WHITES RUN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Announcements:

The time has come to furnish our new Sunday School Rooms! Quality tables and chairs for the comfort and safety of our members can be costly. We also want to include some basic audio and video hardware. We have already received \$250 towards these things, and we have an additional \$1000 pledged! Additional donations above and beyond regular tithing would help tremendously. Let's have these rooms completed before we resume Sunday School classes.

Beginnings

Genesis 1:1-3

Big Idea: We should pray for all believers to be in perfect unity with one another and with the Father and with the Son.

Introduction:

"Beginnings" is a series of sermons from the Pentateuch that seeks to provide a foundation for all faith and study by emphasizing its teachings concerning the covenants, and the one who eventually fulfills those covenants, Jesus Christ. Matthew 5:17-18; John 1:1-3, 1:14; Luke 24:27; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21; Hebrews 1:1-4.

In the Beginning (בְּרֵאשִׁית)

God is the First Cause. The Prime Mover. Who created God? The question itself is irrelevant to God, because being created and having a beginning are time-bound concepts, and God is above time because He is its creator. He has no beginning and no end. He is self-existent.

God (אֱלֹהֵים)

God - the Almighty, Elohim. The Lord God (Genesis 2:4-22), Yahweh Elohim, the covenant-making God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; He is the maker of heaven and earth.

Created (בֵּרָא)

All things were made by Him and for His purposes, so it is in Him that we must find our direction, our purpose, and our destiny.

Applications

- <u>Worship your Creator through His creation</u>: Ps. 19:1, 50:6; Romans 1:19-20.
- <u>Seek your creator</u>: Romans 11:36-12:2; Isaiah 55:6; Psalm 32:6; Amos 5:4.
- <u>Be saved</u>: Matthew 4:16; John 8:12, 12:46; Acts 26:18, 2 Cor. 4:6; 1 Peter 2:9; Acts 2:21.
- Meditate on this: "In the beginning, God created."

For Next Time:

- Read Genesis chapters 1-2, and Genesis 5:1, 9:6.
- Read James 3:9.
- Read Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 15:49; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Colossians 3:10.

- Audio and Video versions of this sermon are found at <u>whitesrun.org</u>, <u>sermonaudio.com</u>,



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- Online giving is available at whitesrun.org or at tithe.ly

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Mini Hebrew lesson:

