



Theology 102: The Bible, Creation and the Church

James 4:7-10 // Psalm 73:28

Sunday, November 10, 2019

AVBC 10:30 am



"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you..."

– James 4:7-8



□ Best-Selling Books of all Time

1) THE BIBLE

- What is it? What makes it different from other holy books?
(2 Timothy 3:16, Matthew 4:4, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Psalm 19:7-11)

- What is it good for?
(John 3:16, 2 Timothy 3:17, Hebrews 4:12, Romans 1:16)

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."
– Psalm 119:105 (Psalm 73:28, 119:130, Proverbs 6:23)

2) CREATION

"And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good." – Genesis 1:3-4

- God Created/It Was GOOD

"For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him." – Colossians 1:16 (John 1:3, Romans 11:36, 1 Corinthians 8:6)

- God Created To Glorify Himself
Psalm 19:1 (Psalm 8:1-4, Isaiah 40:26, Romans 1:20)

- New Heaven/Earth Coming

"But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells."
– 2 Peter 3:13 (Revelation 21, Isaiah 65:17, 66:22)

3) THE CHURCH

"...Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it..." – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

- What is the Church?

Body (Eph. 1:22-23), *Bride* (Eph. 5:21-33), *Family* (Eph. 2:19), *Temple* (Eph. 2:21-22), *Flock* (Acts 20:28), *Pillar and Support of the Truth* (1 Tim. 3:15), *Kingdom of Jesus* (Col. 1:13-14), etc.

- Purpose of the Church

a) Worship, b) Nurture, c) Evangelism and Mercy

"...to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." – Ephesians 4:11-13

- Practices of the Church

Baptism (Rom. 6:1-11), *Lord's Supper* (1 Cor. 11:23-26), *Reading of God's Word* (Col. 3:16), *Worship* (Jam. 4:8), *Fellowship* (Heb. 10:25), *Evangelism* (2 Cor. 5:20), *Ministry to Individuals* (Eph. 4:25-32)



DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: Talk about a verse or passage of the Bible that has impacted you.

Q2: Do you think the Bible has lost its influence on people today? Why?

Q3: Read Ps 8:1-4. In what ways do you see God at work in Creation today?

Q4: Read Ps 19:1 (and verses from section) how does creation glorify God?

Q5: What needs can the church meet in our world, city, home? (Eph 4:25-32)

Q6: Where can you begin/continue to serve in the church? (Eph 4:11-16)