

"I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth." The Apostle's Creed

Today's key idea: Everything got started with _____.

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

In the beginning, the **Word** already **existed**. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He existed in the beginning with God. John 1:1-2

Everything started with God means:

1. God _____.
- God is _____.

"God's aseity is his existence from himself; that is, he exists without influence or input or resources or forces or anything from outside himself. The biblical picture of God is that he is complete and sufficient and flawless, and without any defect or deficiency in and of himself. That means before there was any creation, and apart from any creation, and independent of any creation, God was completely and flawlessly God." Desiring God

God existed before the beginning that led to all other beginnings.

Everything started with God means:

2. God _____.

Then God **said**, "Let there be light," and there was light. Genesis 1:3

"He commands nothingness and it obeys and becomes something." John Piper

"For us, something from something can lead to something more creative. However, it always requires something. For God, something came from nothing and it led to something amazing and creative."

Everything started with God means:

3. God **purposed**.

So God created human beings in his own image. In the **image** of God he created them; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27

Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He **breathed** the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person. Genesis 2:7

"Everything has value and meaning as implied by the doctrine of creation." Kenneth Sample

Today's key takeaway:

- You were created _____ purpose _____ a purpose.

"When your identity is in something or someone other than God, your life will always be **wanting**."

Statements about your purpose:

You are personal to God.

- "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." Jeremiah 1:4

You are set apart for God.

- "I set you apart and appointed you." Jeremiah 1:4

You are uniquely created.

- "For we are his workmanship." Ephesians 2:10

You are redeemed.

- "You are created in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:10

You are made with purpose.

- "You are created in Christ Jesus to do good works." Ephesians 2:10

You are part of God's plan.

- "God prepared (you for good works) before hand." Ephesians 2:10

You are called to follow.

- "We should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

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