

The Christian Worldview:
Creation, Fall, Redemption

Introduction:

- The problem of bits and pieces
- The problem of connecting the Old and New Testaments
- The problem of dualism

I. Creation (Genesis 1-2): Where am I? Who am I? Why am I?

- A. Genesis 1-2—where am I?
- B. Genesis 1: 26-28—Who am I and why am I?

II. Fall/Uncreation (Genesis 3): What's Gone Wrong?

- A. The story and consequences of the fall (Gen. 3: 1-24)
- B. The essence of the fall: autonomy, self-legislating, non-sacramental

III. Redemption/New Creation (Genesis 3: 15-Revelation 22): What's the Remedy?

- A. Old Testament: promises and covenants of redemption
 1. Creation covenant
 2. Protevangelium: Gen. 3: 15
 3. Noahic covenant: Gen. 9
 4. Abrahamic covenant: Gen. 12
 5. Sinai/Israeli covenant: Exod. 19
 6. Davidic covenant: 2 Sam. 7
 7. New covenant: Jer. 31
- B. New Testament: fulfillment and consummation of redemption
 1. "Already" (Realized Eschatology)
 2. "Not Yet" (Future Eschatology)

IV. Creation, Fall, and Redemption in the New Testament

A. Gospel of John

1. Logos as agent of creation (John 1: 1-3)
2. Logos as agent of new creation/redemption (John 1: 14-18; and the rest of the gospel)

B. Epistle to the Romans

1. Creation (Rom. 1: 18-20)
2. Fall (Rom. 1: 21-3: 20)

3. Redemption (Rom. 3: 21-16: 27)

C. Epistle to the Colossians (Cosmic Christ of Colossians)

1. Christ as cosmic creator (Col. 1: 15-17)
2. Christ as cosmic redeemer (Col. 1: 18-23)

D. Epistle to the Hebrews

1. Christ as creator and preserver of the universe (Heb. 1: 1-3)
2. Christ as redeemer from sin (Heb. 1: 4-13: 25)

E. The Revelation

1. Worship of God as creator (Rev. 4)
2. Worship of Christ as redeemer (Rev. 5)

V. Creation, Fall and Redemption in Church History

A. St. Augustine's *City of God*

B. John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion* (Knowledge of God the Creator and Knowledge of God the Redeemer)

VI. Creation, Fall, and Redemption in Music!

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory, David Clowney (age 16)
To the tune *Ode for Joy*, L. Beethoven

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of Your creatures! Psalm 104: 24

1. God, all nature sings Thy glory, and Thy works proclaim Thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.
2. Clearer still we see Thy hand in man whom Thou hast made for Thee;
Ruler of creation's glory, image of Thy Trinity.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days;
Are the calling of His Maker, to the harvest feast of praise.
3. But our sins have spoiled Thine image; nature, conscience only serve,
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet Thy grace and saving mercy in Thy Word of truth revealed.
Claim the praise of all who know Thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.
4. God of glory, power, and mercy, all creation praises Thee;
We, Thy creatures, would adore Thee, now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;
With our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill. Amen.

