

The Ancient Path

- I. ***God has a Plan and we had no idea what it was. It relates to the fundamental question of humanity.***
 - A. The ancients had great wisdom.
 - 1. Pyramids
 - 2. Petra
 - 3. Machu Picchu (Peru)
 - 4. We don't have a clue how they did some of those things!
 - B. Ancient ideas of religion are complex too
 - 1. Afterlife
 - 2. Angelic beings, etc
 - 3. Some things were revealed.
 - 4. Some things were figured out from previous revelations.
 - C. As wise as they were, they didn't have a clue about what God had planned!
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 2:9
 - 2. Proverbs 14:12
 - D. NO ONE had a clue except God.
 - 1. 1 Peter 1:10-12
 - 2. What the wisdom of the ancients could not reveal...
 - 3. What the prophets of old could not see...
 - 4. What the angels in Heaven did not comprehend...
 - 5. God hid.
 - E. We are not talking about A question of humanity. We are talking about THE question of humanity!
 - 1. Why are we here?
 - 2. Why were we created?
 - 3. Until Jesus came, NO ONE HAD THE ANSWER. We weren't even CLOSE!
 - 4. But now, because of Jesus, we know! It has been revealed what God's purpose was.
 - 5. You and I get to be a part of that.

***Jesus revealed an exciting plan for you!
WILL YOU BE A PART OF IT?

- II. ***It took 6 days to create the entire universe.***
 - A. Scientists have proven the universe had a beginning.
 - B. But we knew that all along.
 - 1. Genesis 1:1
 - 2. We also know Genesis 2:1-2. There is no more physical creation taking place.
 - 3. Little did mankind know, God was finished with physical creation, but He was just getting started! He was preparing for a greater, spiritual creation.
 - C. God knew exactly what He was doing long before He revealed it to us.
 - 1. Ephesians 1:4--He knew before the foundation of the world.
 - 2. Acts 15:18
 - 3. Galatians 4:4
 - D. What are we talking about here?
 - 1. 2 Corinthians 5:17

- a) New in KIND, not TIME
2. It took 6 days for the physical creation.
3. It took THOUSANDS OF YEARS for the spiritual creation.
 - a) It required the perfect environment, this physical realm.
 - b) Through this, God created something completely unexpected!
4. Jesus said it was LIFE. Notice these Scriptures:
 - a) John 10:10
 - b) Ephesians 2:10
 - c) 1 Peter 1:23
 - d) 1 Peter 2:9-10
 - e) 2 Peter 1:2-4

III. ***Jesus came to give YOU life! Will you accept it?***

- A. This life can only come through obedience to Jesus.
 1. Hebrews 1:1-2
 2. Hebrews 2:1
 3. Ephesians 1:3
 4. Ephesians 1:7
 5. Ephesians 1:11
 6. Ephesians 1:22-23
 7. Ephesians 2:19-22
 8. Ephesians 3:8-10
- B. The church's FUNCTION is to help you develop as a child of God.
 1. Practically speaking, it is how God will accomplish His work in you-- through the relationships you forge in the church.
 2. We want you to be a part of it
 3. Get involved- live the life God intended for you to live!
 4. Become a new creation today!
 - a) Acts 2:37-38