

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Psalms 19:1

Store In My Heart Luke 1:3-4

It also seemed good to me, since I have carefully investigated everything from the very first, to write to you in an orderly sequence, most honorable Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed.

While the other Gospels seem to have been written to Christians at large, Luke addresses his letter to a single individual, Theophilus.

These verses give us his purpose in recording the events of the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Having carefully investigated the events, Luke compiled an orderly account for the express purpose of helping Theophilus to be certain of what he was following. In other words, Luke wanted to strengthen the faith of this individual by giving him confidence that what he had been taught was true. Such confidence will also strengthen our faith if we study diligently.



In The Beginning God!

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Genesis 1:1-2

The passage above not only sets the stage for the origins story that follows in the book of Genesis, it is also foundational to our understanding of God. It establishes the authority of God over all His creation. Consider with me a few things about this passage and the story that unfolds.

The book of Genesis tells of the beginning of the world, its creator and how it was created. It gives the origin of man, animals, plants and all of nature. It reveals the beginning of time and place. It tells of the beginning of sin and thereby how man became separated from God. Within the first few chapters we gain insight into the beginning of hatred, greed, immorality and all the things that pit man against man even today.

It reveals the beginning of society and governments. It reveals to us how God caused men to spread across the Earth through the confusion of language, thus creating the different groups that formed the nations and governments of today. It gives insight into the differences that arose between those who lived in various geographical areas.

This book tells us of the beginning of God's physical people, Israel in the story of Abraham and his family. How from one man an entire nation arose that was being prepared for the fulfillment of God's eternal plan.

We also need to understand that Genesis tells us of the beginning of God's spiritual people as well. Abraham, Enoch, and Noah, demonstrate to all readers the qualities of faith and

trust that are necessary to be in God's spiritual family. Centuries before Christ these, and others were living for Him. Genesis certainly lives up to its name as a book of beginnings.

This passage also reveals much about God that is necessary for a solid foundation to understand and obey His Word. It is such a powerful statement of fact. It tells us that God existed before the heavens and earth. It speaks of His awesome power and wisdom.

His power is shown in the ability to create something that did not exist. Men try to tell us that this universe happened by chance. This verse reveals the intelligence and design behind all that we know and experience. Continuing in the chapter can show us even more about this power as this creation was from His spoken word. This verse tells us that God is greater and more powerful than anything we might ever experience.

His wisdom is shown in how the entire creation works to sustain and replenish itself according to the rules He set in place at the beginning. Again, the intelligence and design in creation is evident in how it works. Everything was created with forethought and understanding. He did not just create things, but He created systems and order so that those beings could continue and grow. He set in order the means by which his creation could replenish itself as long as the creation should stand.

When we consider the implications of "God created..." it should cause wonder and awe in our hearts and minds. The eternal power and wisdom of God is revealed in this simple statement of fact.

Beyond that, this passage forces the reader to decide at the beginning of Scripture. In this first statement we are called to either accept or reject. God created requires belief or there is no reason to read any farther. Accepting or rejecting this fact will have bearing in our understanding of life itself. If I do not believe this fact how will Scripture ever convince me of the need to obey God? If I do not accept this, what would be the point to even give serious consideration to anything contained in the Bible? Do you believe? Will you obey?

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10:20 AM • Sunday Worship Service
5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

For Our Information

Sue Soliday is improving and getting around much better.

JoBeth Henderson has been much better this week. She has been steadier and more active with very little itching or pain.

Deberah Brooks has knee surgery scheduled on April 14.

Tommy Robinson is taking treatment 5 days a week. This week he is on a break since his doctor is out of town.

Leta Rivera's MRI results were clear. Thanks to all for prayers.

Sunday evening - **Isaiah 51:17** Wednesday - **Revelation 15**

Spring Meeting - Terry Summerlin - April 26-29