

The Agent of Creation

John 1:3

Thought for the Day: Jesus Christ is our Creator-God, who therefore deserves our praise, worship, obedience, and service.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.

(Cp. John 1:11-12, 14, 18; 1 John 1:1-3; Revelation 19:11-16; Hebrews 1:1-3; John 10:30-33)

Who is Jesus Christ?

- Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God who has existed together with God the Father in an intimate, personal, face-to-face, co-equal relationship for all of eternity.
- Jesus Christ is fully God, sharing equally with God the Father, all of the character, nature, qualities, and attributes of divinity.
- Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Trinity—one God consisting of three separate-but-equal Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus Christ is fully God who became fully Man in the Incarnation. He fully identified with us in our humanity, and yet, was without sin (Hebrews 4:15).
- As the Word of God, Jesus Christ is the supreme manifestation, communication, and revelation of God to mankind. God speaks to us and reveals Himself to us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Why did Jesus come to earth?

- Jesus came to earth for the purpose of revealing God to Man. In Him we see the perfections of God's character and nature.
- Jesus came so that we might experience an intimate, personal, saving relationship with God through faith in and commitment to Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord.
- Specifically, He came to die on the cross for our sins and to give us the gift of eternal life through faith in Him as our substitutionary sacrifice.
- Jesus is coming again to execute the judgment and wrath of God upon those who reject Him as the Rightful Ruler of their lives.
- Jesus came to deliver us from the wrath of God by taking that wrath upon Himself through His death on the cross.
- In the end, when we stand before the Lord Jesus Christ, He will either be our Savior or our Judge: The choice is ours!

How should we respond to Him?

- We need to accept Him as the Savior of our soul and the Lord of our life.
- We should honor, respect, worship, and serve Him as our God and Savior.

3 All things were made through him and without him was not any thing made that was made.

- Genesis 1:1 – **In the beginning, God** [Heb. *Elohim*] *created the heavens and the earth.*
John 1:1-3 – **In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God...All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

- John clearly identifies Jesus Christ with *Elohim* (Gen. 1:1), the all-powerful God who created the universe and everything in it *ex nihilo*—*out of nothing!*
- John further asserts that Jesus Christ is *Yahweh (Jehovah)*, the self-existent and eternal God. (Isaiah 40:28; 45:18; Exodus 20:11)
- “All things were made through him” means the entire universe and everything in it, both material and spiritual.
- All three Persons of the Trinity were involved in the creation of the universe.
 - God the Father was the Author of Creation.
 - God the Son was the Agent of Creation.
 - “Through” means “by way of; indicating means or agency.” (*Webster’s Dict.*)
 - Jesus is both our Creator and our Savior.
 - God the Holy Spirit is the Adjunct (associate or assistant) of Creation.
 - Genesis 1:1-2 – the building blocks for the doctrine of the Trinity.
 - Genesis 1:26-27 – members of the Trinity counseling and cooperating together.
 - Man is not created in the image of angels.
 - People do not die and become angels.
 - Male and female together constitute and reflect the image of God.
- We see the same economy (arrangement, system, mode of operation) and relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the work of Salvation. (Ephesians 1:3-14)
 - God the Father chooses, wills & purposes, plans & predetermines, and sets goals.
 - God the Son executes the will, purpose, and plans of the Father.
 - God the Holy Spirit brings the will of the Father and the work of the Son into practical reality in our lives, guaranteeing that God’s work of eternal salvation is brought to completion.
- **All things were made through him** “follows the consistent pattern of Scripture in saying that God the Father carried out his creative works through the activity of the Son (cf. 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2). This verse disproves any suggestion that the Word (or the Son, John 1:14) was created, for the Father would have had to do this by himself, and John says that nothing was created that way, for **without him was not any thing made that was made.**” (*ESV Study Bible, p. 2019*)
 - 1 Corinthians 8:6 – the Father is the Author of creation; Jesus is the Agent of creation.
 - Colossians 1:15-17 – “Firstborn” does not mean first created; it means first in rank; Jesus is supreme, superior, and above all of that which He created. He is “before all things” both in rank and in time. He is the Creator and Sustainer of all creation.
 - Hebrews 1:2 – “...through whom (Jesus) also He (the Father) created the world.”

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- He is our all-powerful, self-existent, eternal Creator-God, Creator and Sustainer of all things, both material and spiritual.

How should we respond to Him?

- We should praise, worship, obey, and serve Him.