

“THE TWO CREATIONS” [Part 1] (Gen. 1)

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INTRO: In this 2-Part series we will be comparing the days of creation to the phases of spiritual growth as a new creation in Christ (2Cor. 5:17).

Before Creation Darkness Prevailed (Gen. 1:1-2a).

1. The earth was without form (v. 2a).
2. We are made of the dust of the earth (Gen. 2:7).
3. Before we became a new creation in Christ our life was without form (no true identity) and void (no God-given purpose), and we were living in spiritual darkness (Matt. 4:16; Isa. 9:1-2; Eph. 5:8).

The Hovering Spirit of God (Gen. 1:2b).

1. The Spirit of God was hovering, moving, brooding over the face of the waters (Gen. 1:2b).
2. Before we became a new creation in Christ, the Spirit of God was hovering over our life preparing us for salvation (Jn. 16:8; 15:26; 3:8; 1Cor. 2:9-10; Isa. 64:4).

The Days of Creation

Day 1. From Darkness to Light (Gen. 1:3-5).

1. On Day 1 God created light to illuminate darkness.
2. We became a new creation in Christ when we responded to God's light being shed on our darkness (2Cor. 4:6; 5:17; Jn. 8:12; 12:46; Eph. 5:8, 11; 1Pet. 2:9).

Day 2. The Firmament (Gen. 1:6-8) – living a Spirit empowered and led life.

1. The firmament is the atmosphere – the 1st & 2nd heaven (air & wind – a type of the Spirit) and can be compared to living a Spirit empowered and led life.
2. God breathed His breath into mankind causing Him to become a living being (Gen. 2:7).
3. Being born of the Spirit compared to wind (Jn. 3:8).
4. Jesus breathed on His disciples and told them to receive the Holy Spirit (Jn. 20:22).
5. A sound as of a rushing mighty wind preceded the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:2).
6. Resist the temptation to pursue perfection by the flesh (Gal. 3:13).

The Spirit-Empowered & Led Life - We're called to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18), walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16), live in the Spirit (Rom. 8:5), be led by the Spirit (Rom. 8:14; Gal. 5:18), bear the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) & manifest the gifts of the Spirit (1Cor. 12:7-11).

Day 3a. Land (Gen. 1:9-10) – the stewardship of life.

1. Land was the place where food was grown and can represent stewardship.
2. God gave mankind stewardship over the land (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:15; 26:12).
3. In the O.T. Israel was required to be good stewards of the land, which included working the land, tithing the produce from the land, and making sure the land rested on the sabbath years.
4. Stewardship of land/field verses (Prov. 24:7, 30-34; 31:16; Mal. 3:10-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23).

Day 3b. Grass, Vegetation & Fruit (Gen. 1:11-13) – bearing the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).

1. Growing fruit on the land can be compared to bearing the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).
2. Jesus said we would be known by the fruit we bear (Matt. 7:16-20) and are called to bear much fruit that remains (Jn. 15:8, 16).

CONCLUSION: Having become a new creation in Christ (2Cor. 5:17) lets walk in the light, live a Spirit empowered and led life, be good stewards of all God has entrusted us with, and bear the fruit of the Spirit.