God's omniscience lightly.

d. God is good

- i. 1 John 1:5 ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.
 - God's goodness is seen through His creation.
- ii. Gen. 1:31 ³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.
 - All that God created is Good.
- iii. By understanding that God is good, and His creation was made good protects from ideas of dualism (Equality between Good and Evil).

e. God's Sovereign Authority

- i. Understanding that God created all things shows that He has ultimate authority over all things.
- ii. J Vernon McGee – "This is God's universe, and God does things his way. You may have a better way, but you don't have a universe."

God is the sustainer of all things.

1. **God is not an absentee God who placed everything into existence and then left it to its own devices.**

- a. Throughout scripture we see God stepping in and directing history. Creation, Flood, the Call of Abraham, the Egyptian rescue, the Red Sea, the formation of a nation, His communication through the prophets of old. All of this is just in the Old Testament. The coming Messiah, the indwelling Holy Spirit, the formation of the Church, the promise of a new kingdom. All of these speak of a God who is very active in the creation that He has made.
- b. The bible also speaks of His sustaining of all of creation.
 - i. Colossians 1:17 "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."
 - ii. Hebrews 1:3 "He sustains all things by his powerful word."
- c. God provides for the physical needs of His creation.
 - i. Psalm 104:14 *"He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate."*
 - ii. Genesis 8:22 "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease."
 - iii. Matthew 6:25-33 ²⁵ "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the sky, that they do not sow, nor reap, nor gather *crops* into barns, and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more important than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single day to his life's span? ²⁸ And why are you worried about clothing? Notice how the lilies of the field grow; they do not labor nor do they spin *thread for cloth*, ²⁹ yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of

these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *clothe* you? You of little faith! ³¹ Do not worry then, saying, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear for clothing?' ³² For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you.

d. God provides for our spiritual needs.

- i. John 3:16 ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.
 - While we were dead in our trespasses and sin, God provided a Savior.
- ii. 2 Corinthians 5:21 - He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
 - God made us capable of standing before Him so that we could enter eternity in complete fellowship with Him.

e. God's providence speaks to His character.

- i. God is a loving. John 3:16 ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.
We know that God loves us

God is the focus of all things.

a. The purpose of Creation is to point to God.

- i. God created all that is: Stars, Planets, Trees, Dirt, Water, Molecules, Atoms, etc. to point towards Him.

- ii. Romans 1:20 - "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."
- b. The purpose of Creation is to bring God glory.
 - i. God does not need creation for Him to be glorious. His glory is maintained whether we witness it or not.
 - ii. Psalm 19:1-2 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge."
- c. Creation was for His purposes alone.
 - iii. Colossians 1:16 ¹⁶For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
 - i. Creation has no other purpose than to point to God himself.