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PASTOR'S CORNER:

Creation

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

The creation story, is full of mystery. Think about it, pause for just a moment and think, there was absolutely nothing, then there was heaven, the earth and all the stars. Does that not cause you pause and say, what did God use to make everything? An even more important question; do I believe God created everything?

I want you think about this for a moment on the first day of creation, God set the universe into motion. The world we know never existed until God created it, and He created each and every aspect of what does exist. Such as Bacteria, the tiniest free-living cells, are so small that a single drop of liquid may contain 50 million of them. Yes you are correct God created them because Bacteria has its purpose.

And if we are honest with ourselves we would have to admit that creation is impossible to understand intellectually. Our tiny minds just don't have the ability to comprehend the vastness of this world in which we live. You and I know that night and day exist but how do we explain its existents? Can we explain how the Sun and all the different plants are in perfect timing of one another?

When we take a closer look at the word **created** as it appears in Genesis 1:1 it leads to only one conclusion; that God spoke the words that brought the heavens and earth into being, nothing else but God Himself existed. **Bara** is the Hebrew word used in the original account of creation. Other words used in Scripture have been translated "create" or "make." However, none of the other words hold the exclusive meaning that **Bara** does.

I have said this before to me this is the most important passage in Scripture, because if this passage is incorrect than nothing else in Scripture matters. Please do not misunderstand me I love John 3:16, in fact I love to read the Gospel of John but if I cannot trust this passage to be true then what else is not true?

Know this passage and believe this passage with all your heart, God created everything out of absolutely nothing. WOW!

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 4-Channel headsets.



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Weekly Humor

One Sunday a pastor told his congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1,000 bill in offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

And there sat our Rosie all the way in the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him!"

A Thought from Mr. Rogers

"The greatest loss that we all have to deal with is the loss of the image of ourselves as a perfect person."