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Sunday, April 5, 2020  
Online Church Service

Praise and Worship ..... David Spakes, Randy Henderson  
Q&A Sermon Series: "Conflicts in Scripture" ..... David Spakes

## Announcements

If you have any Tithes or Offerings to give, please hold them until the next time we meet in person or visit <http://give.spirit-and-truth.net>.



Everyone is aware of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are complying with President Trump's request and the Knoxville mayor's "stay at home" directive to not gather socially in groups. When the threat of contagion has subsided enough that restaurants in Knoxville begin again to offer a dine-in option, we will resume our in-person Sunday church services.

Next Weekly Church Service (Easter) ..... Sunday, April 12  
*Location: Online*

We will be starting the Q&A Sermon Series, where you submit your questions, and the pastor will be searching the scriptures for the answers!

***E-mail your questions to:***

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## **Sermon Series: Q&A** **“Conflicts in Scripture”**

“When I was seeking faith in God, and people told me to read the Bible, I did read it with earnest effort. I kept getting hung up on inconsistencies on the facts. It didn’t bother me so much that The New Testament writers didn’t tell the stories exactly the same way. What bothered me was that objective, indisputable facts were incongruous between different books of the Bible!

This helped to discredit all of Christianity to me. If this was God’s word, and he promised to protect it through all of time, how could books with disagreeing facts make it into the Canon?!”

**Q:** Genesis 1:3-5 and 1:15-18 seem to contradict one another in the order that the sun was created.

**Q:** Also, Genesis 1:29 contradicts Genesis 2:16 directly, on a really, really important issue.

Who is Right, You or God?

**Genesis 1:3-5    Genesis 1:15-19    Romans 3:3-4**

1. God called the light \_\_\_\_\_, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first \_\_\_\_\_.

day – (Strong’s 3117, יוֹם) yôwm, yome; from an unused root meaning to be hot; a day (as the warm hours), whether literal (from sunrise to sunset, or from one sunset to the next), or figurative (a space of time defined by an associated term)

epoch – (Source <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/epoch>)

1a : an event or a time marked by an event that begins a new period or development

b : a memorable event or date

2a : an extended period of time usually characterized by a distinctive development or by a memorable series of events

b : a division of geologic time less than a period and greater than an age

3 : an instant of time or a date selected as a point of reference (as in astronomy)

Another valid translation of Genesis 1:5:

“God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. This was the rise and fall of the first epoch.”

Another valid way of interpreting these two passages (and the verses in between):

2. The first epoch began with the creation of the \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e., the “big bang”) and continued until matter spread out sufficiently that light could escape the immense gravity (of what had been a singularity) and began to cast shadows.

3. The second epoch continued until our \_\_\_\_\_ system was partway through the process of formation. Within the accretion disk, the rocky planet that would come to be known as Earth began to form an atmosphere (the “firmament”) with water vapor in the air and liquid water at the surface.
4. The third epoch continued until the water at the surface collected into \_\_\_\_\_ and other bodies of water (“Seas”) and the land (Pangea) was covered with vegetation.
5. The fourth epoch continued until the planetary bodies (including our moon) finished forming and the \_\_\_\_\_ ignited, reflecting its light off them.
6. The fifth epoch began when \_\_\_\_\_ life appeared in the seas. Marine species became very diverse and included whales. During this time, land-dwelling animals (birds, amphibians, reptiles, insects) began to appear and some took flight.
7. The sixth epoch began when mammals and the remaining land animal species appeared. The last to appear was \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. God’s Word is \_\_\_\_\_. Man’s opinion is a \_\_\_\_\_ if it doesn’t agree with the Bible. One man’s opinion is no better than another man’s opinion.

### Separating Truth from Opinion (and Assumption)

**Psalm 19:1    Genesis 1:29    Genesis 2:16-17**

9. Be careful if your opinion is in opposition to \_\_\_\_\_. But remember that man’s knowledge is incomplete and different people reach different conclusions.
10. When you seem to find a conflict, look at the \_\_\_\_\_ exactly as they are written and ask, “How are my words different?”

## Genesis 1:3-5 (KJV)

<sup>3</sup> And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

<sup>4</sup> And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

<sup>5</sup> And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

## Genesis 1:15-18,19 (KJV)

<sup>15</sup> And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

<sup>16</sup> And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

<sup>17</sup> And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

<sup>18</sup> And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

<sup>19</sup> And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

## Romans 3:3-4 (KJV)

<sup>3</sup> For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

<sup>4</sup> God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

## Romans 3:3-4 (CEV)

<sup>3</sup> It is true that some of them did not believe the message. But does this mean that God cannot be trusted, just because they did not have faith? <sup>4</sup> No, indeed! God tells the truth, even if everyone else is a liar. The Scriptures say about God, "Your words will be proven true, and in court you will win your case."

## Psalms 19:1 (HCSB)

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of His hands.

<sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour out speech; night after night they communicate knowledge.

## Genesis 1:29 (NIV)

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

## Genesis 2:16-17 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

## Romans 6:23 (KJV)

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Answers:

(1) Day, day

(2) universe

(3) solar

(4) oceans

(5) sun

(6) animal

(7) man

(8) true, lie

(9) knowledge

(10) words

# God Is Able

## Verse 1

God is able, He will never fail,  
He is Almighty God  
Greater than all we seek, Greater than all we ask  
He has done great things

## Chorus 1

Lifted up He defeated the grave  
Raised to life our God is able  
In His Name we overcome  
For the Lord our God is able

## Verse 2

God is with us, God is on our side  
He will make a way  
Far above all we know, Far above all we hope  
He has done great things

## Bridge

God is with us, He will go before  
He will never leave us, He will never leave us  
God is for us, He has open arms  
He will never fail us, He will never fail us

## Ending

For the Lord our God is able  
For the Lord our God is able

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# So Good

## Verse 1

You're the hope in my heart, You're the light in the dark  
And You hold me in Your hands, Oh most high oh most high  
You're my strength when I'm weak, You're the grace that I need  
And Your mercy saved my soul, Oh most high oh most high  
I will sing of Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night

## Chorus 1

You are good so good, all the time all my life  
You are good so good, Your love remains You never change  
You are good so good, and I'm still singing because You are so good

## Verse 2

In the flood and flame, You are making a way  
And You'll never let me go, Oh most high oh most high  
Ev'ry word You have said, You will never forget  
All Your promises will stand, Oh most high oh most high  
I will sing of Your love in the morning, and Your faithfulness at night

## Bridge

I'm holding on to Your promises, I'm holding on to Your faithfulness  
I'm holding on to Your promises, I'm holding on to Your faithfulness

## Chorus 2

You are good so good, all the time all my life  
You are good so good, Your love remains You never change  
You are good so good, and I'm still singing because I know  
You are good so good, all the time all my life  
You are good so good, Your love remains You never change  
You are good so good, and I'm still singing because You are so good

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# You Say

## Verse 1

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough  
Ev'ry single lie that tells me I will never measure up

## Verse 2

Am I more than just the sum of ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Remind me once again just who I am  
because I need to know oo oh

## Chorus

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
You say I am held when I am falling short  
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours  
And I believe oh I believe what You say of me I believe

## Verse 3

The only thing that matters now  
is ev'rything You think of me  
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity

## Bridge

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet  
You'll have ev'ry failure God, You'll have ev'ry victory

## Ending

Oh I believe yes I believe what You say of me I believe

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# My Lighthouse

## Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts, in my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

## Verse 2

In the silence You won't let go, in the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

## Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You oh  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

## Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

## Bridge

Fire before us, You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms (hey) (REPEAT 3X)

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