

Chaos and God's Love

David's Message on Wednesday Night

Asbury

I. God's Story Arc

A. *Creation — Image — Family — Fall — Sacrifice —
Promise — New Creation*

Gen 1 & 2 — Creation Image Bride

1. Creation — Chaos to Light

Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. **3** And God **said**, "Let there be **light**," and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was **good**. And God **separated** the light from the darkness. **5** God **called** the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Jn 1:1 In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Ps 119:130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion ... over all the earth..." **27** So God created man in his own image, in the **image of God** he created him; **male** and **female** he created them.

2. Image to Family

Jn 1:9 The **true light**, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did **receive** him, who **believed** in his **name**, he gave the right to **become children of God**, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Gen 2:18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." 23 Bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh...

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a **new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared as a bride adorned for her husband**. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

3. Costly Redemption

Jn 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.... 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has **made him known**.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the **Lamb of God**, who **takes away the sin** of the world!

From CREATOR to HUMAN to SACRIFICIAL SOLUTION TO SIN

II. Salvation from Sin's Penalty

A. Penalty

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ex 32:33 But the Lord said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me, I will **blot out** of my book.

B. Redemption

Jn 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the **Lamb of God**, who **takes away the sin** of the world!

Ps 51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy **blot out my transgressions**.

Is 43:25 "I, I am he who **blots out your transgressions** for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Is 44:22 I have **blotted out your transgressions** like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

23 Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.

Col 2:13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by **canceling the record of debt** that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. *NKJ -having **wiped out** the handwriting of requirements that was against us*

III. Love — A New Creation

A. **Genuine Love** is the center

[Jn 13:34](#) A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. [35](#) By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

We are the hands and feet of Jesus in the current age.

[Gal 5:4](#) For the **whole law is fulfilled** in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

[Ja 2:8](#) If you really **fulfill the royal law** according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

B. *Know and Believe the Love*

that by testing you may **discern** what is the **will of God**, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

A. **Genuine Love** is the center

B. To Walk in Genuine Love. Light shining in the darkness

DISTINGUISHES GOOD & EVIL

[Ro 12:9](#) Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

1. **Abhor Evil**

repulses, despises. Evil - corrupt from original intent

2. **Hold on to Good**

Be joined; Become part of...

1Jn 4:16 So we have come to **know** and to **believe the love** that God has **for** us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us.

Rev 22:12 "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.

13 I am the **Alpha and the Omega**, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

14 **Blessed** are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

15 **Outside** are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the **bright morning star.**"

17 The Spirit and the Bride say, "**Come.**" And let the one who hears say, "Come."

And **let the one who is thirsty come**; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Isa 55:1 "Come, **everyone who thirsts**, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

6 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

[Matt 11:28](#) Come to me...

IV. Invitation

All who are thirsty....