

1) The Doctrine of Creation

a) Introduction

- i) How some understand the Bible's picture of creation
- ii) The modern scientific view
- iii) Different kinds of truth, not competing views of reality

b) The Christian Doctrine of Creation

i) God the Creator

- (1) God creates the universe and all therein; therefore He is the creator, sustainer, redeemer, and renewer of ALL creation, not just humankind. The earth belongs to God not us, we are stewards of the earth.
- (2) God creates in the beginning
 - (a) The source of all that is.
 - (b) God is still creating
- (3) There is only One God who creates everything that is not God.
- (4) God is above and independent of the world but lovingly present in the world.
 - (a) God did not have to create the world
 - (b) The world is not God and all the world is not in God.

ii) God's Good Creation

- (1) The world is good
- (2) Bodily life is good
- (3) Temporal life is good and worth living