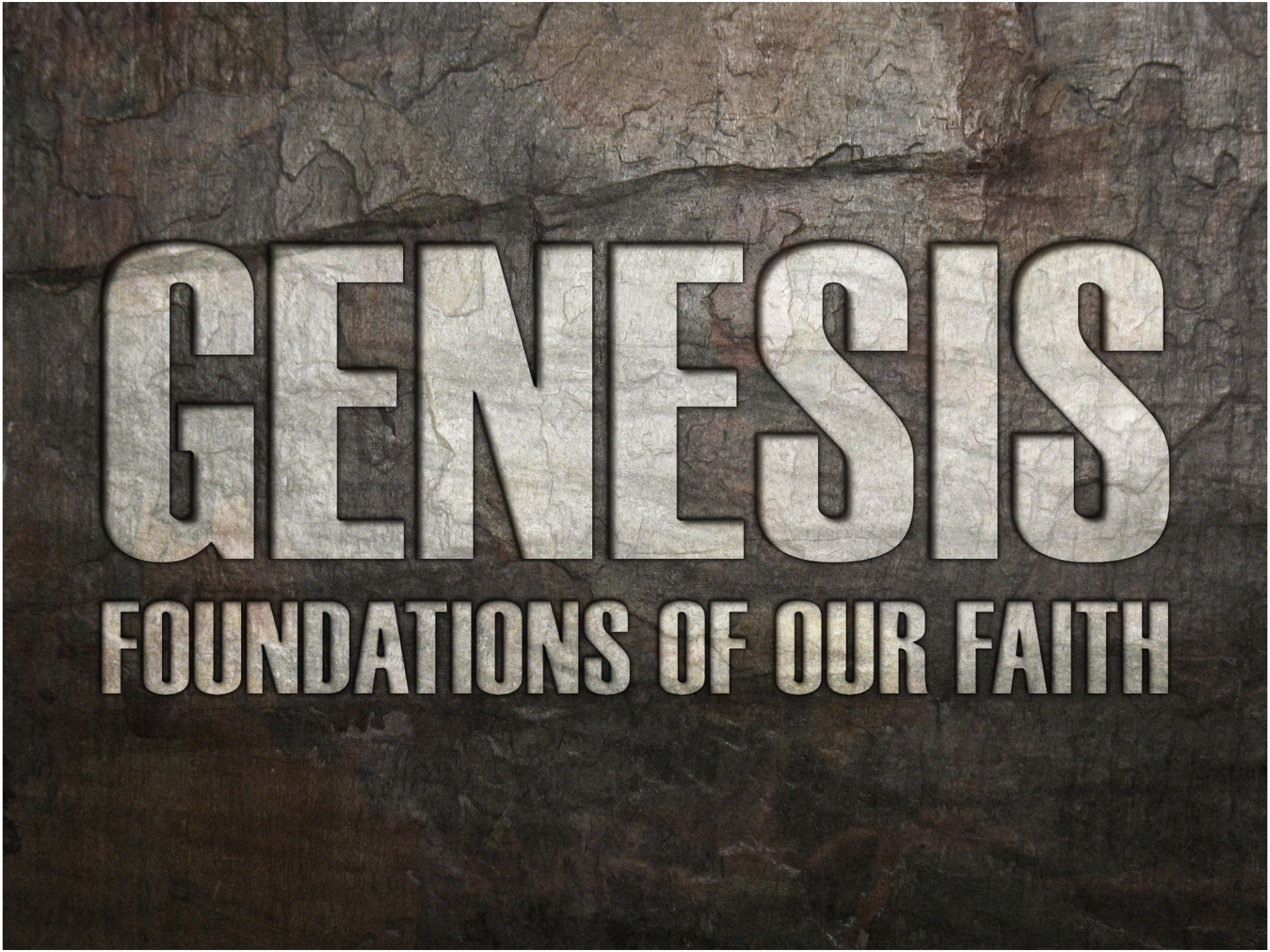

GENESIS
FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH

Foundation of everything

“In the beginning…”



In the beginning…

Hebrews 11:6:

"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

In the beginning...

God created...

the heavens and the earth

In the beginning…

John 1:1-3:

"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 came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being."

World Views in Conflict

Creation	Evolution
- Divine creation	- Spontaneous generation
- Purposeful design	- Random accident
- Intricate order	- Chaotic mistakes
- Infinite God	- Infinite odds
- Life from life	- Life from non-life
- Entropy	- Evolution
- Catastrophe	- Gradualism
- God's purpose	- No purpose
- Absolutes exist	- Everything is relative
- A future hope	- Hopelessness

Genesis

Four Key Events:

1. Creation (ch. 1-2)
2. the Fall (ch. 3-5)
3. the flood (ch. 6-9)
4. the dispersion (ch. 10-11)

Four Key People:

1. Abraham (ch. 12-25)
2. Isaac (ch. 21-35)
3. Jacob (ch. 25-50)
4. Joseph (ch. 30-50)

In the beginning...

God created...

the heavens and the earth


We are here

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth

Isaiah 40:26:

"Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these *stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, Not one of them is missing."*

Creation in the Bible

Revelation 4:11:

"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

Isaiah 45:18:

For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it *and* did not create it a waste place, *but* formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, and there is none else.

Isaiah 42:5:

Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it,

Days of Creation

- Day 1: Light (1:3-5)
- Day 2: Heavens (1:6-8)
- Day 3: Land & Vegetation (1:9-13)
- Day 4: Sun, Moon, Stars (1:14-19)
- Day 5: Fish & Birds (1:20-23)
- Day 6: Land Animals, Man, Woman (1:24-31)
- Day 7: (God Rested 2:1-3)

Days of Creation

- Declaration: "Then God said…"
- Confirmation: "…and it was so."
- Approbation: "God saw that it was good…"
- ***Conclusion***: "there was evening and morning…"

Days of Creation - 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. **Then God said**, "Let there be light"; **and there was light**. **God saw that the light was good**; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. ***And there was evening and there was morning, one day*.**

Days of Creation - 2

Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; **and it was so**. God called the expanse heaven. ***And there was evening and there was morning, a second day***.

Days of Creation - 3

Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; **and it was so**. God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and **God saw that it was good**. **Then God said**, "Let the earth sprout vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; **and it was so.** The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and **God saw that it was good**. ***There was evening and there was morning, a third day***

Days of Creation - 4

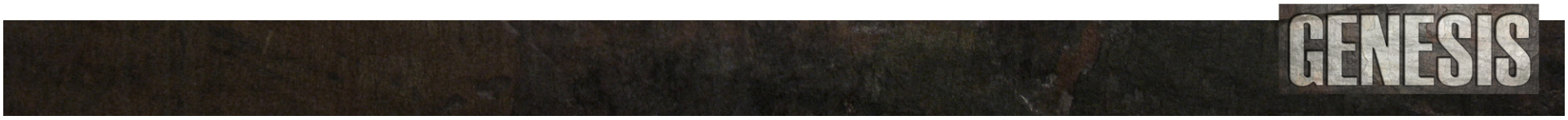
Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; **and it was so**. God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and **God saw that it was good**. ***There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day***

Days of Creation - 5

Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens." **God created** the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and **God saw that it was good**. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ***There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.***

Days of Creation - 6

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; **and it was so**. God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and **God saw that it was good**. **Then God said**, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; **and it was so**. **God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good.** ***And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day***



Days of Creation - 7

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on **the seventh day** from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

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Main Views of the Genesis Days

The 24-hour view	The days are seven 24-hour days, of one earth week, about six thousand years ago.
The day-age view	The days are in chronological order, each representing a period of time of unspecified length.
The “Gap” view	Between Genesis 1:2 and 1:3 there is a gap, perhaps millions of years.
The framework view	The days exhibit a logical, rather than a chronological, order.

Main Views of the Genesis Days

24-Hour View "Young Earth"

- Evenings and mornings
- 7 literal, 24 hour days
- Earth is 4,000-10,000 years old
- The Flood produced most fossils
- The fall altered laws of nature
- God used "apparent age"

Main Views of the Genesis Days

Day-Age View
"Old Earth"

- Days are sequential periods of indefinite length
- Age of earth cannot be determined from Scripture
- Major kinds of plants and animals were created separately, over long periods of time.
- The fossil record shows which came earlier/later
- Adam and Eve were created recently (4,000-10,000 yrs)

Main Views of the Genesis Days

The "Gap" View
Old Earth

- 1:1 refers to original creation, not our present earth
- This event may have happened millions of years ago
- After the fall of Satan, God destroyed the original creation ("the earth became formless and void…")
- 1:3 begins the first day of creation.
- Fossils are left over from pre-Adamic world
- All present forms of life were created recently, possibly in six literal days.

Main Views of the Genesis Days

Framework View

Day	Forming	Filling	Day
1	Light	Sun, moon, stars	4
2	Sky & Seas	Sea creatures & Winged creatures	5
3	Seas / Dry land / Vegetation	Land animals & Humans	6

HILLVIEW DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Inerrancy of Scripture

We believe the Holy Spirit moved prophets and apostles to write the sacred Scriptures (2 Peter 1:20-21). He did this employing the distinctive styles of each individual.

These writings are God-breathed, the very Word of God (2 Timothy 3:15-17; John 10:35). As such they are unfailingly accurate. They are without error in all that they state and teach as fact, including God's work in creation, events of world history, and prophetic matters of the future (Matthew 5:18,19).

HILLVIEW DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Science

We do not see an intrinsic conflict between the Christian faith and the scientific method, when the latter is understood as an objective determination of the normal functioning of the universe through observation and repeatable experimentation.

Most of what is taught by modern science agrees with the Bible or deals with matters not addressed by the Bible. At times, however, **scientists have drawn faulty conclusions**, sometimes unduly influenced by an atheistic worldview.

Christians at various times also have asserted false ideas about nature and the universe based on a misinterpretation of Scripture.

HILLVIEW DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Evolution

Evolutionary theory stating that inanimate chemical substances became living organisms through undirected random chance, and after much time evolved into humankind contradicts the Bible and cannot be reconciled with it.

We are supported in our position by the increasing number within the scientific community who are questioning the theory of the evolution of the species.

Is Evolution Scientific?

UNKNOWN CHEMICALS in the primordial past…through…
UNKNOWN PROCESSES which no longer exist…produced…
UNKNOWN LIFE FORMS which are not to be found, but **could**, through
UNKNOWN REPRODUCTION METHODS spawn new life…in an…
UNKNOWN ATMOSPHERIC COMPOSITION …in an…
UNKNOWN OCEANIC SOUP COMPLEX … at an…
UNKNOWN TIME AND PLACE… **ANY QUESTIONS?**

Evolution

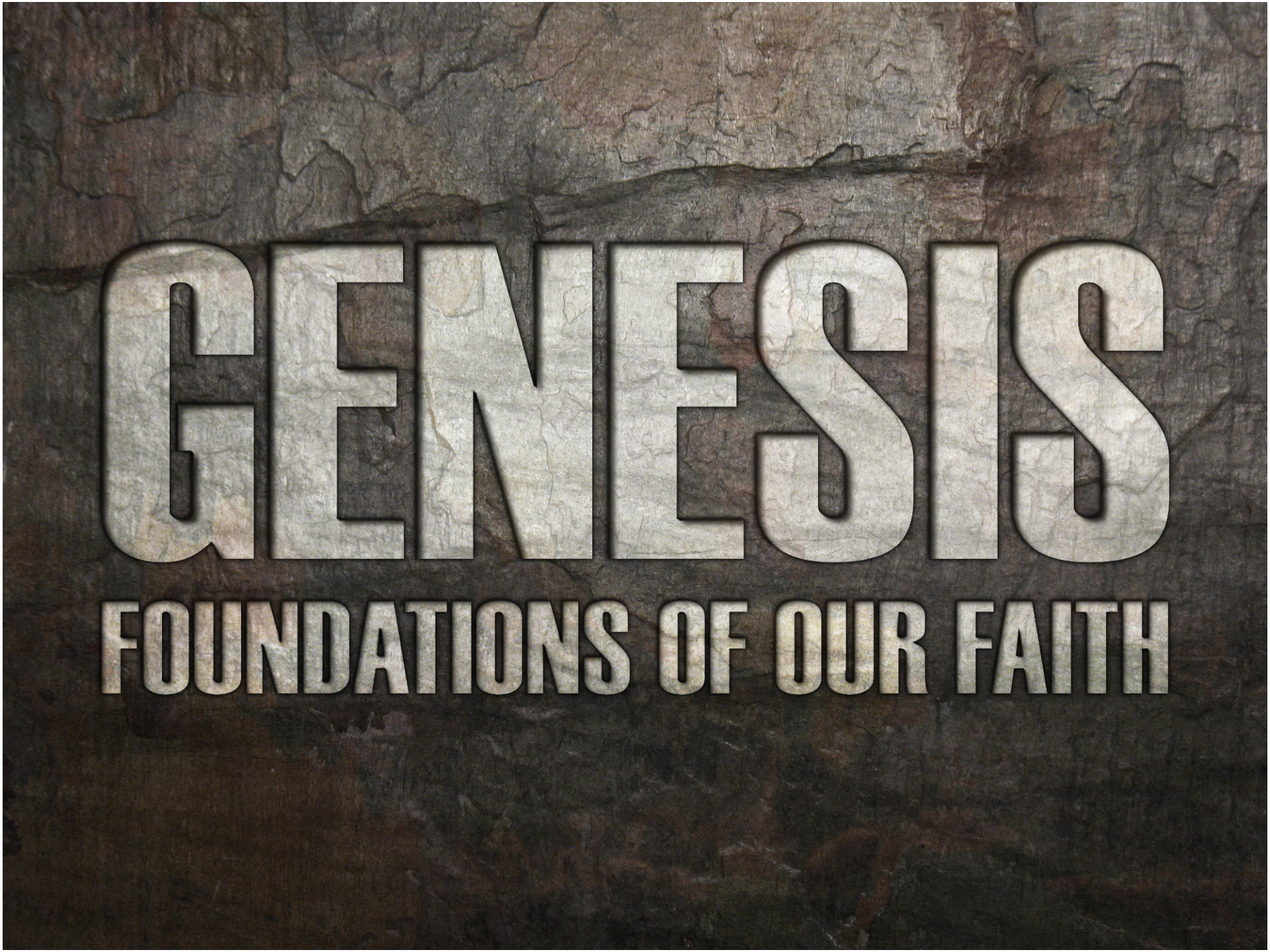
"Evolution is unproved and unprovable. We believe it because it is the only alternative to special creation, and *THAT* is unthinkable." – S.A Keith

Matthew 11:28-30:

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Psalm 8:3-5:

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty!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