

## THE CREATION OF ME

God is still active in the work of creation, especially in each one of us. Purpose to participate willingly with God in the “creation of me”.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ When God created light, planets plants and animals, He did so simply by the word of His mouth.
- ❖ God said “Light” and there light was. He spoke of stars and planets and moons – and there they were (see Genesis 1).
- ❖ But when He came to the creation of man, God used His hands to form Adam out of the dust of the earth.
- ❖ However, the job was not done. The new creation lay there – created by the hands of God, but lifeless.
- ❖ Then God breathed into Adam. No word spoken, just the breath of God. Breath that filled Adam’s lungs, transforming a clay figure into a living, breathing soul. Breath Adam could use to form any word, to express any feeling, any meaning he should desire.
- ❖ And God told Adam to use words of his choice to name everything in his surroundings – trees, places, animals, experiences. He said “whatever you call it, that’s what it will be.” Even Eve. God created her using Adam’s rib as raw material, but it was Adam who chose what to call her (see Genesis 2:7, 19-23).
- ❖ In that sense God enabled mankind to participate in creation. God created the big gray animal with a trunk, but Adam decided to call it “elephant.”
- ❖ God created a planet with rings around it. Human beings decided to name it “Saturn.”
- ❖ God created every opportunity and circumstance of your life. But you get to decide what you will call it.
- ❖ God breathed into Adam the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). But Adam had to choose how to use that breath, what words he would speak, and what he would create through those words.
- ❖ You and I have that same privilege. If you watch, you will see this play out time after time in your life.
- ❖ One of the great realizations we can have is one that David was so moved by that he recorded it in Psalm 139:14: “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”
- ❖ God took great care in the creation of the world. But is He finished?
- ❖ Romans 8:22-25 tells us that all of creation is groaning as if in childbirth, waiting for the revealing of creation’s ultimate product – the children of God.
- ❖ God is taking great care in the creation of you. If it feels at times like your whole world is groaning and trembling – as if there’s something yet to happen – you’re right.

**KEY SCRIPTURES:** Genesis 1-2; I John 3:2-3  
Psalm 139:13-15, Romans 8:18-25,  
2 Corinthians 3:17-18

- ❖ Turmoil, difficult choices, circumstances – “the good, the bad and the ugly” – are all tools of God at work in the creation of you.
- ❖ Notice and act on these three things:
  1. God’s hand is always present in the creation of us. He shapes and molds everything of earth that has to do with us. *We have the opportunity to recognize and welcome God’s hand in our creation.*
  2. You can take part in the creation of you. First, choose to be God’s new creation by entering “into Christ”. This goes beyond being baptized at one point in time. “If any man be IN Christ...” (2 Corinthians 5:17). It’s a continual thing. *Every day immerse yourself in him. Like David, pray, “Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10).*
  3. The creation of me into God’s image takes place as I fill myself with His word. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says that as we take in and reflect on the word of God, we are changed into His likeness, from one state of glory to the next. *Read His word; reflect on it; put it into your mouth.* Something powerful occurs as we use the breath of God to speak the words of God.
- ❖ God worked with the early apostles, confirming the words they spoke (His word!) with signs following.
- ❖ God wants us to get busy working with Him in the creation of you and me.
- ❖ God, who never changes, will confirm His word, with signs following, in each of our lives.

### REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Spend extra time with the word of God this week. Speak it out loud. Use the breath that He gives you to proclaim His words.
2. Use your God-given breath to worship and praise the God who gave it to you. Speak His word into the ears/hearts of others.

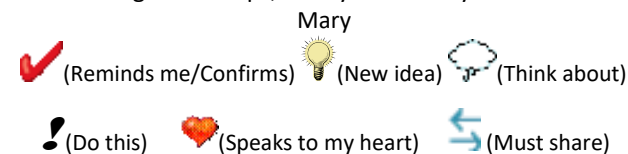
### Prayer Time

Lord, please continue to breathe Your Spirit into me, and to form me into Your image. In Jesus’ name. amen.

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### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.




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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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Go deeper with your Life Group family.  
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD  
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

Start-up: Have you ever created anything with your hands? What craft are you skilled in or interested to learn?