

## Evening Message Outline

September 15, 2019

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### **“Creation or Evolution: Does it Really Matter?”**

Psalm 104 / Our World Belongs to God 7-9, 13

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- I. Introduction: Creation, evolution, or a combination of both?
  
- II. Multiple choices
  - A. Creation
  
  - B. Secular evolution
  
  - C. A blend of both
    1. Theistic evolution (creation through evolution)
  
  
    2. Creation, then micro-evolution
  
- III. God’s Word and God’s world both provide us with reliable sources of truth.
  - A. When interpretations of God’s Word and God’s world conflict, look for what you are missing or misunderstanding.
  
  - B. When Scripture’s intended message is clear, accept its truth over contradictory scientific claims.

IV. How essential to our Christian faith is it to believe that God created the world and everything in it?

A. Could we embrace God as Savior and Lord, but not as Creator? No!

1. The world he created is his realm.

2. Humanity's sin brought evil into it.

3. God's plan of salvation includes the restoration and renewal of all creation.

4. Throughout history, God's acts of judgment and deliverance have relied on his power over creation.

B. If God were not earth's creator, our perception of God and the world we live in would be very, very different!

V. Conclusion: This belief makes all the difference in the world!