

20 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." 21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." 23 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

In verses 6-10 above we saw God creating the environment of air, water and land in which He planned for life to exist and thrive. We see in verses 11-13, God begins to create life in one of these three areas in the form of plants upon the earth. In verses 20-23, we see God now creating life for the other two areas of water and sky.

For the water He creates the great creatures of the sea (many believe these to be the whales) and He also creates all the many types of fishes and other creatures which move about in it such as seahorses, crabs, lobsters, jellyfish etc... Then God creates birds which live upon the earth but are created to fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.

What is interesting to note is that unlike the plants which he created to reproduce through their seeds, thus creating a cycle of sowing and reaping, He creates the creatures of the sea and the birds of the air and gives them a blessing and a command for them to reproduce and increase in number. This is significant in that it is the first time we see that for life to perpetuate itself, it requires both a blessing from God and obedience from the created to God. It is here we must think spiritually in the life of a believer. The Holy Spirit comes and brings life and prepares us as a new creation. Our bodies become the temple or dwelling place. Our minds begin to be renewed and our hearts purified. We see established or put in place that which is to govern the believer are two spiritual principles of truth which are;

- 1) The separation of light and darkness
- 2) Sowing and reaping

Now that the environment has been prepared to support life and the principles have been put into place in which to govern life, we then see a third principle of truth added by the giving of a command from God to the believer to, "obey".

- 3) Obedience

Inherent in obedience to God, we find both the purpose and outcome for which all life is created

by God. That is, that all life is to reflect their Creator who is the God of life and therefore is designed to reproduce as an expression of life. This brings us to the 4th principle of truth which is unity.

4) Unity

Since God is the source of all life, nothing can create or reproduce life without God. Therefore unless we are united with God and have His blessing, we can do nothing.

To signify this spiritual principle of unity, we see as God creates the creatures of the sea and the birds of the air, He creates both male and female pairings of each species in which through obedience must unify to reproduce life. Just as we cannot produce life without God, neither can males reproduce life by themselves nor females reproduce life by themselves. It requires unity.

The Gospel is the means by which God removes the division that exists between us and Him. In Ephesians chapter 3:2-12 & 5:31-32, the Apostle Paul writes concerning this union, describing it as a mystery which when properly understood is speaking about the union between Christ and the church.

Eph 5:31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." 32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

God makes unity a requirement as part of His creation design to perpetuate itself. Both unity with Him, the God of life, and unity with one another. It is through this we begin to see a whisper, the emergence of a centralized message built into and through all creation. What is basis and nature of this union? If we are speaking of Christ and the church, then the basis of this union is love through sacrifice and love through obedience.

Thus the fulfillment of the law is love. To love God with all we are and to love one another. This establishes the 5th principle of truth which is the basis of unity which is love.

5) Love