**Foundational Truths - Mankind**

**Genesis 1:24-25** NKJV - “*Then God said, “Let the* ***earth*** *bring forth the living creature* ***according to its kind****: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind”; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.”*

**Kind** - Hebrew word “Meen” - species

Evolution teaches that one species evolves from another species. But the Bible says that God created each living thing on the earth according to its kind, its own species.

**Genesis 1:26** NKJV - “*Then God said, “Let* ***Us*** *make* ***man*** *in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.””*

Notice that when God created the animals He said “*let the earth bring forth……”*

When He created the sea creatures He said, “*let the waters bring forth….”*

When He created mankind, He said “Let us”. **Plants and animals came from the ground and the sea, but man came from God!!!**

We are not in the animal class or kind; **we are in the God class of being**.

**1 Corinthians 15:39** AMPC - “*For all flesh is not the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for beasts, another for birds, and another for fish.”*

We did not evolve from animals; our flesh is different.

**Genesis 1:26** NKJV - “*Then God said, “Let* ***Us*** *make* ***man*** *in Our image, according to Our likeness;”*

**Image** - image like a shadow, or a cut out.

**Likeness** - likeness, similitude, or pattern.

**Similitude** - Likeness; resemblance; likeness in nature, qualities of appearance; as similitude of substance.

**We are free moral agents**. That means that we make our own decisions about things. Nobody is pulling our strings, you get to choose how you are going to be, what you are going to do and speak. Nobody is forcing you to do anything, you get to decide.

**Genesis 1:27-28** NKJV - “*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*”

God created everything for us. He created everything and ***THEN*** He made us. Everything was prepared for us before we got here.

**Genesis 2:7** NKJV - “*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*”

**Psalms 8:3** NKJV - “*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,*”

There are 3 heavens the Bible talks about.

1. Heaven - The place where God the Father dwells.
2. Heavens - referring to the stars and expanse of space.
3. Heavens - The atmosphere of the earth.

**Psalms 8:4** NKJV - “*What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?*”

**Psalms 8:5-8** NKJV - “*For You have made him a little lower than the* ***angels****, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, All sheep and oxen— Even the beasts of the field, The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.*”

You are not an angel, nor will you ever be an angel. You are a different class of being than angels.

**Angels** - eloheim - God

This is the only time in the OT where the Bible translates the word for GOD, angel. It should be translated God.

**Psalms 8:5** YLT98 - “*And causest him to lack a little of Godhead, And with honour and majesty compassest him.*”

**Genesis 17:1** NKJV - “*When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.*”

**Shaddai** - self sufficient.

God didn’t need us. He is self-sufficient. WE NEED HIM! FOR EVERYTHING.

This is the difference in what we lack. We are dependent on God for our existence.

**Acts 17:28-29** NKJV - “*for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.”*

You are a child of God. Not the universe. Not the world. Not the earth. You don’t ever stop being a child of God just because you get older, just like your kids will never stop being your child no matter how old they get.