

The Son ~ *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1*

The Holy Spirit ~ *And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2b.*

3. God chose you!

- a. God chose you before the creation of the world! What does this tell you about God's plan for you in His kingdom? ~ *But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:13.*
- b. How do you become a child of the Father? ~ *But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12*
- c. We are adopted as God's sons! Knowing we are sinful and God is perfect. How is this adoption special? ~ *And if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him. Romans 8:17*
- d. What are the blessings of being adopted by God both now and eternally? ~ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. Ephesians 1:3-4*

The Creation

Genesis 1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 8 And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night." 15 And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. 20 And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.



**In the beginning God created the heavens
and the earth. Genesis 1:1**

24 And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.”

27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 31 And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done.

(Read also: John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:16)

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 14 To this He called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh, Worship the King

Robert Grant

Oh, worship the King, All glorious above;
Oh, gratefully sing, His power and His love,
Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, And girded with praise!

A Closer Look: The Father - Adoption as Sons

God the Father is eternal, He existed before time began. He created the heavens and the earth by His Word. He knew everything about us even before the world was formed! His love for us is so great that He created us, promised us a Savior, and claimed us as His adopted children.

1. God has no beginning or end. In Revelation 1:8 He calls Himself the Alpha and Omega, the Greek for beginning and end. What is He saying about Himself? ~ *“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”*
 - a. What does it mean that God is all powerful? ~ *For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. Romans 1:20*
 - b. No matter what happens to this world, God is there. What assurance do you have that God is with you regardless what happens in your life? ~ *You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of Your hands; 11 they will perish, but You remain; they will all wear out like a garment, 12 like a robe You will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will have no end. Hebrews 1:10-12*
(Read also: Hebrews 13:5)
 - c. As you go about your daily life, what does it mean to you that God is in control? ~ *Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Psalm 68:19 (Read also: Isaiah 46:9-10)*
2. Even before the world began, the triune God was in control. These verses show His presence at the creation of the world.

The Father ~ *Is not He your Father, who created you, who made you and established you? Deuteronomy 32:6b*