# Strengthening Your Christian Life by Walking in the Light

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This session is about strengthening  your Christian life by walking in the light.

**In 2 Corinthians 4:6** we read *"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"*.

In previous sessions we looked at how important it is for a Christian to grow in faith and develop a Biblically based **world view**. A Biblical World View is understanding everything from God's perspective as outlined in His Word. When a Christian does this, they give the Lord first place in their life, in what they say, and in what they do.

**Previously, we saw that having a Biblical worldview is rather like putting on Biblical glasses**. Everything you see is understood through the **lens of Holy Scripture** which provides the context for understanding the whole world around us.

It is not coincidental that Holy Scripture begins with the Creator who made the heavens and the earth and everything in it.

- When Christ becomes Lord of your life, it is crucial to understand that the history of the Bible is a true, detailed and historical account of the creation of the heavens and the earth and its subsequent ruin by man's sin.

Thankfully, that ruin is not permanent. Scripture proclaims the great truth of Salvation through faith in Christ, this leads to a redeemed people and a new heavens and earth that will last for eternity.

**Until that day dawns we must live our life in a way that pleases Him. Now that Christ is at the centre of your life, you are empowered and enabled to live that life by walking in the light of His Word.**

**In Ephesians 5v8 we read:** *For you were once **darkness**, but now you are **light** in the Lord: walk as children of **light**.*

**So we must BE the people God made us to BE**. That means our thinking and decisions must be shaped by Holy Scripture and not by man's false theories.

**So, in what way does a Biblical Worldview enable the Christian to grow stronger?**

**In Romans 12:2** we read that the Christian is *"not to **conform** any longer to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of our mind"*. For the Christian, God's word and the Holy Spirit **transforms** our way of **thinking** which in turn **transforms** our **language,** our **behaviour**, and the **decisions** we make, in fact, **it changes just about everything**.

The Christian has been given FULL life in all its entirety, not half a new life.

In **Romans 6:4** we read that "*we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*"

- **However, the world wants to conform us and mould us to its way of thinking by developing in us a secular, evolutionary mindset. This is Satan's master attack upon the Christian world. God has transformed us, but Satan wants to transform us back into what we were before we were saved, he wants to bring us back to the way we once thought and behaved.**

Satan cannot undo your salvation in Christ, but he does seek to spoil your testimony for Christ.

Trying to smuggle into God's Word the millions of years of death, pain and destruction **before** man sinned brings us right back to the way we once thought and reasoned **before** we were saved.

**The Christian cannot and must not conform to this way of thinking**. It goes against everything Christ has done **for** you and **in** you. We **can** and **must** remain loyal to our Saviour because He gives us the strength to do so.

Now this is because the Christian has received the free gift of **new life in Christ**, which means that God has given us a **new direction** in life, with **new habits** and **a new focus** with **new priorities**. **God's priorities become our priorities**.

- **Genesis tells us that we have been created in God's image, and now we learn that we are being transformed into Christ's likeness by the Holy Spirit and not by holy evolution!**

**This transformation into a Christ like life is a constant, day by day process.**

So the first thing we Christians must do is to get our minds **detached** from the **worldview** of the secular culture that surrounds us and get firmly **established in Christ's culture**.

- But this is a challenge in our evolutionary saturated society. This is because evolution is the foundation of our secular culture that has **already** been **judged and condemned**. It is this culture that shapes and moulds the thinking of the **unsaved** who walk in **darkness** and sadly, it also affects the thinking of many Christians who have **not** broken free from this mindset.

Let us not forget that it is *"God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"* **2 Cor 4:6**. We Christians have no excuse.

**So the answer to 'evolutionary thinking' is 'Biblical thinking' which starts at the beginning of Holy Scripture, the book of Genesis.**

Now, when God decided to communicate His inspired word, the first thing He told us is **how** He went about creating the heavens and the earth.

- The exact order of events in the first chapter of Genesis is not accidental. Remember, God was there at the very beginning, and He has explained every stage of the creation process from Day 1 to Day 7.

**Also, let us not forget that God's inspired Word is not only for Christians. It is to the whole of mankind.**

In it, God reveals the way He created the whole universe out of nothing. Afterall, He was there in the beginning, and He told us how he did it.

- But the **unbeliever** walks in **darkness** and therefore rejects the revelation of God's creation account. The **unbeliever** prefers to believe man's account of how the universe came into existence.

**In Matthew 6:23 we read** *"if your eye be evil, your whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you be darkness, how **great** is that darkness!"*

**By contrast, Jesus declares:**

*"I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall **not** walk in darkness, but shall **have** the light of life".* **John 8:12**

**So how do You stand in relation to God's word? Do you accept God's historical account as written in Genesis? Or do you attempt to insert man's theories into God's Word to make His word conform to man's thinking?**

- **Remember, He was there in the beginning of Creation and He has told us how He did it. Or do you prefer to believe man's opinion, who wasn't there in the beginning?**

**In John 5:46-47** our Lord says *"If you had believed Moses, you would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if you believe not his writings, how shall you believe my words?"*

**Jesus affirmed the trustworthiness of God's Word from Genesis onwards**. He asks how people could believe His words if they did **not** believe the writings of Moses. The inspired writings of Moses includes the book of Genesis and the creation record.

**Therefore, when Christian's reinterpret the creation account in Genesis, they actually undermine God's inspired Word and the Gospel message**. It is shocking to think that, if Christians don't believe God's Word, how can we expect the sinner to believe?

- **The Psalmist said** *"Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever"* **Psalm 119:160.**

Another important factor is Jesus taught that the doctrine of marriage is grounded on the creation account in Genesis. In **Mark 10:6** He said that **God created male and female *"from the beginning of creation".***

- Evolutionists directly oppose Christ's teaching by placing the emergence of man millions of years later, long after the ***'beginning'***.

**A Christian cannot elevate man's corrupt and sinful belief system to the same level and standard of God's inspired, inerrant word**.

Should Christians trust the god eliminating speculations of evolutionists above our Sovereign Lord and His perfect Word? **Surely not!**

The Christian in **Jude v 3** is called to *"contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints"*. **God's great salvation plan is established on the very foundation laid in the Genesis creation account**.

- Our '**contending**' for the faith, which has its foundation upon Holy Scripture, starts in Genesis. This is why this book is so crucial to our faith.

**So guess which part of God's word does Satan's attack first? Yes 'Genesis'.**

Interestingly, because many major Biblical doctrines have their origin in the first book of the Bible, particularly in the first 11 chapters, they also provide Biblical answers to the very questions many people ask.

**For example:**

- What caused our universe come into existence? The answer is found in Genesis 1-11.
- What is mankind's origin and purpose? The answer is found in Genesis 1-11.
- Why are **we** sinners and why are **we** facing God's judgement? The answer is found in Genesis 1-11.

**We can go on**:

- **Why** do we wear clothes?
- **Where** does marriage come from?
- **Why** are there wars, crime and wickedness in our world?
- **Why** does humanity experience old age, suffering and death?
- **Why** are there clear rules for knowing what is right and wrong?
- **Why** do the wicked **appear** to get away with their crimes?
- **Why** will there be a new heaven and a new earth where there will be no sin, death and suffering but peace, joy and holiness?

**All are answered from Genesis 1-11 and in the subsequent teaching that is developed by the inspired writers and apostles from the foundation truths laid down in Genesis.**

- So the literal history in Genesis 1–11 (i.e., a literal, recent, six-day creation, man's rebellion, the global flood at the time of Noah, confusion of languages, the division of the nations, etc) is foundational, either directly or indirectly, to every major doctrine in the Bible.

**It is also the reason why Genesis provides the promise of the coming Saviour to destroy Satan and deliverance through the Gospel of Salvation**.

**This is why Genesis is the most attacked book in Holy Scripture. Now, if Genesis doctrine is undermined through man-made evolutionary philosophy, the message of the Saviour and the Salvation Christ brings is also marred.**

**And this is what Satan has been doing since the very beginning.**

Now, direct attacks on the Bible through modernist scholars and heretics are nothing new.

- But Christians need to be aware of Satan's more subtle tactics that bring confusion and uncertainty to the faith of many Christians as they seek to build their faith upon the Word of God.

**One of Satan's more devious strategies is trying to get Christians to harmonise and compromise the Bible with ungodly, secular claims about evolution and its millions of years**.

Trying to harmonize God's Word with secular claims about evolution cannot be done without seriously undermining the truth, clarity, and authority of Holy Scripture.

- When some Christians attempt to accommodate evolutionary theory into God's Word by using a variety of methods such as the **gap theory**, or **day-age theory**, or the **framework hypothesis**, or the **local flood view**, they seriously undermine biblical authority, **which is exactly what Satan wants to do**. And what better way to undermine God's Word, than to get Christians to unwittingly do it for him.

- So when Christians attempt to promote these concepts, and try to smuggle them into the text of the Bible, it then became abundantly clear that each view is based on arbitrary methods of interpretation and forced contradictions with the very text of Holy Scripture. **That is dangerous!**

**What then should be the position of the Christian who wants to honour God and walk in His ways?**

As Christians, we believe the Bible is truth revealed by God, who is the true Creator of the universe. That belief is the basic foundation of all genuine Christianity. It is utterly incompatible with the speculative presuppositions of the naturalists.

In Scripture the Creator Himself has revealed to us everything essential for life and godliness. And it starts with an account of creation. If the biblical creation account is in any degree unreliable, the rest of Scripture stands on a shaky foundation.

- But the foundation is *not* shaky. The more You and I understand what God has revealed to us about our origin, the more we see clearly that the foundation stands firm.

The Bible gives a clear account of the beginnings of the universe and humanity. There is absolutely no reason for an intelligent mind to stumble at accepting it as a literal account of the origin of our universe.

- **How should the Christian stand?**

God expects His children to be ready to give answers and reasons for what we believe. In **1 Peter 3:15** we read, "*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."* **How can we do this with success if we compromise God's word? How can the Holy Scriptures have power to convict the sinner of sin and judgement if we seriously hinder the work of the Holy Spirit by weakening God's Word with man's theories?**

**It is important that God's Word is firmly in our hearts for us to be strong in faith.**

We must understand that:

**1. Genesis shows God as the Creator of everything and nothing exists without Him.**

So, with the very first verse, the book of Genesis proclaims that the eternal God created the heavens and earth in the beginning of time, **Genesis 1:1**.

This historical account from God is in **direct opposition with the mindset of evolutionists**, who prefer to trust in accidental chance and blind processes over billions of years for the origin of the universe and all life on earth.

In contrast, God used His creative power and spoke everything into existence out of nothing over a literal 7 day creation week.

**Now since God made everything, all things belong to the Creator and not to blind, ignorant, undirected, mindless forces.**

**The blindness of this type of mindset is revealed by the apostle Paul who says:**

*"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**. Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."* **Romans 1:20-22**

**2. Genesis reveals the ruin of mankind and the state of his heart.**

Genesis explains the origin of sin and death. Although created in God's image and were made to walk in His ways, the first man and women rebelled against their Creator and sin, suffering and death entered our world as an invader.

All of this chaos is the result of sin and rebellion and not through millions of years of evolution.

**By teaching evolution as 'fact' it actually glorifies suffering and death as the mechanism in which life forms evolve into higher life forms**.

The persistent teaching of evolution is not genuine scientific enquiry but the outcome of a sinful, rebellious heart towards God.

**The book of Genesis and Romans teaches that sinful man likes to hide from his Maker and sin's consequences**.

- Incredibly, while evolutionists have never seen the origin of any form of life or any life advancing to a higher stage of life, they have certainly seen the **opposite occurring**, namely the **degenerating trend** of living things towards death, decay and extinction.

To conclude, in the Creation Week that is carefully explained in Genesis, God called the finished creation ***"very good"***. Therefore, no evolutionary process of death and extinction "**improved**" God's design.

Plants and animals only vary within their created kinds. Genesis shows that pain, suffering and death is the result of man's sin against his Creator, not through imagined evolutionary processes.

- The apostle Paul in Romans confirms the Genesis account. He teaches that sin and death came into the world through one man, **Adam**. Adam's sinful nature spread to every member of the human race: *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23).

**In 1Corinthians 15:25-26 we read** *"For he (Christ) must reign, till he has put all enemies under his feet. **The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death**."*

- This passage identifies the last enemy to be destroyed. It is **death** itself. Therefore, death is not a mechanism of evolution but the outcome of man's rebellion against His Creator.

**In Revelation 20:14** we read *"death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death."*

**Those who teach that God uses evolution along with death as a mechanism of evolutionary processes have lost touch with the Great White Throne judgement at the end of the age**. God's word says that death is an **enemy**, an **enemy**, of man and an **enemy** of God.

**Sin and death are intruders within God's creation not mechanisms that create life.**

- Furthermore, one of the reasons why Christ died for sinners is that we should never face eternal separation from God.

Death is the result of man's sin that was dealt with at the Cross. It is not part of any blind evolutionary process that is unable to think, that cannot design, that cannot plan, that cannot save, that cannot redeem and has no ultimate purpose but eternal oblivion.

**How different is the Word of God**.

**God's purpose is to save sinners and bring them into His eternal kingdom of righteousness, peace, joy, power and glory**.

**In Daniel 12:2-3 we read**: *"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. and* ***they that be wise*** *shall shine as the* ***brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."*** **Let us be wise**.

### 3. Genesis reveals the promised Seed and Servant who will perfectly do God's will.

The very first Messianic prophecy is in the book of **Genesis** - **Genesis 3:15**, we read that God promised that the Seed of the woman would conquer Satan and rescue us from sin and death.

- The Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled this promise. If mankind evolved and death, pain and suffering is part of the mechanism of life, how can God rescue us from a process that He used in His creation?

**Now it gets even worse**. When the Son of God became man, His physical body would, according to theistic evolution, be the outcome of human evolution! Those who teach theistic evolution should understand the consequences of devious and evil doctrine.

As eternally one with God, Jesus is the **Author** of creation.

Colossians 1:16-17. *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist (hold together)*.

- **Finally, the Genesis record is true and to be trusted, because…**

God's glory, His power and wisdom in creating all things, reaching out to sinful man, and extending peace through the Savior is established in Genesis. Therefore, Genesis really matters!

- When sinful man responds in faith and repentance to the crucified and risen Lord Jesus, this glorifies God, and may we glorify the God of creation, the God of salvation and the inspirer of Holy Scripture by believing it from the very beginning through to its conclusion in the book of Revelation.

- **Remember it was the Eternal Word that became flesh and He lived among us. It is He who lovingly conveyed His word to us. We can wholly trust that what He says is absolutely true and 100% dependable.**

Dear Christian, do not compromise God's word, work hard to develop a Christian Worldview. Put on those Biblical glasses so you can walk with the Lord in the light of His word and live the life that God has prepared for you.

Thank you.

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