

Creation or Evolution?

1. CREATION

- Romans 1:20
- Colossians 1:16
- Genesis 1:1
- this verse is written in the plural for God, “Elohim.”
- Genesis 1:26
- Isaiah 45:7a

Some viewpoints on creationism:

- Literal 24 hour
- Young Earth Creationism
- Gap Theory

As you look over these Scriptures, you recognize that God describes His work in Genesis chapter 1 using the word “DAY.” The interesting thing about the word “DAY” is that it’s the Hebrew word YOM.

2. IMAGE OF GOD

Can be seen in at least three different ways:

1. Through our natural capacity for goodness, love, mercy, justice, compassion, and even, with the Holy Spirit’s help, holiness.
2. Through our actions. God gave humans dominion, or authority, over creation.
3. Through our relationships.

Even as God's image-bearers, we do not do it perfectly because of sin. Sin **distorts** it, but it does not **destroy** it. This image reminds us of our need for the only one who perfectly represents God: Jesus. Through His perfection, we can have eternal life.

3. EVOLUTION

- Charles Darwin "The Origin of the Species," written on March 14, 1863
- Time + chance + natural selection = all life on earth
- Macro evolutionism is the idea that nobody + nothing = everything
- Isaiah 51:6
- Psalm 102:25-27

4. CREATED FOR PURPOSE

- The mission statement of Grace Community Church is to help people find and fulfill God's Purpose in their lives.
- Genesis 1:26
- Genesis 1:27

God didn't create us to merely survive;

God created us to thrive.

- The only way we can thrive as Christians is to find and fulfill God's purpose for our lives.

WEEKLY APPLICATION POINT: Since God created everything and continues to create, it becomes our job to care for our world, ourselves, and others. What is one way you can do creation care this week to care for what God has entrusted you with?