

# THE DOCTRINES OF OUR FAITH!

## V. OF CREATION

We believe in the Genesis account of creation, and that it is to be accepted literally, and not allegorically or figuratively; that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness; that man's creation was not a matter of evolution or evolutionary change of species, or development through interminable periods of time from lower to higher forms, that all animal and vegetable life was made directly and God's established law was that they should bring forth only "after their kind."

WE BELIEVE IN THE GENESIS ACCOUNT OF CREATION, AND THAT IT IS TO BE ACCEPTED LITERALLY, AND NOT ALLEGORICALLY OR FIGURATIVELY; Genesis 1:1-2; "In the beginning God (Elohim-Heb.=a uniplural noun-meaning three or more according to Charles Bennett, a missionary to Israel. Thus the Trinity!) created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. " Acts 4:24; "And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:" John 1:1-3, 14, 17; Ephesians 3:9; "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ." Exodus 20:11; "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Hebrews 11:3; "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Colossians 1:13-17; Revelation 10:6;" And swear by Him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:" Romans 1:20; "For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse;" Acts 17:23-28; Jeremiah 10:12; "He hath made the earth by His power, He hath established the world by His wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by His discretion." Jeremiah 9:6; "Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee."

THAT MAN WAS CREATED DIRECTLY IN GOD'S OWN IMAGE AND AFTER HIS OWN LIKENESS; THAT MAN'S CREATION WAS NOT A MATTER OF EVOLUTION OR EVOLUTIONARY CHANGE OF SPECIES, OR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH INTERMINABLE PERIODS OF TIME FROM LOWER TO HIGHER FORMS, Genesis 1:26-27; "And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and

over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him, male and female created He them." I Thessalonians 5:23; "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Genesis 2:7, 21-23;

THAT ALL ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE LIFE WAS MADE DIRECTLY AND GOD'S ESTABLISHED LAW WAS THAT THEY SHOULD BRING FORTH ONLY "AFTER THEIR KIND." Genesis 1:11-12,21,24,-25; 6:20; 7:14; Leviticus 11:14-16, 19, 22,29, Deuteronomy 14:13-15, 18;