

Do You Believe In Creation?

Colossians 1:15

You Better Believe In Creation

Because Your Savior, JESUS CHRIST, Created All Things.

Colossians 1:13-15

13 **For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,**

14 **in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

15 **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

We have moved to the most valuable Seven verses in all the bible on teaching about Jesus Christ.

We have studied how He is the only Son loved of God, and from Isaiah 53 and John 10 we are told why God the Father loves His Son JESUS CHRIST.

John 10:17

17 **“For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life soul, (as a guilt offering) so that I may take it again.**

This is explained in Isaiah 53:10

10 **But the LORD (GOD THE FATHER) was pleased To crush Him, (crush His soul—picture of Spiritual death) putting Him to**

grief; (sickness of sin) **If He would render** (lay down) **Himself** (His soul) **as a guilt offering,**

Then in Colossians 1:15 we studied how JESUS CHRIST is Deity and the Hypostatic Union of JESUS CHRIST. **He is the image of the invisible God.** This phrase is variously translated and understood.

The Greek word **image** is translated: **image, likeness, representation, visible likeness, visible image.**

Two eggs might look alike but the Greek word used here would not apply to these two eggs looking alike, because one egg is not derived from the other.

The phrase: **who is the image of God** is also variously translated, each translation attempting to include what is going on in this phrase:

He in his own person shows us what God is like;

or

“is exactly like God”

or

“he reveals perfectly what God is like”.

“This word includes a **likeness, a representation and a revealing.**”

**JESUS CHRIST is God
and, therefore, presents the exact image of God.**

As the Greek Biblical scholar Kenneth Wuest interprets this phrase:
...who is a derived reproduction and manifestation of absolute deity, the

invisible deity.

JESUS CHRIST is God or God is JESUS CHRIST.

It is highly unfortunate that even some Christians claim that the Muslim god Allah is the God the bible.

To Muslims “Jesus cannot be **God**, nor can **God** be a Father, for he cannot have a son. Therefore, if Muslims reject **God** as the Father of Jesus, then **Allah** cannot be the same as the **God** of the Bible.” And since JESUS CHRIST is not God, then the God of the Bible is not Allah. There are multitude of other reasons as to why Allah is not YHWH or the God of the Bible or the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

He is the exact image of the invisible God. This, of course, describes the fact that God is spiritual and cannot be seen by man or angel.

Next we have a very important description of JESUS CHRIST...
the first born of all creation.

JESUS CHRIST is the first born in His true Humanity.

- (1) The word translated **first** has two distinct senses, both in Greek and in English. It may refer to first in time; or it may refer to first in rank. eg. She is first lady of the nation referring to the wife of the President of the USA.
- (2) When applied to JESUS CHRIST it means that He is first in rank. This is clearly seen in Psalm 89: 27
“I (God the Father) also shall make him (JESUS CHIST) *My firstborn, (that is) The highest of the kings of the earth.*”

(3) **“first born”** is a technical word used in connection with the tradition of Israel.

a Definition:

First born refers to the first son out of the womb.

b Daughters were never an issue in the tradition of the **first born**.

c The arrogance of females today is so lacking in the Plan of God. God is not the author of confusion but of order. And in God’s plan the woman was not to have authority over men. *Don’t get excited ladies, this does not mean that they are inferior to men.*

In fact, the woman may be smarter than the man, she may even be stronger than the man but in God’s plan of order, the husband is in final authority. So often when a woman assumes this authority over her husband, she is not happy in the marriage.

d She would marry and, therefore, belong to another family. However, in the giving of the land to some daughters as an inheritance... if they accepted the land they could not marry a man from another tribe; The land had to remain in the tribe that was allotted that portion of land.

e So the first born refers to the first born MALE child

- (4) Now that we understand a little about the definition let us move to the three primary inheritance of the first born. The **first born** in Israel has three primary privileges
- a Rulership
 - b Double Portion
 - c Priesthood

You can see from this, how JESUS CHRIST can be both KING and PRIEST after the order of Melchizedek.

As to Rulership:

Historically Reuben lost this to Judah
(Genesis 49:8-12 and 1 Chronicles 5:1)

The **first born** was in authority over the other members of the family. Under this privilege, JESUS CHRIST is the eternal Ruler of all who believe.... OF ISRAEL and OF THE NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH.

As to Double Portion:

He receives all believers OF ISRAEL and ALL GENTILE BELIEVERS.

As to Priesthood:

He is the eternal High Priest—FOR ISRAEL and FOR THE CHURCH
the first born of all creation.

To fully grasp this phrase, it must be understood with the next phrase: **For by Him all things were created.**

This is all very confusing if you do not understand the Hypostatic Union of JESUS CHRIST.

He is:

- 1 The loved Son of God –**deity; He is God**
- 2 **in whom** (JESUS CHRIST) **we have redemption, forgiveness of sins** (Humanity of JESUS CHRIST: by His cross work)
- 3 **the exact image of the invisible God Hypostatic Union.** Being **God**, Himself He reveals what **God** is like in His **Humanity**.
- 4 And now **the first born of all creation** deity—existing before any created being or thing, and therefore ranking above all creation or is superior to all creation—ANGEL or MANKIND.

Don't miss the flow from verse 14 to verse 15.

In verse 14 Paul describes what we have in Christ, what we are to give thanks to Him, and now in verse 15 Paul sets out to describe this Jesus to us.

Also the phrase **first born of all creation** means that:

- 1 JESUS CHRIST ranks **first** or **above** all creation. He is **superior to** and in **authority over** all creation.
- 2 That JESUS CHRIST preceded all creation, and, therefore, the next phrase will tell us He created all things that are in existence. **He existed before all creation and it will be through Him that all things are created.**

- 3 JESUS CHRIST is distinct from all creation, He is set apart from every created being, angel or man or animal (idolatry)

JESUS CHRIST is God,
JESUS CHRIST is humanity.

The doctrine of the Hypostatic Union deals with the uniqueness of the person of JESUS CHRIST and (*while this may seem rather academic,*) this happens to be the most vital information about JESUS CHRIST you could ever know.

Your Very Existence, as created;

Your Salvation, as saved;

Your Eternity, where you will spend eternity;

Your Provisions in time, (everything) depends on the fact that JESUS CHRIST is unique.

He is both God and man in one person.

It is the uniqueness of Christ that leads to the uniqueness of His being our Savior. And everything you will ever have or ever possess in time or eternity is from Him. Everything that you have depends upon the uniqueness of JESUS CHRIST. JESUS CHRIST is totally unique. And we should give THANKS daily for the uniqueness of our Savior-friend JESUS CHRIST.

Everything depends on the Hypostatic Union of JESUS CHRIST.

It is also interesting that the one who created man, became man

in order to save man, that He might spend eternity with man. Again if you ever wonder how important you are to JESUS CHRIST read the Lord's Prayer in John 17 where He prays to God the Father that we might be with Him forever:

John 17:24 (NASB95)

24 **“Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.**

Verse 16: Everything is created by JESUS CHRIST for JESUS CHRIST

16 **For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.**

Lets read this verse again, only this time lets number at all the things we learn from this one verse.

- 1 **For by Him** (Deity of JESUS CHRIST) **all things were created,**
- 2 **both in the heavens and on earth,**
- 3 **visible and invisible,**
- 4 **whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**
- 5 **all things have been created through Him and**
- 6 **for Him.**

You will note that in the English this verse begins and ends with the preposition: **for** but this is a causal particle at the beginning not **for** but **because**—introduces the theological grounds for the previous statement that **Christ is the first born of all creation**
Because by Him For by means of Him—referring of course to JESUS

CHRIST as God We are learning about the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

This learning began at the end of verse 13 where we have **the kingdom of the Son of His love.**

Then beginning in verse 14 we have the relative pronoun referring to JESUS CHRIST introduces His saving work.

Then verse 15 another relative pronoun referring to JESUS CHRIST as the God-man in the Hypostatic Union..

Then in verse 16 we learn that He is the creator of all things.

Because by means of Him all things were created now, this will not make good English but it makes great Greek and great theology.

There is a definite article here: **Because by means of Him the all things were created** Aorist Passive Indicative of the Greek word **to create**.

The Aorist tense tells us no more than the fact that each of the categories listed were created in an instant by His spoken word. **God—JESUS CHRIST spoke and the heavens and earth were created, JESUS CHRIST spoke and all the angels were created.** The Passive voice emphasized the fact that everything received, **being created**, coming into existence by the spoken word of God. The Passive voice is very important here.

This tells us Angels or man did not bring themselves into

existence, nor did they evolved, but **the all things** were purposefully designed and brought into existence by JESUS CHRIST and for JESUS CHRIST.

Next time you see a picture of a beautiful strange creature from the bottom of the sea, you just remember that JESUS CHRIST designed and created that creature for Himself and, therefore, every human being was designed by and for JESUS CHRIST.

So you don't judge One Another... you leave all the judging up to JESUS CHRIST.

Right here you can see why the powers of the air, or the powers of the thinking of mankind, had to get rid of the Bible.

He (Satan) had to remove the bible first out from the judicial system in America, then out of education and in multitude of cases out of churches and homes.

Once the bible is removed from the judicial system, the Supreme Court can make any decision it wishes in regard to morality.

For example:

condoning and advancing same sex marriage. And making it constitutional to teach evolution and a degrading system of morality .

Once the bible is removed from the educational system, schools,

Colleges, etc., they can now teach the **theory** of evolution without mentioning the **theory** of creation by an intelligent being, **God**.

The first thing that has to happen is to remove the Bible. Get even Christians to doubt it is Divinely inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God.

Remove the bible from judicial system and educational system and as the final authority for churches and Christians. Once the bible is removed then he can introduce, immorality as morality, (right is wrong and wrong is right).

He (Satan as the Ruler of the Powers of the Air Ephesians 2:2) can then introduce science to take the place of the teaching of the Word of God and by science advance evolution and immorality.

DEFINITIONS (FROM DAVID A. NOEBEL)

Creationism: *“A scientific theory that God was directly involved in creating the universe and all the various kinds of plants and animals, including mankind as created in God’s image.”*

Evolution: *“In biology, the idea that life on earth*

originated from inanimate matter and proceeded to change over time into the diversity of plants and animals as evidenced by fossils and currently living organisms.”

“The theory proposed by Charles Darwin that species gradually evolved into new species over time due to natural selection.”

DEFINITIONS IN MERRIAM WEBSTER’S COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY TENTH EDITION.

Creationism:

“A doctrine or theory holding that matter, the various forms of life and the world were created by God out of nothing and usually in the way described in Genesis.”

You can see from this definition that the bible must be set aside and not considered for any discussion, be that discussion, origin of all things, morality and eternity.

Evolution:

“The historical development of a biological group (as a race or species) ...a theory that the various types of animals and plants have their origin in other preexisting types and that the distinguishable differences are due to modification in successive generations.”

There is no problem with **horizontal evolution**, but the bible completely rejects **vertical evolution** where one species gives existence to an entirely different species.

What Darwin observed was **horizontal evolution** in turtles; He did not observe a reptile species (turtles) evolve into a mammal species.

Now as to our phrase in Colossians 1:

Because by means of Him the all things were created.

This takes us into a brief look at creation in the bible.

Genesis 1:1

1 **In the beginning** (that is a special beginning) **God** (in the Hebrew; this is Elohim –referring to the essence of the being of God) **created the heavens and the earth.**

We know which member of the Godhead created the original universe(s) JESUS CHRIST;

Colossians 1:16 tells us JESUS CHRIST, the second member of the

Godhead created all things.

16 **For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.**

Gospel of John 1:3

3 **All things came into being through Him, (JESUS CHRIST) and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.**

Now look down at Gospel of John 1:10

10 **He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.**

1 Cor. 8:6

6 **yet for us** (referring to believers in JESUS CHRIST who also believe the Bible is the **Divinely inspire, infallible, inerrant Word of God**) **there is *but* one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we *exist* for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we *exist* through Him.**

Hebrews 1:2 – includes God the Father as the author of the Plan of Creation of all things.

2 **in these last days** (Church Age) **has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.**

Genesis 1:1

1 **In the special beginning** (of all things heavens, earth and angels) **God created** (there are several Hebrew words for 'create'. The one used here in Genesis 1:1 is 'bara' which basically means to create or make something out of nothing, and only God is the subject of this verb throughout the Old Testament. It is used in verse 21 for the creation of animal life and in verse 27 referring to the inner constitution of man (soul and spirit).

And The Lord Created Or Brought These Things By Just Speaking:

Psalm 33:6

5 **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host.**

Psalm 33:9

9 **For He** (the LORD JESUS CHRIST) **spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood forth.** (Came into existence.)

2 Peter 3:5

5 **For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the heavens existed long ago* and *the earth was formed out of water and by water,***

Hebrews 11:3

3 **By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.**

Ok, here is the challenge to all you young people and every other believer.

It Is By Faith!

No one can prove Creation nor can anyone prove evolution. It is by Faith – first in the Word of God, then in God Himself, that we know how the world came into being.

Faith!

here is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith (1 John 5:4)

That **THE WORLD –HEAVENS** and **EARTH** were created by the spoken word of JESUS CHRIST, shows the importance of Communication—God’s gift to humanity. Be sure you use communication but do not abuse communication.

Genesis 1:1

1 **In a special beginning God (JESUS CHRIST) created out of nothing the heavens and the earth**

Time:

This is a great on-going battle; YOUNG EARTH vs OLD EARTH; But according to the bible this is an unknown factor, despite the theory of Carbon 14. The Bible does not give the antiquity of the universe While we can conclude the existence of pre-historic life, there is no date telling the length of existence.

A word about the phrase:

Pre-historic:

This means pre-history of mankind – before man came to be on the earth.

Types of prehistoric life on the first earth:

angelic,
animal
vegetation.

This brings us to Genesis 1:2.

And lets start off with a statement:

Anything JESUS CHRIST Creates Must Be Perfect— Because He Is Perfect.

So the condition described could not have come from His hands.

Genesis 1:2

2 **The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.**

The earth was

The Hebrew Qal perfect, now on this word **was** let me read something to you right out of a Lexicon (The Complete Wordstudy Dictionary of the Old Testament) page 262.

“a verb meaning to exist, to be, **to become**, to happen, to come to pass. It is used over 3,500 times in the Old Testament.”

So the issue is what about the verb stem. Here in Genesis 1:2 it is

in the Qal perfect translated **was**. But looking at Genesis 2:10 **...and became four rivers**, we see this is also a Qal perfect—here translated **became**. Now just in case someone complains about translating this Qal perfect **became** in Genesis 1:2, look at Genesis 2:10 **...and from there it divided and became four rivers**. This is the same Hebrew construction of the Qal perfect. So we have no problem grammatically translating this **became** in Genesis 1:2.

The earth became formless **tohu** this word means formless, confusion **and void **bohu**** indicating void and emptiness.

First:

1 Corinthians 14:33 **For God is not the author of confusion**
Genesis 1:2 does not describe original creation.

That was stated in verse 1

In the specific beginning, God created out of nothing the heavens and the earth.

Verse 2

And the earth became formless and void and darkness was over the surface of the deep, It was not created by JESUS CHRIST this way... It became this condition. And there is a very important verse in the bible that tells us exactly this point.

Isaiah 45:18 **For thus says the LORD, (JESUS CHRIST) who created (**bara** same word for 'to create' as in Genesis 1:1) **the heavens**.**

(He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it).

Now pay close attention to the next phrase... ***and did not create bara it a waste place, tohu.*** This is the same Hebrew word used in Genesis 1:2 in describing how the earth **became**.

The Hebrew word **tohu** is used to describe that which is formless – and or confusion... ***but*** (now we are told why JESUS CHRIST created the earth) **formed it to be inhabited), “I am the LORD, and there is none else.**

The question arises,
FOR WHOM WAS THE EARTH CREATED TO BE INHABITED?

For the angels in the pre-historic world.

Anyone can calmly and simply see that Genesis 1:2 is not referring to original creation.

Genesis 1:1 is a introductory statement and refers to original creation... **HOW DID GOD CREATE IT ORIGINALLY?**

NOT formless, not a place of confusion.

NOT a **wastepiece** but a place to be inhabited... By Angels.

So what happen between verses 1 and 2?

The beginning of the Invisible Warfare.

There were higher creatures placed on the newly created earth,

—we know them as the supernatural creatures... **Angels** and we also know the **head** or **chief angel** was named **LUCIFER**—but not called **LUCIFER** in the Bible: In the bible he is called *star of the morning, son of the dawn, halel brightness.*

Read Isaiah 14:12-14

12 **“How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! (Latin Vulgate: Lucifer) You have been cut down (by God from heaven) to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!**

The source of the fall of Satan was arrogance.

13 **“But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. (designated place in the third heaven for the throne of God)**

14 **‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ (JESUS CHRIST)**

Compare this with Ezekiel 28:12-17

12 **“Son of man, (God addressing Ezekiel) take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre (idiom for Satan) and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “You had the seal of perfection, (at creation) Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.**

13 **“You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was**

your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created (by JESUS CHRIST) They were prepared.

14 **“You were the anointed cherub who covers or guards, And I placed you *there* (JESUS CHRIST created Satan for a specific purpose, just as God has a specific purpose for everyone of us.) You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.**

15 **“You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created (by JESUS CHRIST, and here we learn something else about angels, by the use of the word **bara** we learn that angels were created out of nothing, just like the earth and the heavens.)**

God made **Adam** out of the dust of the ground, and **Eve** out of Adams rib, but **Angels** were created out of NOTHING.

The soul of **Adam** and **Eve** and your soul is created out of NOTHING... JESUS CHRIST spoke and you became a living creature in the image of God.

Now we come to the conflict that caused the earth to become **tohu va bohu formless and void** (Genesis 1:2) **Until unrighteousness was found in you.** He was not created unrighteous, he had free will and became unrighteous by rebelling against God.

16 **“By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence,**
(result of arrogance—he decided that he was not only like God but better than God. And the Angelic Conflict began. All the Angels had to decide if they would follow Satan or JESUS CHRIST.)

And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering/guarding cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire.

17 **“Your heart was lifted (arrogance) up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor.**

Man does this: Romans 1:22 **professing to be wise they became fools.**

With such things as evolution and corrupted morality.
I (JESUS CHRIST) cast you to the ground; (to the earth) I put you before kings, That they may see you.

So the original **ANGELIC CONFLICT** caused the earth to **become formless and void and darkness was over the surface of the deep.**

But we are involved in this Invisible Warfare,
this is **ANGELIC CONFLICT:**

Ephesians 6:12

12 **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.**

The leader of the fallen angels is The Star of the Morning (Lucifer) to Satan—adversary, opponent --- of God, of JESUS CHRIST of you, of nations, of your marriage, your morals, your church, etc.

Colossians 1:16

16 **Because by Him all things were created** (That is by our Savior and our friend and our Rock in time of need.)

You have to make up your mind:

Is Christ sufficient for all your needs?

Or do you have to have other things or something else?

**This book is about the Sufficiency of JESUS CHRIST:
to God the Father;
and to you?**

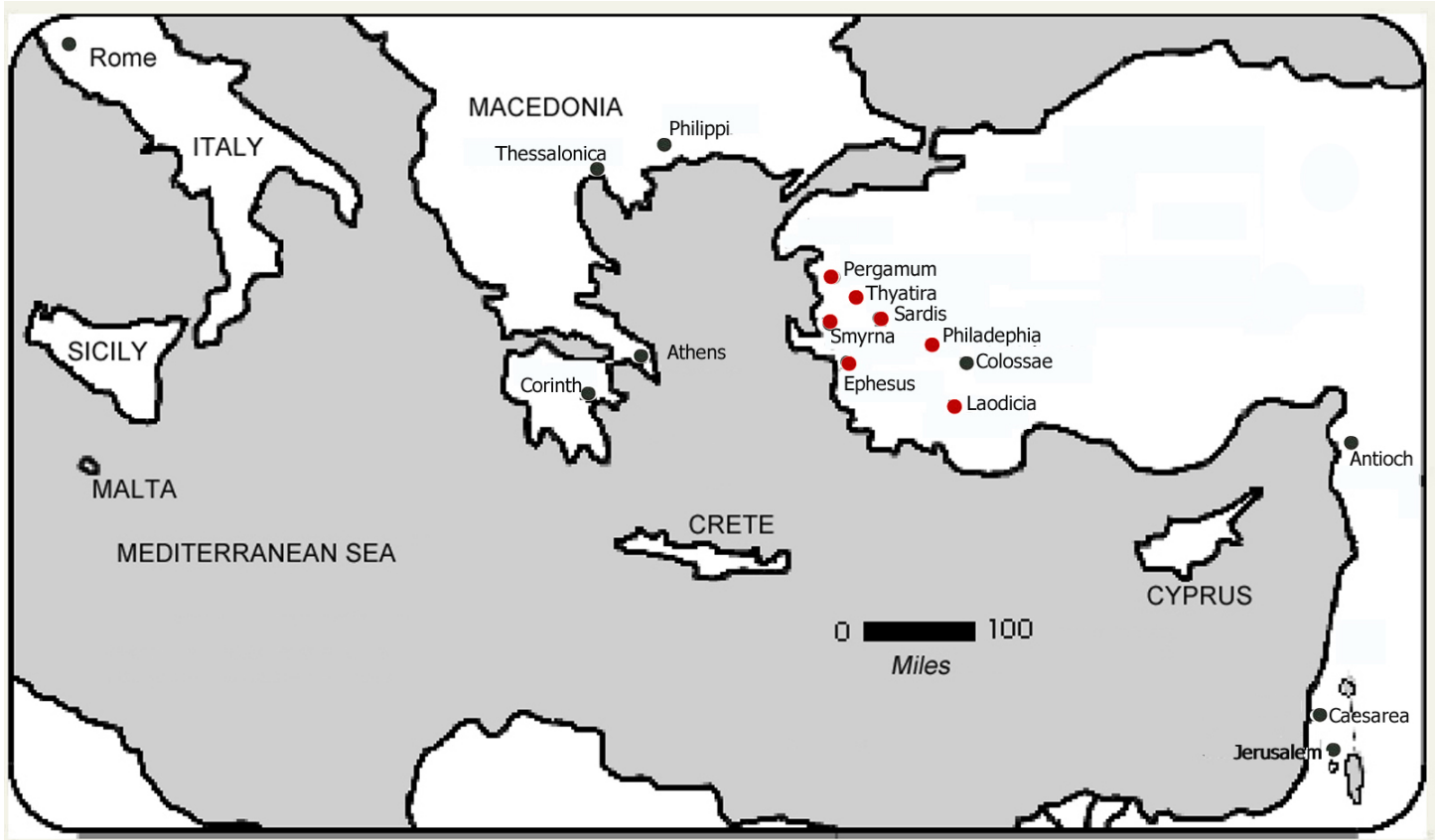
Is the Word of God sufficient for you?

Sufficient to bring you to JESUS CHRIST?

Sufficient to bring you to God the Father?

Is the World of God sufficient for **SAD** (*Stress, Anxiety, Depression*) in your life or do you need outside help?

So we learn so much from the true understanding of the Gospel.



*Only one life,' twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.*