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# **Beginnings**

## **All Things New**

# 1. God Created.

- However, it was *actually* a rare idea when it was first recorded.
- Suddenly, God is the creator, not just a manipulator of material.

- When your fingerprints are on it your heart is in it.
- God is nuts about you for no other reason than you have his fingerprints all over you.
- We don't just believe that God is Father, but also that he is the Son and Spirit.

## 2. Spirit Created.

- Jesus, however, introduced the Spirit as a unique person of the Godhead.
- That Hebrew word indicates a kind of vibration or quaking.
- Whatever is on your mind is also on God's heart because of the Holy Spirit.

### 3. Jesus Created

- If we were to fast-forward to John 1:1, we would see that Jesus is the embodied Word of God called the “logos.”

- God the Father is the architect who designed the plan.
- God the Son was the builder who created our universe.
- And God the Spirit acted as the engineer to infuse this creation with life, beauty, and order.

## 4. The *Difference* a Christian Creational Worldview Makes.

- For those that believe that matter is eternal, *matter* is what matters most.
- In my opinion, this is a consequence of *losing sight* of God the Father.

- However, most Christians in my experience have ignored the *Spirit* in creation.
- Protecting creation without *knowing* the *creator* is making a false god out of what we should be ruling rather than worshipping.



- Salvation cannot be merely about going to heaven someday, but about bringing heaven to earth today.
- What I'm suggesting is that a recognition of Jesus in creation demands social engagement with the structures of inequity, injustice, and prejudice that plague our world today.