

Everything is created by God. God is in everything created. Everything is to be honored as created.

"The Creation Story"

Heaven is declaring God's glory; the sky is proclaiming his handiwork. One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known. Of course, there's no speech, no words—their voices can't be heard, but their sound extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth.

The incarnation, Jesus as one of us,



- 2. Reveals God in the middle of Creation.
- 3. Displays God as everything.



Poor ourselves into everything!

Make everything reflect our personality!



look for God "up there somewhere".

hope to please the "man upstairs".

think of life as an upward "stairway to heaven".



The result becomes a:

Performance Based Spiritual Life of trying to please God.

Guilt Based Spiritual Life

of knowing we can never please God.

Defeat Based Spiritual Life

of given in and hoping God understands.

God in Creation

We are never alone.

We are never apart from God.

At our worst, God is there.

In our sin, God is there.

God in Creation

As we treat others, we treat God

As we treat creation, we treat God.

As we distance, we distance from God.

As we near others, we near God.

God in Creation

God in us for others.

God in others for us.

God in air for us to breathe





The LORD's Instruction is perfect,

reviving one's very being.

The LORD's laws are faithful,

making naive people wise.

The LORD's regulations are right,

gladdening the heart.

The LORD's commands are pure,

giving light to the eyes.

God's Word as we know it, is first and foremost to introduce us to the person, character, heart of our God.

Meeting the Heart of God, the Mind of Christ, the Personality of the Trinity is where we find hope, faith, and peace for our lives.

We humans tend to...



Study for a list to be righteous.

Search for text to be right.

Learn tool against evil.

The Results become a:

Weapon to be judgmental.

Reason to be separate.

Source of unattainable hope.

Creator of Doubt in hearts & minds.

John tells us that God in Creation brings life to everything.

We are in a continuous relationship with all people and creation.

God hovers and speaks.

God speaks and creates.

God in creation gives life.

The Incarnate Word, Jesus as Flesh,

- 1. Reveals the heart of God in us.
- 2. Demonstrates God's wisdom.
- 3. Infuses Hope that kindness prevails.
- 4. Gives Light to see God in others.



The quest of the believer...

to find God in this world.

to meet God in others.

to introduce God as we live.



Let the **words** of my mouth and the **meditations** of my heart be pleasing to you,
LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

When the *personality* of God in Christ joins with the *pondering* minds of God's Created People others will naturally notice.