

Creation

Chapter 6 Summary

Chapter Learning Objectives

- The participants will explore God’s creativity at work in our world.
- The participants will recognize their own unique place in God’s plan and creation.
- The participants will examine the choice of human beings either to follow or to disobey God’s plan for creation.

Content Summary

1. God created the entire universe out of nothing and without help.
2. The role of science is to figure out the physical nature of the universe, but only God can reveal that creation is a gift of God’s love.
3. Evil exists, but God’s love continually turns evil into good.
4. In Jesus Christ, the Son of God, we see the triumph of good (the Resurrection) over evil (his suffering and death on the cross).
5. God created us in his image, as free and loving beings, so that we can freely choose between good and evil.
6. Sin is the choice of evil (even on a small scale) over good. Sin separates us, even in a small way, from God and from one another.
7. We can sin by omission—that is, by *not* doing something we know we should do.
8. The Word of God, Jesus Christ, became man to save us, to give us new life, and to restore and deepen our union with God.
9. God continually guides creation toward greater love, and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can cooperate with God in his plan.
10. In the Nicene Creed, we summarize what has been revealed about God and his plan for us, including the creation of the “invisible,” the angels.

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