

- D. Eve – a figure of the church, the bride of Christ (vv. 18, 21-24)
 - i. The body and the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:23-27, 32; 2 Cor. 11:2-3)
 - ii. The household, the spiritual habitation and the temple (Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:5)
 - iii. The kingdom of God – Mt. Zion, the City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem (1 Pet. 2:6, 9; Heb. 12:22-28)

**VI. The tree of life – the highest form of life in the whole universe
(Gen. 2:9)**

- A. The Father – the source, the fountain of divine eternal life (Ps. 36:9)
- B. Christ – the reality and the expression of the eternal life (John 1:18; 11:25; 10:10b)
- C. The Spirit – the dispenser of the eternal life (John 6:63; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:6; Rom. 8:2, 9-11)

VII. The 7th day – the Sabbath rest (Gen. 2:1-3; Exod. 20:8-11)

- A. Christ our Sabbath today (Col. 2:16-17; Matt. 11:28; 12:8; Heb. 4:8-11)
- B. The millennial kingdom – a further fulfillment and enjoyment of the Sabbath rest
- C. The new heaven and new earth and the New Jerusalem – the ultimate fulfillment of the Sabbath rest – the final completion of God's work in this universe

The Goal and Spiritual Principles of God's Work
(Genesis Chapter 1-2)

- I. God's creation in the beginning** (Gen. 1:1; John 1:1-4)
 - A. The universe – framed by the word of God (Heb. 11:3; 1:2)
 - B. Wonderfully created (Job 38:4-7; Col.1:16-17)
 - C. Well established and suitable to be inhabited (Is. 45:18)
 - D. To express God's glory and Kingdom (Ps. 19:1-3; 145:10-13; Rom. 1:19-21)
- II. The fall through Satan's rebellion resulting in God's judgment** (Gen. 1:2; Is. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:12-18)
 - A. Chaotic condition of the earth after Satan's rebellion and God's judgment
 - i. Waste and void (Hebr. tohu bohu; Jer. 4:23-28)
 - ii. Darkness upon the face of the deep (abyss)
 - iii. Covered with water of death
 - B. Similarly, the creation of man (Gen.1:26-31; Ps.139:14)
 - i. Wonderfully made with spirit, soul and body (Gen. 2:7)
 - a. In the image and likeness of God
 - b. To have dominion over God's creation
 - c. To defeat God's enemy
 - ii. The fall due to the serpent's deception and poison (Gen. 3:4-6)
 - a. Sin and death entered and reigned (Rom.5:12, 14; Eph. 2:1-3)
 - b. Having the mind darkened and the heart hardened (Eph.4:17-19)
 - c. Being alienated from the life of God
 - d. Becoming God's enemy – children of the devil (Eph.5:8; 1 John 3:10)
 - e. Without hope in this world (Eph. 2:11-12)
 - f. Waiting for the eternal judgment of God's wrath (Rom.2:5)

III. God's restoration work

- A. The brooding Spirit and the creating Word of His power (Gen. 1:2b; John 1:1-4; Heb. 11: 3; Ps. 33:6, 9; Rom. 4:17b)

- B. Three prerequisites for the existence of life (Gen. 1:3-13)
 - i. Light on the 1st day – separation of day and night, light and darkness (2 Cor. 6:14-18; Rom. 13:11-14; Eph. 5:11)
 - a. Jesus Christ –the light of the world (2 Cor. 4:6; John 1:1-9; 8:12; 9:5; Rev. 21:23; 22:5)
 - b. The believer are lights and children of the light and of the day (Matt. 5:14-16; Eph. 5:7-17; 1 Thess. 5:4-8)
 - c. The churches are the golden shining lampstand (Rev. 1:20)
 - ii. The firmament on the 2nd day – separation of the heavenly sphere from the earthly (1. Cor. 15:45-50)
 - a. The first man Adam – made of dust, earthly, soulish (natural), corruptible, weak and dishonorable – the earthly realm
 - b. Jesus Christ – the second man, the last Adam – from the heavens, heavenly, spiritual, incorruptible, powerful and glorious – the heavenly realm
 - c. The believers shall be like Christ – being heavenly, bearing the heavenly image (1 Cor. 2:10-15; Eph. 2:4-6; Gal. 5:16-25; 2 Cor. 3:16-18)
 - d. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the heavenly kingdom of God
 - iii. Separation of the dry land from the waters on the 3rd day – distinction between life and death
 - a. Jesus Christ – the portion (lot) of the saints (Col. 1:12; 2:6-7)
 - b. Christ our life (Col. 3:4; John 11:25; 10:10b; 1 Cor. 15:45b)
 - c. The resurrection life swallowing up death in victory (1 Cor. 15:52-57)
 - 1. The resurrected Christ possessing the keys of hades and of death (Rev. 1:18), having destroyed the devil, who had the power of death (Heb. 2:14)
 - 2. Death and hades thrown into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14)
 - 3. There will be no more sea (Rev. 21:1b)

- d. The believers experiencing the power of His resurrection (Phil. 3:10-11)
 - 1. Regenerated through the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 1:3)
 - 2. Being made free from the law of sin and death (Rom. 8:2-13)
 - 3. Walking in the newness of life (Rom. 6:4-5; 8-10)
 - 4. Serving in the newness of the spirit (Rom. 7:6)
 - 5. Resulting in sanctification, transformation, oneness and building up

IV. The different forms of the created life – depicting the different stages of growth in spiritual life (Gen. 1:11-31; Ezek. 1:5-10; 10:20; Rev. 4:6-9)

- A. Plant life on the 3rd day (vv. 11-13)
- B. The sun, the moon and the stars on the 4th day (vv. 14-19)
- C. Sea creature and birds flying in the sky on the 5th day (vv. 20-23)
- D. Living creatures on the earth on the 6th day (vv. 24-25; Ezek. 1:4-10, 28)
 - i. Creeping things – referring to the serpent, the unclean spirits and fallen rebellious flesh (Ezek. 2:6; Luke 10:19; Rom. 16:20; Rev. 12:9)
 - ii. Cattle – referring to Christ becoming a slave to serve us, becoming our sacrifice (John 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:7; 9:9-10; Matt. 20:28)
 - iii. Beasts – Christ being the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Rev. 5:5-10)
- E. Man – created at the end of the 6th day (vv. 26-31)

V. Specific description of the creation of man – of Adam and Eve (Genesis chapter 2)

- A. The need for man to cooperate with God (v. 5)
- B. Created with a body, soul and spirit (v. 7; Zech. 12:1; Job 32:8; Prov. 20:27; 17:27; Luke 1:46-47; John 3:3-8; 4:23-24; 1 Cor. 6:17; Gal. 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:32; Heb. 4:12; Rev. 1:10)
 - i. In the image and likeness of God
 - ii. To have dominion over God's creation
- C. Adam – a figure of Christ (Rom. 5:14; Col. 1:15)