



## 20 Beliefs Every Christian Should Know

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### Lesson 4 – Creation

#### Key Verse: Colossians 1:16

“For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.”

#### Overview

The Word of God is under attack by modern society and its belief in naturalism and the doctrine of evolution. Modern scientists think they have the answer to how the universe came into existence. However, God tells us the truth in His Word about how and why the universe came into existence. Creationism is a foundational doctrine in Christianity that we must get right. In this lesson we will see what God’s Word says about His creation.

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“As Christians, we believe the Bible is truth revealed to us by God, who is the true Creator of the universe. That belief is the basic foundation of all genuine Christianity. It is utterly incompatible with the speculative presuppositions of the naturalists.” —John MacArthur, *The Battle for the Beginning*, pg. xxvii

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#### God Created

1. John 17:24. Who was before the foundation of the world? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ephesians 1:4. What did God do before the foundation of the world? \_\_\_\_\_
3. 1 Corinthians 8:6. Who initiated creation? \_\_\_\_\_
4. John 1:3. Who created the universe? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Genesis 1:2. Who was involved in creating the universe? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Hebrews 11:3. What did God make the universe out of? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Genesis 1:3. How did God create creation? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Exodus 20:11. How many days did it take God to create the heavens and the earth? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Genesis 2:7, 22. How did God create man and woman? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Revelation 4:11. Why did God create? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Hebrews 1:2. Who did God create the world through? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Genesis 1:31. What did God declare about His creation? \_\_\_\_\_

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“When science gets it right, I don’t have more confidence in the Bible, I have more confidence in science.”  
—Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church (1972-2005)

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### **The Scientific Categories**

1. Genesis 1:1. What five scientific categories are in this verse?

1. “In the beginning”: \_\_\_\_\_

2. “God”: \_\_\_\_\_

3. “created”: \_\_\_\_\_

4. “the heavens”: \_\_\_\_\_

5. “and the earth.”: \_\_\_\_\_

### **God Is Distinct from Creation**

1. Numbers 23:19. Because God is not a man, He is not \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Psalm 90:2. What is God outside of? \_\_\_\_\_

### **God Is Involved in His Creation**

1. Acts 17:25, 28. Apart from God, we cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Matthew 5:45. What does this verse tell us God does? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Deuteronomy 8:15. What two things did God do for the Israelites? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Psalm 46:1. What does this verse declare about God? \_\_\_\_\_

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“Before creation, nothing existed but God. Therefore, nothing but God is eternal. Nothing but God can ultimately rule over that which He made. Therefore, nothing but God is worthy of our worship.”

—Wayne Grudem, *Christians Beliefs*, pg. 44

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### **The Purpose of God’s Creation**

1. Psalm 19:1. What do the heavens declare? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Isaiah 43:7. What were we created for? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Jeremiah 10:12. What does creation declare about God? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Romans 1:20. What does creation declare about God? \_\_\_\_\_

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“God did not need any more glory from creation. All the glory God needs has been forever within the Trinity . . . Creation was a totally free act of God. He created the universe to show His greatness, to demonstrate His excellence, and to delight in His work.” —Wayne Grudem, *Christians Beliefs*, pg. 46

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**Our Purpose in God’s Creation**

1. Genesis 1:28. What was God’s mandate to mankind? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Psalm 8:3–8. What is man’s responsibility on earth? \_\_\_\_\_

3. 1 Timothy 4:3–4. What is man to do with God’s creation? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. 1 Timothy 6:17. Why has God supplied things to believers? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Revelation 5:10. What will believers do for all of eternity? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Application**

1. In what ways does your thinking of creation need to change?
2. In what ways can you speak truth in a world full of lies?
3. How does God’s creation reveal God’s greatness in your life?